HASANZ Scholarship Evaluation Panel 2024



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

Bronwyn Presland (Chair): Health & Safety category, Poutama category

Dr Vanessa Beanland: Health & Safety category
Dr Danaë Anderson: Health & Safety category

Jeff Sissons: Health & Safety category Sarah McDonald: Poutama category

Aaron Russell: Agriculture & Horticulture category Margaret van Schaik: Women in Safety category

Jo Pugh: 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 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.



Dr Danaë Anderson is a Research Lecturer in Workplace Health and Safety Research at Victoria University's Faculty of Health. She has researched in employment relations and health and safety (OHS) for over ten years, research that has strong links with the community and industry. Her current research seeks to inform policy and practice in areas such as migrant work and exploitation and health and safety culture and compliance. As an editorial board member of the New Zealand Journal of

Employment Relations, she also reviews articles for both domestic and international labour, employment relations, public policy, and sociology journals. Dr Danaë Anderson presents keynote addresses on her research at national and international conferences and government forums. She is also involved with community groups advocating for migrant employment rights and immigration protection.





Jeff Sissons is CEO of the New Zealand Institute of Safety Management. Jeff has 20 years' experience as a lawyer and trade unionist. Among other roles, Jeff has worked as General Counsel at the Counsel of Trade Unions, Ministerial Advisor to the Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety, and National Health and Safety Leader at the PSA. Jeff was a 2020 HASANZ Scholarship recipient and will finish his PGDip any day now.



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.



Aaron Russell is the Head of Health and Safety at Trevelyan's, where he plays a critical role in ensuring the well-being of all employees and the safety of operations across all business sectors. Aaron brings a wealth of international experience from his previous roles, including as a Chief Fire Officer focusing on emergency response operations. Aaron holds extensive qualifications in Emergency Management, a Diploma in Health and Safety, and Civil Defence and Emergency Management in New

Zealand. Additionally, Aaron holds the NEBOSH National Certificate for Health and Safety Management and is a member of the industry's Health and Safety Executive Management Team. Further to his role, Aaron provides strategic and technical leadership, connecting all aspects of the business to ensure that his team's approach, processes and practices meet legal obligations and are related to other processes where appropriate.



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.

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Jo Pugh has over 20 years' experience working with Health and Safety compliance, firstly for WorkSafe NZ and currently with the National Public Health Service, where she is invested in improving the health of our communities by assisting with measures to reduce the harm caused by Tobacco, Vape and Alcohol. Jo is a strong advocate for collaborative engagement and proactive education, balanced with proportionate enforcement. As a Professional member of NZISM Jo is pleased to work with

like-minded colleagues within WISE, empowering women in the Health and Safety profession.