



2024 CONFERENCE

# Mitigating Risk – *Prevention, Procedures, Practice*

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31 July – 1 August  
Rutherford Hotel | 27 Nile Street West | Nelson



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Following on from our amazing conference last year and the Fire Risk Assessments that were presented by Ben Bradford from BB7:

- What is Risk Management to you?
- What do you do or need to do to reduce risk in your business through enhanced Inspection, Maintenance and Reporting procedures?
- Are we at risk of NZ Standards or International Standards not keeping pace with technology and putting our compliance regime under undue pressure?

**Risk Management has prevention at its core.** It involves the implementation of measures to eliminate or reduce the likelihood of hazards that could lead to fires or compromise the safety of building occupants. This encompasses a comprehensive approach that begins with innovative and thoughtful design, follows through with rigorous construction practices – which is a moving landscape with new construction methods – and extends into ongoing inspection and maintenance protocols, which is where most of us become involved.

By embracing prevention with good management procedures, we can empower ourselves to anticipate and address potential issues before they escalate. We are investing in life safety, *not just for the present, but for the future.* Through education, innovation, and collaboration, we can create a built environment that can be more resilient in the face of unforeseen events.

In this conference, we come together to share industry insights, best practices, and cutting-edge technologies that enable us to enhance building safety and reduce our risks. By promoting a culture of prevention and instilling effective risk management practices, we ignite a brighter, safer future for all.





## Association of Building Compliance

Established in 1998, the Association of Building Compliance (ABC) is the only IQP representative body in New Zealand. ABC's membership includes Independently Qualified Persons (IQPs), Council Staff and Compliance Managers.

ABC provides members with support, information and training by industry experts in Building Compliance matters.

## In 2019, The Association of Building Compliance set up ABCTech

ABCTech is the technical and educational arm of the Association whose services are impartial and designed to provide educational support, technical information and specialised training for those involved in the Building Compliance Industries. Some of the services provided through ABCTech are: Independent Technical Support, Specialised Technical Training Services, and On-Site Training. ABCTech continues to grow, adding new services and training courses.

ABC is committed to providing quality training and education to their members through workshops, seminars and the ABC Conference to ensure they have the skills and knowledge in their chosen field in the building compliance industry.



### *Independent, Impartial and Not-for-Profit*

The Association of Building Compliance would like to thank the following partners for their support

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# Enhanced Conference Format



## *Hybrid*

This year we are taking our conference to the next level with live online streaming and an exhibitor portal. Online delegates will not only be able to view the presentations through our 5 streaming cameras but they will also have access to these fantastic features through our Conference Portal:

- Interactive virtual Exhibitor site with live interaction with the exhibitors
- Conference APP
- Make connections with people at the conference via the friends invite ability on the APP
- View speaker profile and programme.

## Who should attend

- IQPs
- Facility Managers
- Compliance Managers
- Fire Safety Officers
- Compliance Administration staff
- Territorial Authorities
- Any person who works in the area of Building Compliance.





# General Information

## Continuing professional development

Following the conference, all registered attendees will be able to download a CPD attendance certificate from their ABC Profile page on our website.

## Website

Information pertaining to the Conference and Exhibition, including hotels, exhibitor prospectus, delegate brochure and any updates to the conference programme, will be uploaded to the ABC Website - [www.abciqp.org.nz](http://www.abciqp.org.nz).

## Exhibition

The Conference also hosts exhibition space. This year the exhibition area will be in the **Matai Foyer** and **Hotel Foyer** of the Rutherford Hotel. Visitors are able to visit the exhibition for FREE from 8.30am to 5.00pm on Wednesday 31 July and from 8.30am to 3.30pm on Thursday 1 August.

If you can't get to the conference itself, you are more than welcome to pop in and visit the exhibition.



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## Promotion

The conference and exhibition will be promoted throughout New Zealand by extensive distribution of the conference registration brochure, newsletters, website and direct mail to all IQPs in our IQP database, members and other organisations and territorial authorities with an interest in building compliance.

## Sponsorship opportunities

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available if you wish to promote your company throughout the conference.

We would be happy to discuss these options with you.

Please contact our Business Development and Administration Manager by phone on **021 273 2707** or email [admin@abciqp.org.nz](mailto:admin@abciqp.org.nz).



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# Accommodation

## Venue

Rutherford Hotel Nelson is a premier Conference Hotel at the center of New Zealand within easy access of some of the country's most stunning sites and activities. Nelson is renowned for its local art, craft and produce which we present to our guests during their stay to create that memorable experience.

Rutherford Hotel Nelson is superbly located in central Nelson, with all of the amenities you would expect from a city only a short walk away.

On top of this, we offer a full complement of in-hotel services to all of our guests, ensuring your stay is as relaxing and stress-free as we can make it.

See the website - [abcicq.org.nz](http://abcicq.org.nz) - for booking and further information.



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# ABC Conference Gala Dinner



## “Let’s Go Nuts”



**Guest Speaker - Mr Pic from Pic’s Peanut Butter**



The theme of this year’s conference Gala Dinner is *‘Anything to do with nuts’* - so let your mind crack open the shell of inspiration!



There will be prizes for the Best-Dressed Male and Best-Dressed Female for the most creative, themed costumes.

**But wait - there’s more!**



At the conclusion of dinner, there will be a live band (**The Duo**) providing entertainment till 11.30 PM (noting that the bar will also close at 11.30 PM).



