

WELCOME

Welcome to August's newsletter.

This month, I share with you our main efforts since our last update. We always have several things going on in the background, and this newsletter is our way of helping members stay current with the status of projects and what's new.

We have had another meeting for the review of the fire safety regulations, and we continue to offer input in this space. We also have several interactions with Australian standards and ISO alarm standards; while some of these don't have direct daily impact, they do over time, so our involvement ensures we are up with the play and get a voice and a seat at the table. Given that many of these opportunities involve the need for people to be subject matter experts, we are always looking for volunteers to assist as we can employ subject matter experts in every field. If you're interested in knowing what we are working on and in offering your services, drop us an [email](#) and we can have a chat.



Scott Lawson

Review of Vocational Education and Training (VET) System

This is an important update as, with the change in government, the VET system is once again being reviewed. I am part of our industry's workforce development council Hanga-Aro-Rau, sit on the industry stakeholder group, and advocate on behalf of the fire protection industry, but we also need to ensure our members' messages are heard loud and clear from the horse's mouth. Sadly, like many of these processes, the time and ability to comment is very limited, so please take the time to review further details on page 9.

Although we advocate on behalf of industry, sometimes we need the powers that be to hear the voices of individual members in addition to our advocacy on behalf of the industry.

Continued Professional Development (CPD)... again

I often mention this topic and continue to be surprised at the number of questions we get about it. Like auditing and the costs of compliance, CPD is expected of almost all professional industries. From talking to many of our members, I know we all agree that ongoing training of staff is important. This comes in many forms, which we outline in our ▶

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CPD requirements for the various certification programmes we offer. However, in some cases, it seems that the missing piece is the documentation and proof of training. To this end, we will be assisting members with this process and will be announcing some new offerings to make it easier to plan and record CPD.

FireNZ Update

It's hard to believe how fast the year is going by and how rapidly we are approaching FireNZ, our most significant industry event. This year, we have shifted back to a dedicated conference venue, meaning we can present a conference more in line with what we have enjoyed in the past, with multi-stream events.

Remember, the FireNZ trade show is always free to attend for industry staff, and we encourage you and your staff to have a look. This year, our amazing suppliers and exhibitors are offering product show case presentations; these are also free for industry staff to attend. If staff sign in when they attend any of these presentations, attendance can count towards CPD, and we can issue a certificate of attendance.

Keep up to date with FireNZ on our website: www.firenz.org

Annual Audit

We are close to the completion of our independent external audit, and the results will be provided to members in the AGM report released in November. As many of you are business owners, you will be aware that compliance in New Zealand is becoming more expensive, and all compliance – whether it be health and safety, ISO or quality policies, insurance, data management, or something else – costs time and money to get right. As an association, we are not immune, and our nonprofit status triggers certain compliance requirements.

Although the level of auditing might seem excessive – and to be honest it often is – it is a requirement to maintain our not-for-profit status. Not every organisation is subject as it can depend on turnover; however, in general, we are supportive of the process and think it offers another level of confidence for our members that our organisation is independently verified as complying with requirements for not-for-profit organisations and with general good practice.

Fire Alarms Introduction Course “Fire101”

We are progressing well with this course and are now seeking input from members who can help review the content before launch. If you have some hands-on alarms experts that can assist with content or content review, please reach out to us. We are also testing some platforms for the online delivery of the content; once we have decided on the platform we are going to use, we will be seeking members to help us test it. An online platform will mean content delivery will be easier for smaller companies and those in more remote locations.

Once we have the bugs ironed out of this development process, we will start work on the Fire101 sprinkler courses.

So, as with our earlier requests, if you want to be involved, to provide some input into the direction of the training, or to share some knowledge, get in touch with us. If you have new staff coming on board, tell us what training you need or want from us while we are developing these opportunities. ►

COMMENTARY cont.

Industry Content for Field Staff

Almost every technician and field worker now has access to the internet and online resources, so we need to make sure they receive updates, newsflashes, training announcements, technical directives, and standards changes, to name just a few. We should encourage field staff to stay up to date with what's happening in the industry relevant to their various roles, so please ensure you register your staff with us, so we can send them the monthly newsletter (yes, reading it qualifies for CPD) and other information critical to them learning and staying current within the industry.

We also have several exciting updates that we will be announcing in the next few months to better serve our members and their staff by connecting industry staff to field bulletins, product registers, and other online content.

