



Industry Update

JUNE 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to June's newsletter,

We have hit the halfway mark in the year, and with that comes another bunch of tasks to complete, including setting the direction for the next financial year. I won't bore you with all the details of the business-as-usual functions of the association, but they are, of course, important for the correct running and delivery of services for our members. As in your own business, we have the usual functions such as setting budgets, reviewing our expenses and profit & loss statements, reporting to IRD, and preparing for our annual independent audit. The board also reviews our strategic plan. In general, we are sticking to this plan, with some minor changes and additional efforts going into environmental aspects. We also continue to focus on delivering more short-form training as this seems to be well received and, more importantly, very well attended. In the coming weeks, we will announce more of these seminars and webinars, many of which will be free or low cost for members to ensure they are as accessible to as many of you as possible.



Scott Lawson

Environmental Efforts

We often get feedback from members about the waste from products and packaging, end-of-life decommissioning of products, waste during installation, and so on, and we are keen to assist and promote efforts and members operating within this area. With this in mind, if your company is working on a product, recycling or waste reduction initiative, or other sustainability project, or supplies environmentally sustainable products, then get in touch so we can figure out how to work together and help promote you. This is your chance to market your business to our members and the wider readership. FPANZ is also working on some other projects to reduce industry waste including the final removal of Halon, discussions with the Ministry for the Environment on topics like disposal of firefighting foams and dry powered from extinguishers to name a few.

Industry Collaboration

We have also been investing a lot of 'behind the scenes' time into industry collaborations, which has come about because we see a lot of duplication, both in New Zealand and in the other countries that we deal with. This duplication is becoming more obvious as ►

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we develop documents such as codes of practice, position statements, training material, and the like. As such, we have been reaching out to other organisations. The obvious starting point was FPA Australia. We do already have a memorandum of understanding in place, and John Collie, FPAA CEO, and I have been working on several offerings that will benefit members on both sides of the Tasman. We will be focusing on reducing effort and duplication and maximising outputs for deliverables for the industry generally, and we will provide more details on these initiatives in the next few months.

We also found that the passive space was another area in which duplication and wasted effort was an issue. We have a strong passive membership base, and this part of the sector is still growing and maturing, so the need for information, training, codes of practice, guidelines, and other resources is also increasing. Given the size of our association and the fairly small pool of subject matter experts to call on to help deliver this content, it made sense to look offshore to see what the rest of the world has already produced. After considerable research and consideration, I am pleased to announce that we have now signed a memorandum of understanding with Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA), and this collaboration will greatly assist the passive membership. Justin provides more detail on what this new collaboration means and the benefits for our members on page 7.

Joint Standards Update

Last month, I mentioned that we had been invited to be part of the committee for AS/NZS 1850:2009 and AS/NZS 1841.1:2007. However, there was some considerable cost associated with this invitation. Given the importance of these two standards to our FPA HOFFE members, we have been working on how to ensure FPANZ representation. I cannot disclose the commercial details, but both FPANZ and the Fire Protection Charitable trust and one other financial stakeholder have agreed to meet this financial commitment. The next phase, which will happen shortly, will involve the nomination of committee members to represent the organisations, and we will be seeking input from industry in due course.

Get it Right Seminars – Fire Alarms Topics

Just a quick reminder for fire alarms people: we will be delivering some great content in the August 'Get it Right' seminars. These seminars are essential for alarms techs wanting to increase their skills and maintain some level of continuous professional development. Seminars are held in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, so make sure you download the brochure from our website [Get It Right Seminars | What's On | Fire Protection Association of New Zealand](#) and enrol your staff.

Other Activities

As you can see, for a small organisation, we have a lot happening, and these are just some of this month's highlights. We are heavily focused on our position as the voice of and advocates for the Fire Protection industry. Our profile continues to grow, not just within New Zealand Government agencies and all the key stakeholders for our members but also increasingly on the global stage.

We are also working with Hunga-Aro-Rau and Competenz about the latest round of changes to the vocational education system.

I'd also like to thank our special interest group (SIG) members and the council and board members, who are heavily involved in helping shape our industry. We are always looking for ►

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other members to step up and help out, so if you want to get involved, please do drop me an email and arrange a time for a chat.

Finally, a reminder that reading this newsletter, and ensuring all your staff read it too, ensures everyone stays informed about what's happening in the industry and how to have input via our SIGs, working groups, and other opportunities.

Until next month

Scott Lawson
Chief Executive Officer, FPANZ

Richard Brand

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Richard Brand, who had a long and distinguished career as a fire protection engineer at Beca, Carter, Hollings and Ferner.

With the enactment of the Building Act in 1991, Richard was one of the first engineers to embrace the profession of Fire Engineering, while still employed by Beca.

He worked on many high-profile projects throughout New Zealand, including the Sky Entertainment precinct, comprising Sky City, Sky Tower and the Sky Grand Hotel.

He worked to develop the profession, including serving a term as President of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, a member of the Fire Protection Association's Council and assisting with the development of many codes and standards.

