

Hello members & industry stakeholders...

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## PIA conference 2026: Save the date & slight format change



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SAVE THE DATE:  
**PIA Conference 2026**  
Sept 29 & 30, Rydges Christchurch  
Details to follow

With Gala Dinner at the  
new Christchurch Stadium !  
(One New Zealand Stadium)



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The PIA Conference 2026 is proudly being hosted by Lyttelton Port Company and will be based at Rydges Christchurch.

**Format Change:** We listened to the feedback about last year's conference in which people felt there was too much information crammed into the main presentation day of our conference.

So the main body of Conference 2026 Company will commence on Tuesday September 29 at 1400 (after 1330 registrations) and continue throughout the day of Wednesday September 30, culminating with the Conference dinner on the evening of Wednesday 30th.

This dinner will be held at Christchurch's very new and impressive central city venue, officially named the One New Zealand Stadium, due to open in late April. The fully roofed venue is a new landmark for Christchurch, the Canterbury earthquakes of February 2011 having irreparably damaged Lancaster Park, which has since been demolished.

PIA Subcommittee meetings will be held on Thursday October 1.

We'll share more details about Conference 2026 as they are locked in.

Get your entries in for Safeguard Awards 2026

**SAFEGUARD**

The New Zealand Workplace  
Health & Safety Awards 2026

**Entries open!  
- closing 5pm,  
Wed 1 April  
2026**



The Safeguard Awards (aka the New Zealand Workplace Health & Safety Awards) celebrate the best health and safety initiatives and the dedicated people working to improve health and safety outcomes in New Zealand.

We remain incredibly proud that past PIA Chairman Pat Kirk's submission about the formation and ongoing achievements of the Port Industry Fatigue Working Group won the highly respected supreme award last year.

Safety is a key focus of the PIA and we encourage all members and associate members to enter before 5pm Wednesday April 1 2026.

You can see [details about the awards categories, how to enter and the 2026 Gala Awards dinner here](#).

### PIA Submission on the Health and Safety at Work Amendment Bill



The Port Industry Association has submitted a sector response to the Health and Safety at Work Amendment Bill on behalf of members. The submission was prepared with input from members of the PIA Security Subcommittee and reflects industry perspectives on strengthening maritime security settings while ensuring they remain practical and risk-based for port operations.

The submission reflects feedback from across the port sector and highlights key considerations for complex, multi-PCBU environments such as ports.

While supporting the intent of improving health and safety outcomes, the submission emphasises the importance of maintaining consistent duties across all PCBUs, clear definitions around critical risk, and ensuring strong coordination between organisations operating within shared workplaces.

The PIA also highlighted the value of industry-led development of Approved Codes of Practice (ACOPs), noting that effective guidance should be developed collaboratively between industry, regulators, and worker representatives.

## PIA submission - Maritime Security Act Review

The Port Industry Association has lodged a submission to the Ministry of Transport as part of the targeted consultation on the review of the Maritime Security Act 2004.

The submission was prepared with input from members of the PIA Security Subcommittee and reflects industry perspectives on strengthening maritime security settings while ensuring they remain practical and risk-based for port operations.

This submission also supports and complements the feedback provided by the New Zealand Port Company CEO Group.

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## Success of our Fatigue Risk Assessment Online Workshops



The Fatigue Risk Assessment series of four online workshops the PIA ran has finished and were a great success.

More than 90% of our member organisations participated.

The sessions were very well received, with great feedback from participants who found the content practical, insightful, and highly relevant to port operations.

Fatigue Risk Specialist Dr Kirsty McCulloch delivered the online workshops. Her expertise and clear approach to explaining fatigue risk and controls added real value for the industry.

Fatigue management continues to be a key focus for the PIA so stay tuned for more guidance from us on this in future.



## PCANZ Industry Webinar – Training Opportunities

The Port & Crane Academy of New Zealand (PCANZ) will be hosting an industry webinar to provide an overview of the training currently available and how organisations and individuals can get involved.

In this session we will cover:

- The training programmes currently available through PCANZ
- How individuals and organisations can enrol
- How organisations can have assessors involved in delivering training
- What PCANZ needs from industry to ensure the programme continues to succeed

The session will conclude with an open Q&A where attendees can ask questions and discuss how their organisation can participate.

We encourage members to join the session to learn more about how PCANZ is supporting training and capability development across the port and crane sector.

**Date: Tuesday 24 March 2026**

**Time: 1030-1130**

[Join the meeting now](#)

**Meeting ID:**

**424 934 293 593 04**

**Passcode:**

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## PCANZ Graduates, from ISL and Qube

Michael Smith from Independent Stevedoring Limited (pictured below left) has successfully completed the Port Start Micro-Credential. This qualification is designed to provide essential knowledge and practical skills for working safely and efficiently in port operations. It covers key areas such as health and safety, operational awareness, and industry best practices, making it an excellent first step for anyone looking to start a career in the port and logistics sector.



Workplace trainer and assessor at Qube Ports, Moses Harvey (pictured above right, on the left of Qube Ports NZ's GM Health and Safety Chris Bell), recently completed his NZ Certificate in Cranes Level 3 and Level 4. Now Moses is able to train and assess against these two qualifications.

## Status of the PIA Constitution Review

The deadline for member feedback on proposed revisions to the PIA Constitution was last Friday and we only received feedback in support of the revisions. The Executive and members have now agreed to and approved the updated Constitution to ensure compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

The revised Constitution has been uploaded to the New Zealand Companies Office, so we remain compliant as an Incorporated Society.

## PIA subcommittee meeting dates for 2026

People & Capability	Health & Safety	Education & Training	Port Security	Container Park
Tues 17 Feb	Wed 18 Feb	Thurs 19 Feb*	Thurs 19 Feb	Mon March 9
Wed 17 June	Thurs 18 June	Tues 16 June	Thurs 18 June	Early June, TBC
Thurs Oct 1 2026, (at PIA conference)				

\* + an additional Education & Training online subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for Apr to review enrolment progress & funding targets