Until next month,

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Chief Executive Officer, FPANZ



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Venue: TBC

Wednesday 4th September

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Thursday 5th September

09:30 - 10:45

14:00 - 16:00

■ Drive Electric EV Fire Webinar

■ EV Charging Fire Risks Workshop

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Friday 6th September

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HOFFE SIG Update

› Authors **Steve Smith & Lance Hunt** – HOFFE SIG Chairs

Well with crazy weather, Olympics, Rugby, Yachting and the usual political stuff going on it has been a crazy month, still there are signs of positivity out there which is great as spring fast approaches.

We have had a few calls regarding some confusion that seems to still exist over the phasing out of AFFF and the introduction of Fluorine Free Foams. In the lead up to the deadline for change of 3rd December 2025 it is disappointing to see and hear that some fire protection companies are jumping the gun in that they are telling clients that their existing AFFF fire extinguishers are now illegal! This is not correct, it is only 2024 so while it is advisable to replace expired AFFF fire extinguishers with a Fluorine Free foam fire extinguisher should clients wish to, they are not required to.

We should remember that we cannot force someone to replace their AFFF fire extinguisher, but we can advise them not to spend their money on a test and refill of a fire extinguisher that now has a very limited lifespan. It is also worth remembering that the Commerce Commission has previously prosecuted companies for unfair practices including misleading and unsubstantiated information about products and services.

It is also worth noting that there is a significant cost involved with disposing of foam. Further to this the disposal cost varies dependant on the foam being disposed of, the types, quantities and of course whether the foam is diluted or not. The 2017 standard developed by the Fire Fighting Chemicals Group has been adopted, this contains guidance though for some companies storing the IBC's (preferred method of storage for disposal companies) of AFFF foam may be a problem and filling an IBC with foam may take some time especially as those disposing of the foams don't want the different variants mixed.

The next HOFFE group meeting is on Wednesday the 27th November at 1pm.

Regards,
Steve Smith & Lance Hunt,
HOFFE SIG Chair 2024/2025



Passive Fire Protection SIG Update

» Author **Ben Bakker** – Passive Fire Protection SIG Chair

The Synergy Between Passive and Active Fire Systems

When it comes to fire safety, using both passive and active fire systems together creates a stronger defence against fire hazards. Each system has a unique role, and when combined, they provide comprehensive protection.

Passive Fire Systems

1. **Fire-Resistant Barriers:** Walls, doors, and floors that can withstand fire for a certain amount of time to prevent it from spreading.
2. **Compartmentation:** Dividing the building into sections that can contain a fire to one area.
3. **Fire-Stopping Materials:** Special materials used to seal openings and gaps in walls and floors to stop fire and smoke from passing through.

Active Fire Systems

1. **Fire Detection Systems:** Smoke and heat detectors that sense a fire and sound an alarm to warn everyone.
2. **Fire Suppression Systems:** Sprinklers and other systems that spray water or other substances to control or extinguish a fire.
3. **Smoke Control Systems:** Fans and vents that manage smoke, keeping escape routes clear for safe evacuation.

Passive systems contain the fire to one area, while active systems work to detect and put it out. For example, fire-resistant walls (passive) can keep a fire in one room, giving sprinklers (active) a better chance to control it quickly.

Together, these systems give people more time to evacuate safely. Passive systems slow the fire's spread, while active systems alert everyone and start to put out the fire.

Using both systems together helps limit fire damage. Passive systems stop the fire from spreading, and active systems control or extinguish it, saving more of the building and its contents.

Supporting Firefighters

Firefighters benefit from both systems working together. Passive systems keep the fire contained, making it easier for firefighters to focus on one area. Active systems reduce the fire's size and intensity before they arrive.

Passive and active fire systems are most effective when they work together.

Kind Regards,

Ben Bakker

Passive Fire Protection SIG Chair 2024/2025

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The Time to Speak is Now

Source: **Hanga-Aro-Rau** – <https://hangaarorau.nz>

Kia ora koutou

You only have two more weeks to have your say on the proposed redesign of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system. The system must be fit for purpose for you and your business, and the only way to ensure that can happen is for you to make a formal submission by Thursday, 12 September.

[Find out how to make a submission here](#)

We are hearing from our industries that:

- › National consistency of training delivery and outcomes is a critical priority for the system
- › The crucial role employers have in supporting industry training and developing the current and future workforce, and how this must be reflected in any changes to the funding system
- › Investment advice currently supplied to the TEC to support funding decisions is valued by industry
- › The qualification and programme development process is too complex and takes too long to reach industry and must be addressed in any redesigned system.

And so much more!

The Government wants to understand what you need from the system to make it better for you and those you are training. They want to know what is not working and any ideas you have to make it more responsive to industry and your workforce.