We wish to offer our sincere condolences to Richard's family.



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HOFFE SIG Update

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

It's been great to have a few short working weeks recently, unsurprisingly most people seem to be a bit happier with the long weekends and some even get more chores done!!!

One of the concerns that has arisen in our industry over the years has been the fact that unqualified people are able to get hold of yellow service tags and various types of clippers and use them as evidence of a proper service having been carried out on hand operated fire-fighting equipment (HOFFE). The problem being that the fire equipment then appears (at least superficially) to have been properly serviced and it's not often that the supporting documents are actually requested.

I recently encountered this situation with a bus company who responded to my questions with "well then how come we can get the tags, clippers and seals so easily?" The fact is that we are all private citizens who officially have no more power to change these behaviours than anyone else, that said I took a bit of time with this gentleman and explained the situation using excerpts from NZS4503:2005 and Land Transport Rule 31001 to back up the points I was making. Whether it was to get rid of me or because lunch time was approaching, he told me he accepted my points and would use an NZQA qualified fire equipment company to carry out the servicing in the future.

Ironically, we seem to often encounter this situation with transport and higher risk companies where functional fire equipment is arguably more likely to be required and used to save people and property. In the event that the fire equipment should fail to operate properly it is almost inevitable that the finger pointing/blame game starts, this is where the comparatively small amount saved on the cost of proper servicing starts to look small.

On a different topic we as the HOFFE group would like to thank the Charitable Trust and Elaine for their ongoing support as well as their efforts in collecting the funds from our service tag initiative. As I am sure you are all aware these funds are required for the NZS4503 review and without the money nothing happens.

Our next HOFFE Group meeting is on Wednesday the 27th August, accessible from the FPANZ website.

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

Passive Fire Protection SIG Update

» Author **Justin McEntyre** – Passive Fire Protection SIG Chair

Our SIG meeting this month was a dedicated focussed session where Competenz was able to present the updated NZQA Level 4 Passive Fire qualification. The meeting attendees were impressed with the renewed learning platform and content. A huge thank you to those members that assisted with the review of this qualification. Daniel Taylor, Joe Gilmartin, Adam Wells, Malcolm Christie, amongst others. It is important that members now get behind this qualification and enrol and then support your staff or self through to completion.

Certified Passive Fire Contractor application forms are readily available on FPANZ website. Many have downloaded the forms and began the certification process. Moving forward FPANZ advice and recommendation to authorities including MBIE, BCA's, Clients, Engineers, Architects, Suppliers will be to recognise the Certification scheme as the benchmark for those contractors that have proven to have quality assurance systems in place including trained and qualified staff identified. <https://www.fpanz.org/docs/certification>

Scott Lawson has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with FCIA (Fire Stop Contractors International Association). This MoU aligns FPANZ with FPA Australia in our collaborated efforts to lift the bar for Passive Fire Protection in our area of the world. FPANZ and FCIA have enjoyed a working relationship over several years including knowledge share and a passion for educating and advocating for Passive Fire Protection contractors. This MoU strengthens this relationship and we will be able to announce specific benefits to members over the coming weeks/ months that will come from this partnership.

Kind Regards,

Justin McEntyre

Passive Fire Protection SIG Chair 2025



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Certain fire fighting foams can no longer be used after 3 December 2025

» Author: **Phil Lacey, Fire Protection Engineering Team Leader at GHD, FPA NZ Council Member**

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) regulates hazardous substances under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO Act). These rules help protect people and the environment from the risks posed by harmful substances.

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are hazardous substances that resist breaking down in the environment, can travel long distances through air and water, and accumulate in the tissues of living organisms, including humans. They may pose serious health and environmental risks, including cancer, hormone disruption, and damage to ecosystems. Certain fluorinated firefighting foams—particularly those containing long-chain per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) like PFOA and PFOS—are classified as POPs due to their persistence, toxicity, and potential to bioaccumulate, and are therefore subject to strict controls.

What's Changing?

From **3 December 2025**, you and your clients must stop using fire fighting foams that contain PFAS chemicals unless you have formal EPA approval.

These requirements are set out in the **Fire Fighting Chemicals Group Standard 2021 (HSR002573)⁽¹⁾** and cover fire extinguishing systems on fire vehicles and appliances, fixed fire extinguishing systems, and fire extinguishers.

Which Foams?

1. C6 fluorotelomer (PFAS) fire fighting foams:

These (typically newer) foams predominantly contain short-chain (6-carbon or less) PFAS chemicals which are thought to be less persistent in the environment than the older “long-chain” PFAS (like C8). They must meet the purity requirements stipulated under the Fire Fighting Chemicals Group Standard 2021.

However, after **3 December 2025**, you will only be able to use these foams if you apply for and are granted permission by the EPA.

