HASANZ Scholarship Evaluation Panel 2023



HASANZ has appointed the following people to the HASANZ Scholarships Evaluation Panel; they serve in this capacity on a voluntary basis:

Bronwyn Presland (Chair): HASANZ General category, Poutama category

Dr Felicity Lamm: HASANZ General category

Dr Vanessa Beanland: HASANZ general category

Dan Mahony: HASANZ General category

Sarah McDonald: Poutama category

Miriska Gerber: Occupational Hygiene category Kerry Cheung: Occupational Hygiene category Selena Armstrong: Women in Safety category Margaret van Schaik: Women in Safety category



Bronwyn Presland leads the day-to-day operations of HASANZ and the implementation of its strategy. Motivated by doing social good, Bronwyn has a background in advocacy, public affairs and project management. She is skilled in leading high-performing teams to develop solutions and solve operational and technical problems. Working in parliament when the Health and Safety at Work Act came into being spurred her active interest in promoting workplace health and safety.



Dr Felicity Lamm is an Associate Professor and the Co-Director of the Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Research at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT). Felicity has over 30 years of experience in the areas of occupational health and safety and employment relations as a lecturer, researcher, and policy adviser. She has been involved in several government committees and inquiries into OHS and employment relations, both in New Zealand and overseas. She has also published on a range of

OHS topics in sectors such as construction, trucking, hospitality, and small business. Felicity has a PhD in Occupational Health and Safety in Small Businesses from UNSW Sydney and a MPhil in Occupational Health and Safety Regulatory Law from the University of Auckland.



Dr Vanessa Beanland is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Otago and Director of the University of Otago Transport Research Network. She was previously Chair of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of New Zealand (HFENZ, 2021-2023), and served as an associate editor for the international journal Safety Science (2017-2021). Vanessa has over 10 years' experience conducting research on human factors and road safety, with her particular interest and expertise including attention, inattention, and distraction; systems thinking and Accimap; safety and performance at rail level crossings; vulnerable road users; and safety and

training of young novice drivers. Vanessa has a PhD in Psychology from the Australian National University and spent several years working in Australia, two years at the Monash University Accident Research Centre, before moving to New Zealand in 2018.





Dan Mahony is a Health, Safety and Wellbeing professional with a diverse range of experience within the NZ landscape (Dairy, Aquaculture, Local Government ad Horticulture) as well as working in the audit space with ACC. Throughout his career Dan has been fortunate enough to engage with and work alongside the likes of Sidney Dekker. Dan is an advocate of a more modern approach to supporting our people and Organisations understand and manage their HSW risks and opportunities. In his current role Dan is a member

of the Senior Leadership team (leading the people function and HSW) as well as being a Board Member for a National Plant Incorporated Society.



Sarah McDonald is a health and safety expert specialising in strategic, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori health and safety organisational and operational management. With over 15 years' experience – particularly in the civil and infrastructure industry, tertiary and vocational education and is currently the NZ Police Custody Health and Safety Lead. Sarah is comfortable working alongside a range of people in the workplace, from governance, senior leaders, (providing both strategic and tactical advice) to

employees, sub-contractors, central government agencies and suppliers. Sarah prides herself on being able to lead, influence, coach and support all teams to establish healthy and safe work environments. Sarah has a Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety from Massey University and is a registered National NZQA HSE Trainer.



Miriska Gerber is a highly motivated, dedicated, and experienced Health and Safety professional. She holds a Master's degree in Occupational Hygiene, is a member of several professional bodies and is HASANZ Registered. She serves on the Governance Group of HASANZ and is actively involved with the New Zealand Occupational Hygiene Society (NZOHS). Goals such as eliminating or mitigating occupational health risks or increasing the workforce capacity and capability in New Zealand, is what

motivates her. Miriska is passionate about creating a safe and healthy work environment for all. She currently leads the SHHE team at Douglas Pharmaceuticals in NZ and Fiji. The team is constructed of four main pillars namely Health & Safety, Occupational Hygiene, Chemical Management and Environment. She uses her extensive knowledge, experience, and commitment to excellence, to achieve great outcomes, support her team and also influence at all levels of the business. Miriska has worked with various organizations to create a safe and healthy work environment and continue to do so. She regularly gets invited to take part in industry working groups and loves working on projects that align with her personal vision and goals.

Miriska believes in continuous learning and professional development. She provides various training and awareness sessions in-house and externally and enjoys mentoring new professionals. To further fulfil the enormous need for improving and maintaining good worker health, Miriska also assists other organisations achieve these goals through independent consulting.





Kerry Cheung is the Principal Specialist in Exposure Risk Management at WorkSafe New Zealand. He is a Certified Occupational Hygienist (COH)®, full member of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH) and New Zealand Occupational Hygiene Society (NZOHS), HASANZ registered, and a board member of the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA). Kerry has over 15 years' experience in occupational hygiene, health and safety, occupational health research, and consulting. As a recipient of the inaugural HASANZ Scholarship to complete his Master of Work Health and Safety (Occupational Hygiene) from the University of Wollongong, New South

Wales, Australia, Kerry is excited to be a part of the panel to help H&S professionals further their education in workplace health and safety.



Selena Armstrong is the Chief Executive of NZISM, joining in 2017. NZISM is New Zealand's largest professional membership body for the health and safety profession representing 75% of the health and safety generalist workforce. She represents NZISM on the WorkSafe Education Working Group, WISE NZ Governance Committee, and the Crowded Places Business Advisory Group. Selena is passionate about developing the capability of the profession, providing access to the very best continuing professional development, growing leadership diversity, delivering an exceptional member experience and supporting others to achieve success. She is an

experienced executive leader with a Bachelor of Business in International Business and Management.



Margaret van Schaik is a Health and Safety Professional with 25 years career experience in OH&S advisory and management roles in manufacturing, maritime, banking, healthcare, trade industries, science, engineering, central government, health and safety regulation and professional consultancy. Margaret is a Chartered Fellow (IOSH), a Certified Fellow (NZISM) and a HASANZ registered Health and Safety Professional. Managing Director of Van Schaik (VS) Health and Safety Solutions Ltd, a

nationwide boutique H&S consultancy of career H&S professionals providing health and safety governance, leadership, and technical consultancy services. Margaret is passionate about supporting, mentoring, and coaching in the H&S profession and promoting women in health and safety into leadership and governance roles. Co-founder and Chair of Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) New Zealand, a member of the Institute of Directors (IoD) and holds a number of community-based governance roles.