[It's easy to have your say here](#)

Spread the Word

Our team has been meeting with stakeholders across the motu over the past three weeks, but we are still meeting people who are only hearing about the consultation for the first time. Feel free to share this update with your networks to make sure as many people as possible have the chance to have their voice heard. **The time is now.**

A reminder that TEC in partnership with the Workforce Development Councils are hosting two online hui:

- › **Industry Briefing Monday, 2 September 6.00pm – 7.00pm**
- › **Māori Stakeholder Hui Thursday, 5 September 1.30pm – 3.00pm**

For the link to either of these please email us at info@hangaarorau.nz. And for all other upcoming regional online hui with TEC click [HERE](#).

What matters to Industry matters to us and we're here with whatever support you and your team need to have your say. Keep reaching out to us or send your questions to info@hangaarorau.nz.

Mauri ora

Phil and Sam



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Facility owner fined \$32k

Author: **Michael Fallow, Southland Times** – [Click here for the full article via PressReader.com](#)

The owner of the Winton Lifestyle accommodation facility housing about 30 people has been fined \$32,000 for Building Act offences that a judge says resulted in part from a “somewhat DIY” approach to remediation work.



The Winton Lifestyle accommodation facility is a complex home to 22 units. Photo: Google Maps

Charles Edward Francis Kidd has been sentenced for operating premises at 54 Church St in Winton, central Southland, with no current certificate of public use, and for failing to comply with a notice to fix staff accommodation at 50 Church St.

Judge Russell Walker, when sentencing Kidd in the Invercargill District Court last week, said culpability in such cases could span a wide spectrum from arrogant defiance to innocent oversight, and in this case he found the offending to be in the middle of the range.

The judge said it seemed to be accepted by the summary of facts that the building was “not so dangerous as to necessitate the issuing of a Dangerous Building Notice”.

But he also noted the Southland District Council’s response that such a notice required wider considerations including the effect that it might have on occupants being left without lodgings.

However, the judge said the potential harm in running what was effectively a hostel offering short-term accommodation without a fully functioning fire suppression system was obvious, as had been tragically demonstrated elsewhere in the country in recent times.

“I accept his motivation to build the development, originally as a rest home, was well intentioned, but his approach to remediation seems to have been somewhat DIY,” the judge said.

“In hindsight, he might well concede he would have been better to have taken the kind of professional support he now has at a much earlier time than he did.”

At times, during a lengthy process between Kidd and the council, he was likely to have come across as “somewhat obstinate and even perhaps cantankerous at times”, the judge said.

Both parties in this case exhibited some exasperation in the way they perceived the other’s actions, and there was a “growing entrenchment” on both sides.

Judge Walker did not accept that Kidd had a been simply pursuing profit over compliance.

Kidd had noted “with more than a hint of frustration” that a Certificate for Public Use had been issued in August last year on the basis that no building work needed to be done, and it was simply a case of getting paperwork in order. But when a fresh application was made in February this year on the same terms, it was declined.

Judge Walker said a fine must have sufficient teeth that its deterrent effect was not watered down.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment was making a determination on issues related to Kidd’s Certificate for Public Use application. As a result, Judge Walker ruled that his order would lie in court until eight weeks after that determination was issued to allow the full application process to be carried out.

The notice to fix the staff accommodation had been complied with.



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- » Fire.

What is provided free:

- » Elev8 annual fee only.

What is not included:

- » Canvas online learning fees.

Eligible enrolments:

- » Enrolment date must be before Monday 30 September 2024.

Period of free Elev8 offer:

- » 12 months from enrolment date.

General information:

- » Eligible Elev8 learners returning a 'maybe' or 'no' for Fees Free will be credited for the Elev8 fee covering the agreed period
- » Fees Free eligibility returning a 'maybe' will require a completion of a statutory declaration.

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Elaine Christy	FPANZ	NOTETAKER	✓	✓	✓
Scott Lawson	FPANZ		✓	✓	✓

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Hardy Compliance and Consulting Ltd
Kaitiaki Fire Protection
Logic Group
Prestige Fire Limited
Pulse Fire Ltd
Purple Cow Ltd
SecureiSure Ltd
Tekin Industries Ltd
TM Consultants
Twelvea Ltd
Won-Door NZ Ltd

FPANZ Calendar 2024

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KEY	
OFFICE REOPENS	FPANZ office reopens after the Christmas/New Years break
SIG MEETINGS*	
BOARD/COUNCIL MEETINGS	Venue TBA
FireNZ Conference	October 23-25, Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre
FireAustralia Conference	Gold Coast, 7-9 May 2024
MEMBERSHIP	FPA Membership Year 2023/2024 Finishes 30 June FPA Membership Year 2024/2025 Begins 1 July
AGM	Board/Council Meetings and AGM Venue TBA, 28 November 2024

*SIG MEETING VENUE
TBA

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