



Hello, <<First Name>>, here is your April HF/E news.

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

Kia ora koutou,

Just a short update, as we are currently planning for two upcoming events: our AGM in June and our conference in July.

The AGM will be held online, Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 1:00pm. All HFESNZ members are welcome to attend.

The AGM is when existing committee members and office bearers step down, and new committee members are elected. We are currently seeking several new committee members, including for the following specific roles:

- Chair – open to any HFESNZ member but ideally someone with committee experience.
- Treasurer – open to any HFESNZ member; need to have some money sense and as it involves checking/authorising financials and dealing with our internet banking (with assistance/backup from other committee members).
- Secretary – open to any HFESNZ member.
- HFESNZ representatives to work with HASANZ committees – this would ideally suit a professional member who has or is interested in registering with HASANZ.
- PAB convenor – must be a certified professional member of HFESNZ with recent PAB experience.
- PAB assessors – must be certified or associate professional member of HFESNZ. New professional members are welcome to sign up.

If you're not ready to take on any of these roles yet, but would be interested in future, you can also start as a general committee member. If you are interested, drop me a line at chair@hfesnz.org.nz

Finally, don't forget that registration and abstract submission for our July conference in Arrowtown is now open! For more info please see <https://hfesnz.org.nz/2023-annual-conference/>

Ngā mihi nui,
Vanessa Beanland

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have welcomed one new member to the Society since our last newsletter.

- Zene Krige



If you have not received your membership renewal invoice, please email admin@hfesnz.org.nz and a copy can be emailed to you. Thanks!

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD UPDATE

The remaining 2023 PAB assessment dates are: 6th June and 3rd October. Please note that those applying must send all material to the Convenor at least 3 weeks ahead of the named dates to give the assessors time to read the material before the meeting.

HFESNZ encourages all qualified HFE practitioners to work towards Professional Membership and to contact the Convenor at profmember@hfesnz.org.nz for more information

HFESNZ WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Workstream 1-Competency Framework (Rachel Gordon-Leader)

A Notice of Motion was submitted to the HFESNZ committee by members of the PAB on the 3rd of March to trigger a rule change to the membership categories and their criteria. The Committee met on the 30th March and went through the results of the Professional

members survey who were given the opportunity to vote and give feedback on the changes. The Committee agreed in principal to the 11 proposed changes to the membership categories and their criteria. These changes will be sent out to all HFESNZ members 2 weeks prior to the AGM, and members will have the opportunity to vote on them (either in person or by proxy) at the AGM.

The documentation and processes have been developed and are under final review by the PAB. An implementation plan for the changes has been developed.

Workstream 2- Education (Liz Ashby and Fiona Trevelyan – Leaders)

A hui held on Friday 24th March at City Campus signifies the final planned activity for WS2 in as the current WDP wraps up. The hui was attended by 18 academics who contribute to courses included in the HFE postgraduate education programme, with the aim of the day centred on building cohesion and consistency across the programme.

Workstream 4 - Stakeholder Knowledge and Job creation (Rachael Gordon – Leader)

WS4 is currently developing materials for a second animated video, this time focussing on the Human Factors and Ergonomics for leaders. This video aims to focus on the following subject areas:

- HFE and Operations - e.g. management effectiveness
- HFE Cost Benefits
- HFE and Strategy, e.g. Strategic decision making
- HFE and Safety - e.g. Critical risks and controls
- Systems Thinking - e.g. Systems thinking for risk and incident management
- Human Factors and Ergonomics Training
- Wellness

Below is the link to the earlier video
<https://hfesnz.org.nz/about-us/what-is-human-factors-and-ergonomics-hfe/>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Healthcare (Karen Goodfellow, Fiona Trevelyan)

Our proposed dates for the Healthcare webinars are as follows:

Wednesday 19th April, 7.30pm
Alex Payne PhD, Product Development Engineer
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare

Applying Human Factors to Medical Device Development (and Regulator Expectations)

[To register for the webinar, click here.](#)

Abstract: To sell medical devices globally, it is required to apply human factors during medical device development. This talk will outline the standard processes used for developing and assessing devices, along with the expectations of regulatory bodies. There will also be a brief discussion of what is driving the implementation of human factors in this area.

Alex Payne is a human factors engineer at Fisher & Paykel Healthcare. He works on the development and assessment of products to ensure their use safety, which is also a critical part of market access for devices. Prior to his current job, he completed a PhD at the University of Auckland that focused on accessibility and human-computer interaction.

Wednesday 14th June- TBC as we may cover in Conference Programme

Wednesday 20th September- **Dan Nathan-Roberts, Acting Manager, Health and Safety by Design, WorkSafe**

If you're interested in joining the group please contact Karen Goodfellow (gwandkg@gmail.com) or Fiona Trevelyan (fiona.trevelyan@aut.ac.nz).

EVENTS AND COURSES

Webinar- Healthcare Special Interest Group ([all welcome to register](#))

19th April-7.30pm, Alex Payne PhD I Product Development Engineer, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare

CONFERENCE 2023 IS COMING!

Preparations for this year's winter conference has started with a bang, with Professor Peter Buckle (virtual) and Professor Alex Stedman from the UK delivering our keynotes and headlining a great line-up of speakers representing industries such as healthcare, transport, psychology and construction.

If you are keen to present, please submit your abstract to conference2023@hfesnz.org.nz before the **12th April 2023 deadline** as we aim to finalise the conference programme by April 30th .

For everyone else, we hope you take the opportunity to come on this winter get away and celebrate HFE successes under the scenic white hills of Arrowtown!!

Please spread the word and see you all in July - [registrations are now open!](#)

Regards

2023 Conference Committee
For more information visit <https://hfesnz.org.nz/2023-annual-conference/>

Arrowtown village, with Millbrook Resort and conference venue to the left. In green now but white by July!



GENERAL NEWS

CIEHF **Think news** site has a new article on the 'four day working week' which is worth a look at. The earlier 'Science of Simulation' article where programmes like chatGPT were used to write medical abstracts and then asked the experts to assess them is now topical in our own press regards issues around privacy of chatGPT

Find all the articles from the latest editions [here](#).

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