Some of the items the application will need to clearly communicate:

- » Why the C6 PFAS foam needs to remain in service (such as the lack of a PFAS-free foam for a certain application).
- » What steps are being taken to remove the C6 PFAS foam from service (such as decommissioning the system at some future point in time).
- » How any discharge of the foam system will be contained.

Please note that any application for permission to use C6 (PFAS) foams should be submitted as soon as possible so as to allow the EPA time to consider it – don't leave it until the end of the transitional period.

Application Link: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/hazardous-substances/certificates-permits-and-permissions/using-specific-hazardous-substances>

1. Legacy (C8) PFAS fire fighting foams:

These (typically older) foams contain long-chain PFOA-related compounds. New Zealand is obligated to phase these out under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; a global treaty to eliminate harmful chemicals of which New Zealand is a signatory. ►

Certain fire fighting foams can no longer be used after 3 December 2025 *cont.*

From **3 December 2025**, the use of these foams will be **totally banned** – there is no pathway to apply for an extension of time for these foams.

If a PFAS-free foam option is not available for a system containing a Legacy PFAS fire fighting foam, consideration should be given to replacing the existing foam with a C6 fluorotelomer (PFAS) fire fighting foam and applying for a permission as described previously.

Legal Responsibilities

Disposal and system transition requirements are detailed in the Fire Fighting Chemicals Group Standard 2021 (HSR002573).

Failure to meet these conditions by **3 December 2025** is a breach of the HSNO Act, and may result in the EPA taking enforcement action under its **Regulatory Compliance Policy**⁽²⁾.

Such action may include prosecution. For context, Channel Infrastructure NZ Limited was fined \$169,000 in 2022 after approximately 600 L of fire fighting foam concentrate was used during training exercises at Marsden Point Oil Refinery and ended up in Whangārei Harbour⁽³⁾.

Reference documents:

Visit: www.epa.govt.nz

Reference 1: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/RecordsAPI/Fire-Fighting-Chemicals-Group-Standard-2021-HSR002573.pdf>

Reference 2: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/EPA-Publications/EPA-Regulatory-Compliance-Policy.pdf>

Reference 3: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/news-and-alerts/latest-news/company-fined-for-prohibited-use-of-firefighting-foam-at-marsden-point>



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ATTEND as a delegate or speaker.

FireNZ provides a comprehensive national forum for fire industry professionals. It draws delegates from countries throughout the Pacific and keynote speakers from around the world.

The conference programme is designed to provide insight and learning, to extend current thoughts on the various presentation topics, and to provide robust debate around key industry issues. FireNZ delegates are industry professionals with a strong interest in the latest developments across fire protection and related products and services.

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The FireNZ Conference and Tradeshow 2025 will provide you with the opportunity to create valuable connections and new business opportunities with key industry buyers, suppliers, stakeholders and leading international experts. Once again the tradeshow hours will suit our exhibitors and maximise the time spent with our delegates.

The conference will provide information for, amongst others:

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Justin McEntyre	President		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Mak	Past President		✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓
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Nicky Marshall	Elected Member Director		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Prosser	Elected Member Director		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Elaine Christy	FPA NZ	NOTETAKER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scott Lawson	FPA NZ		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

COUNCIL			20/6/24	29/8/24	28/11/24	13/2/25	10/4/25	12/6/25
Scott Lawson	FPA NZ	CHAIRPERSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
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Sprinkler Design NZ
Stewart Construction Ltd
Tekin Industries Ltd
Tech Passive Fire Ltd
Timaru Fire Protection
Today's Building Solutions
Total Industrial Solutions Ltd
Triple F Fire Protection Ltd
Twelvea Ltd
UCS Passive Fire Protection
Victaulic NZ
Wainscot NZ Limited
Watertank Inspections Ltd
Wayne Bowden Painters Ltd
Zone Architectural Products



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Paula Nicolson
Paul Walters
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Simon Hemmings
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DL Good Plumbers
Global Active Fire
Halt Fire Ltd
Lumen Ltd
Passive Fire Professionals Ltd
Pulse Fire Ltd
Purple Cow Ltd
SecuriSure Ltd
T&K Passive Safety
Titan Fire Protection
VIP Coating Ltd
VIP Protective Coatings Ltd
Won-Door NZ Ltd

FPANZ Calendar 2025

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KEY	
OFFICE REOPENS	FPANZ office reopens after the Christmas/New Years break 2024/2025
SIG MEETINGS*	8am-Passive AKL 10am-HOFFE AKL 1pm-EVAC AKL
BOARD/COUNCIL MEETINGS	Venue TBA
FireNZ Conference	October 7-9 2025, Auckland Viaduct Event Centre.
FireAustralia Conference	Sydney, 13-15 May 2025
MEMBERSHIP	FPA Membership Year 2024/2025 Finishes 30 June FPA Membership Year 2025/2026 Begins 1 July
AUDIT	Audit 2025
AGM	Board/Council Meetings and AGM. Venue TBA, 27 November 2025
OFFICE CLOSURES	FPANZ office closes for the Christmas/New Years break 2025/2026

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