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### Announcement of HASANZ Scholarships Awards 2023

The HASANZ Scholarships Programme is dedicated to cultivating the professional health and safety workforce, ensuring that businesses have continued access to top-tier health and safety advice and services for the foreseeable future.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous sponsors, as their support makes the HASANZ Scholarship Programme a reality. Thanks to their contributions, we are excited to announce the recipients of the 2023 HASANZ Scholarship awards.

This year, we are proud to welcome 16 exceptional individuals into our HASANZ Scholarship Programme, covering a range of categories:

- **General Scholarships:** for people who already work in health and safety and want to upskill with a relevant Diploma or Degree – **Five scholarships awarded.**
- **Occupational Hygiene Scholarships:** to help address the acute shortage of Occupational Hygienists in New Zealand (funded by WorkSafe) – **Seven scholarships awarded.**
- **Poutama Scholarships:** for Māori who want to take their health and safety career to the next level – **One scholarship awarded.**
- **Women in Safety (WISE) Scholarships:** to encourage and support women health and safety practitioners to upskill from a technical level into leadership and governance to influence health and safety leadership and governance practice in New Zealand – **Two scholarship awarded.**
- **Besafe Scholarships:** a first step for individuals who already work in a role which includes health and safety or want to move into health and safety – **One scholarship awarded.**

HASANZ Scholarships encompass financial support for individuals pursuing full or part-time tertiary education in the field of health and safety. Beyond the financial assistance, scholarship recipients benefit from mentorship provided by experienced health and safety professionals and gain valuable hands-on practical experience.

Mike O'Brien, HASANZ Independent Chair, says, "Several years ago, we sought to turn heads so that people understood the opportunities to have a career in health and safety and to make their impact in reducing workplace harm. It's been wonderful to see our initial recipients completing their studies. This year's cohort brings us to over 100 recipients since 2019. Incredible interest in the Scholarship Programme proves we have plenty of growth yet to come."

Bronwyn Presland, HASANZ Executive Director, adds, "Thank you to our sponsors, including government, business and technology partners. They are helping HASANZ bridge the health and

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safety capability and capacity gap. We still need thousands more advisors in the coming years, so seek and welcome more sponsors to the programme.”

HASANZ extends its sincere thanks to the dedicated members of our scholarship selection panel, for their tireless efforts in reviewing a pool of exceptionally high-calibre applicants again.

The HASANZ Scholarship Programme plays a vital role in nurturing individuals to become skilled health and safety professionals, consequently elevating the visibility of health and safety as an appealing career choice. Ultimately, this initiative contributes to creating safer workplaces for all.

**See the list of HASANZ Scholarship recipients on the *HASANZ website*.**

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