



HASANZ SCHOLARSHIPS EVALUATION PANEL

HASANZ has appointed the following people to the HASANZ Scholarships Evaluation Panel. They will serve in this capacity on a voluntary basis.

- Philip Aldridge (Chair) – HASANZ Executive Director
- Judy Currie – HASANZ Registered Professional, Past President NZOHNA and past member of HASANZ Leadership Team
- Les Heads – HASANZ Registered Professional, Founder of HeadSafe, Chartered Member of IOSH and SIA, CertNZISM
- Dr Felicity Lamm – Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Research at AUT
- Derek Miller – Immediate Past President, NZOHS and occupational hygiene consultant
- Alex Ruwhiu – Waikato Regional Training Manager and the Maori & Pasifica Training Manager for Vertical Horizons NZ (VHNZ)



Philip Aldridge leads the day to day operation of HASANZ and the implementation of its business strategy. Philip has a broad background in both the public and private sectors with extensive leadership experience across a range of membership, government, industry training and commercial organisations. When Chief Executive of InfraTrain New Zealand he chaired the Built Environment Training Alliance (BETA) and was closely involved in building capability in the high-risk infrastructure construction industry for the Christchurch rebuild. This spurred his active interest in promoting workplace health and safety.

Qualifications: MBA (Distinction) - Massey University, Bachelor of Science (Hons) - Victoria University of Wellington, Entrepreneurial Leadership Development Programme - MIT Boston.



Judy Currie has a broad background in occupational health nursing, combining consultancy and advisory roles, and has worked in health and safety since 1991. She is currently an occupational health nurse for the University of Otago. Judy has been National President of the New Zealand Occupational Health Nurses Association (NZOHNA) and served on the HASANZ Leadership Team for 4 years. Judy has assisted a vast number of businesses with navigating the changes to health and safety legislation. Her aim is to mentor and educate to enable businesses to self-manage and engage their workforce effectively. Judy a founding member of the Central Otago Health and Safety Forum.

Qualifications: Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Learning and Teaching, Graduate Diploma in Occupation Health - Massey University, Certificate in Health Promotion, Registered General and Maternity Nurse



Les Heads has accumulated almost 30 years of experience in health and safety management across various industries including contracting, mining and railways. That knowledge and experience has led to roles around the world in Africa, Australia, Chile, Argentina and the USA. “This journey has taught me the real value of a commitment to health and safety in the workplace. I want to see New Zealand as a place where health and safety practices are fully ingrained into aspects of everyday working culture. HASANZ

Scholarships will help improve health and safety in New Zealand and I am proud to be part of the selection process.”

Qualifications: Master of Health Science in Occupational Safety and Health – Edith Cowan University Perth, Diploma in Occupational Health Practice – University of Otago, CertNZISM



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 a number of 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.

Qualifications: PhD in Occupational Health and Safety in Small Businesses – UNSW Sydney, MPhil in Occupational Health and Safety Regulatory Law - University of Auckland.



Derek Miller has specialised in occupational hygiene and the prevention of work-related ill health for over 30 years. He worked for Defence both in the United Kingdom and New Zealand. Now as a consultant, he frequently travels the world. Derek is a member of the HASANZ Governance Group and was, until recently, the President of the New Zealand Occupational Hygiene Society (NZOHS). He is a Board member of the Asian Network for Occupational Hygiene (ANOHS), a founding Director and inaugural

Chair of the Faculty of Asbestos Management of Australia and New Zealand (FAMANZ) and has sat on several working groups to advance occupational hygiene and the prevention of work-related ill-health.

Qualifications: Certified Occupational Hygienist

Alex Ruwhiu has, for the last six years, been the Waikato Regional Training Manager and the Māori & Pasifica Training Manager for Vertical Horizons NZ (VHNZ). Delivering a variety of health & safety courses over that period, his role is to ensure all VHNZ training courses are properly resourced, supported and delivered to match client needs and ensure compliance and currency to industry, NZQA & other body standards. Alex is creating relationships with government agencies, local councils, Iwi and kura nationwide aiming towards improving knowledge of health and safety and improving safe practices in NZ. Previously, Alex was in the Royal NZ Navy for over 20 years. His core skills were Radio/Radar technician and Data Network Systems technician, and he later became a trainer and recruiter for the Navy.