



Kia Ora,

Welcome to 2026 members!

To kick the new year off, please update & submit your [CPD](#).

While you're there, please check your contact details are also up to date.

Another more exciting reminder for our graduates - we have free 1-year memberships available to celebrate your recent successes.

please check our website for information.

Please see a message from our Chair below.

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome you into another year with the New Zealand Safety Council. Last year seemed to be characterised by proposals for change and the conversations that followed. This year looks to be a year that further shapes health and safety due to signalled policy change, the introduction of various ACOPs, legislative change, and of course a general election. The year started with adverse weather, and horrific tragedy at Mount Maunganui, where our thoughts go to victims, families, responders and communities.

The past year also reminded us how vital strong, practical health and safety leadership is — and how powerful our community can be when we come together. This is a theme we aim to continue into 2026, as we support our wider HASANZ community and our own members. We will continue our lunch and learn webinars, and support initiatives to bring members, practitioners, and partners together to share knowledge, challenge thinking, and strengthen connections across our sector.

A quick look at the [data](#) tells us vehicle incidents and falls continue to trend in

deaths recorded by WorkSafe across Aotearoa. The cold numbers and descriptions do little to convey the pain of loss, and the heavy heart of you who work to reduce the harm. Thank you for your continued contribution, and support for the kaupapa — your engagement is what gives us all momentum.

Looking ahead, growing and supporting our membership is a key focus for the Board. A larger, more diverse membership strengthens our voice, extends our reach, and enables us to advocate more effectively for healthier, safer workplaces throughout New Zealand. We're committed to ensuring membership delivers real value — through meaningful events, relevant resources, and opportunities to connect and learn from one another.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. We look forward to working alongside you in the year ahead as we continue to champion health and safety for the benefit of all and are involved in providing a voice from industry.

Peter

A live conversation about the state of the profession



FREE WEBINAR

Safety Futures:
Safety Professionals: How far have we come and how far do we still need to go?

Tuesday 27th 10am AEST

Dr. David Provan

The graphic is a promotional banner for a webinar. It features a blue border. On the left, the text 'FREE WEBINAR' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the title 'Safety Futures: Safety Professionals: How far have we come and how far do we still need to go?' is written in blue. On the right, there is a portrait of Dr. David Provan, a man with short hair wearing a black t-shirt with a logo. Below the portrait, the text 'Dr. David Provan' is written in bold black letters. At the bottom left, the date and time 'Tuesday 27th 10am AEST' are displayed in bold black letters.

Safety Futures is hosting a live webinar to explore an important question:
How far have safety professionals really come and how far do we still need to go?

Drawing on our work with thousands of safety professionals globally, we'll take an honest look at:

How safety professional practice has evolved

Where progress has stalled

The capability gaps holding the profession back today

What world-class safety professionals do differently in practice

We'll also introduce **two distinct development pathways** designed to reflect how safety work is actually practised today: one operational and one strategic.

Webinar details

LIVE WEBINAR: *Safety Professionals: How far have we come and how far do we still need to go?*

Host: Dr David Provan

Date & time: Tuesday, 27th January, 10:00am AEST

[Register for FREE now!](#)

An update from the University of Otago

There have been some changes with the course at Otago.

This year the University of Otago's Occupational Health and Safety papers will be taught by [Rebecca Lilley | University of Otago](#) and Judy Currie, Occupational Health and Safety Professional. A range of guest speakers will be woven throughout to help expand knowledge and networks of students.

The papers provide a first step into multiple opportunities for further study in other areas such as nursing, rehabilitation, public health and management.

Information is available at [Postgraduate Study in Occupational Health | University of Otago](#)

Please make contact on occupational.health@otago.ac.nz for more information.

These papers provide academic and practical training in occupational health and safety and may be of interest to members seeking professional development or formal qualifications in this field.

How to speak with the New Zealand Safety Council

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