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Our August newsletter includes an update on:

- PCBU Duties & Case Law Refresher Webinar by Zoë Garrett on Friday, 15th of August 12:30 pm to 13:00 pm - [Link](#)
- NZSC AGM and New Board Members - Update
- WEBINAR RECORDING - [Link](#)
The Forgotten Foundations of Investigation Evidence: What Safety Missed from Law webinar - by Desai Link
- How to speak with the New Zealand Safety Council

A reminder that Blue September is coming up next month.

Please go to the [Prostate Cancer Foundation of NZ](#) to learn more and show your support.



PCBU Duties & Case Law Refresher Webinar by Zoë Garrett

When: Friday, 15 of August from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm -
[Link](#)

**Bio**

Zoë is a Senior Health & Safety Consultant with Rubix Safe. She is a highly skilled Health and Safety professional with over 15 years of diverse industry experience, including in healthcare, engineering, construction, and manufacturing. She holds both Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) and Bachelor of Laws degrees, giving her a unique blend of technical and regulatory insight.

The Friday session will be filled with lessons learned and groundbreaking firsts for Aotearoa in law and Health & Safety! **Zoë** offers a comprehensive perspective on the safety implications and PCBU duties of recent New Zealand events along with relevant Safety in Design considerations. The session will bring us together, united by a common goal: to deepen our understanding and harness these lessons to create safer practices for the future. We encourage you to take part in an interactive QnA session at the end of the presentation. Together, we're taking steps toward a safer tomorrow.

AGM and New Board Members - Update

Our annual AGM meeting occurred on Friday 25th of July, and several new appointees will move into various roles in the upcoming months:

- **Peter Bullock** - Chairperson, (HASANZ Rep) and Trustee
- **Denise Steele** - Treasurer
- **Zoe Garrett** - Secretary
- **Karyn Beattie** - CEO (for 12-month extension)
- **Jodi Wright** - Chief Registrar and CEO Assistant
- **Antony Stephenson** - Assistant Registrar and Trustee
- **Anastasiya Starodub** - IT and Projects
- **John Beattie** – International Ambassador
- We are also pleased to welcome two (non-voting) new seconded members: **Rea Thompson** and **Sam Coleman**.

To find out more about the board members, please follow - [link](#)

WEBINAR RECORDING - LINK

The forgotten foundations of investigation evidence: What safety missed from law webinar - by Desai Link

This webinar challenges how we think about evidence in workplace incident investigations. While safety investigators are taught to focus on documents, procedures, and compliance records, the law has always prioritised a different kind of evidence: oral testimony. Desai Link draws on legal traditions to reframe witness interviews as evidence-gathering, rather than unreliable opinion-pieces. He traces the historical roots of oral evidence, explains why witness evidence is superior to documented evidence, and shows how most investigation training misses the mark by failing to teach the deeper craft of questioning.

Desai Link is the author of [Beyond the Incident: Practical Tools, Legal Causation and Applied Workplace Investigation Practice](#), and co-host of the Circus of Safety podcast. Desai currently serves as Group HSE & Risk Manager at Brosnan and lectures in workplace safety law and investigations at Auckland University of Technology.

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