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**SPECIAL NOTICE TO HASANZ MEMBERS**

**Appointment of new HASANZ Independent Chair**

I am pleased to announce that Mike O’Brien has been appointed as the new Independent Chair of HASANZ. Mike has over 20 years of experience in general management, business development and change management. Until recently, he was Country Manager of CHEP New Zealand, a subsidiary of global supply chain, Brambles, which has 14,000 employees operating in over 60 countries. He has an MBA from Auckland University.

A member of the Institute of Directors, Mike has held governance roles across multiple New Zealand and global organisations. He is President of youth development charity CISV NZ.

Mike is actively committed to improving the health and safety of New Zealand workplaces. He is on the steering group of the Business Leaders’ Health and Safety Forum and has twice been a finalist in the leadership category of the New Zealand Workplace Health and Safety Awards.

Each HASANZ Chair has brought a different dimension to the role. Mike is the right fit for the next stage of HASANZ’s growth as we approach the launch of the HASANZ Register and start engaging more actively with businesses and strengthening our connection with the demand side of the market.

Craig Smith hands over to Mike O'Brien

In March Mike met with a selection panel including immediate past Chair Craig Smith, HASANZ Treasurer Rachel Lilley **(Physiotherapy New Zealand - Occupational Health Group)** and HASANZ Secretary Marion Edwin (**Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of New Zealand).** They were impressed with his blend of business acumen and his considerable knowledge and networks in the health and safety sector. He is an enthusiastic advocate of HASANZ and showed a genuine commitment to its future success. You may remember Mike as a panellist at our first conference.

We welcome Mike and are fortunate to have him on board. Mike lives in Auckland with wife Bronwyn and three adult children aged 21 to 16. He enjoys golf, skiing, mountain biking, fishing and travelling.

On a personal note, I’d like to thank Craig for his significant contribution to HASANZ and for assisting with a smooth handover to Mike.



Philip Aldridge

**HASANZ Executive Director**