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# Day 1 Programme

|                         |  |                         |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>7.30am</b>           | <b>Registration Opens</b>  |                         |
| 8.30am                  | Conference Opening   | <b>Lyall Senior</b>     |
| 8.35am                  | Chairperson's Welcome  | <b>Laura Williams</b>   |
| 8.40am                  | Opening Speaker  | <b>Hon. Chris Penk</b>  |
| 9.10am                  | Keynote - What's the worst that could happen?  | <b>Nat Andrews</b>      |
| 10.00am                 | Insurance Council  | <b>John Lucas</b>       |
| <b>10.30am</b>          | <b>Morning Tea</b>   |                         |
| 11.00am                 | Post Loafers Lodge Audit Inspections, Operation Magazine - <i>What are the findings?</i> | <b>Brad Hislop</b>      |
| 11.45am                 | New Technology - Self Test Detectors, quick safe and compliant                           | <b>John Henley</b>      |
| 12.15pm                 | Couch Q&A Session  |                         |
| <b>12.30pm</b>          | <b>Lunch</b>   |                         |
| 1.30pm                  | Supervision of non-IQPs doing IQP inspections  | <b>Charlie Loughnan</b> |
| 2.15pm                  | Liability of IQP work  | <b>René Hattingh</b>    |
| <b>2.45pm</b>           | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>   |                         |
| 3.00pm                  | EV Cars in Buildings - <i>Are they an issue?</i>   | <b>George Hare</b>      |
| 3.30pm                  | Health NZ Passive Fire Programme and Compliance  | <b>Simon Hemmings</b>   |
| 4.15pm                  | Couch Q&A Session  |                         |
| 4.30pm                  | Conference Day 1 Closing   | <b>Lyall Senior</b>     |
| 5.00pm - 6.00pm         | AGM  |                         |
| 5.30pm                  | Pre-dinner drinks  |                         |
| <b>6.30pm - 11.30pm</b> | <b>Conference Dinner</b>   |                         |

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# Day 2 Programme

| Day 2 Starts                    |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 8.00am - 10.15am                | <p>Stream 1 – MBIE Workshop - Council Only Session - Hosted by Simpli</p> <p>Stream 2 - Site Visit 1 - PICs Peanut Butter Factory: Take a look through the famous PIC's Peanut Butter production factory and warehouse.</p> <p>Stream 3 - Site Visit 2 - Tour of the flood affected areas of Nelson and how it affected building compliance</p> <p>Stream 4 - Workshop 2 - IQP workshop host by ABC and MBIE</p> |  <p><b>MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION &amp; EMPLOYMENT</b><br/>HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI</p>  |
| <b>10.30am</b>                  | <b>Morning Tea</b>   |  |
| 11.00am                         | Audit Journey - <i>"Building the plane in flight"</i>  | <b>Ryan Cooper &amp; Brian Wilson</b>  |
| 11.45am                         | FENZ Update  |  |
| 12.15pm                         | Couch Q&A Session  |  |
| <b>12.30pm</b>                  | <b>Lunch</b>   |  |
| 1.30pm                          | Case Study - Testing of a Passive Fire Product   | <b>Matthew Hooper</b>  |
| 2.00pm                          | Risk-based approaches to Passive Fire remediation  | <b>Rob Holland</b>   |
| 2.30pm                          | Overview of the poll results of morning workshops 1 & 4.<br><i>Look at the finding and discuss options to progress these</i>   |  |
| <b>2.45pm</b>                   | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>   |  |
| 3.00pm                          | Smoke Control Case Study   | <b>Prashant Patel</b>  |
| 3.30pm                          | Building Compliance & Emergency Management   | <b>Jeremy Neven</b>  |
| 4.15pm                          | Couch Q&A Session  |  |
| <b>4.30pm - 4.40pm</b>          | <b>Conference Addressed by Chair</b>   |  |
| <b>Conference Day 2 Closing</b> |  |  |



# Registration Prices

|   | Member Earlybird* |                | Member        |                |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|   | <i>Ex GST</i>     | <i>Inc GST</i> | <i>Ex GST</i> | <i>Inc GST</i> |
| 2-Day Conference + Conference Gala Dinner | \$845.00          | \$971.75       | \$895.00      | \$1,029.25     |
| 2-Day Conference                          | \$745.00          | \$856.75       | \$795.00      | \$914.25       |
| 1-Day Conference                          | \$565.00          | \$649.75       | \$625.00      | \$718.75       |
| Online Conference                         | \$545.00          | \$626.75       | \$595.00      | \$684.25       |
| Conference Gala - Dinner only             | \$110.00          | \$126.50       | \$125.00      | \$143.75       |

|   | Non-member Earlybird* |                | Non-Member    |                |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|   | <i>Ex GST</i>         | <i>Inc GST</i> | <i>Ex GST</i> | <i>Inc GST</i> |
| 2-Day Conference + Conference Gala Dinner | \$945.00              | \$1,086.75     | \$995.00      | \$1,144.25     |
| 2-Day Conference                          | \$845.00              | \$971.75       | \$895.00      | \$1,029.25     |
| 1-Day Conference                          | \$665.00              | \$764.75       | \$725.00      | \$833.75       |
| Online Conference                         | \$645.00              | \$741.75       | \$695.00      | \$799.25       |
| Conference Gala - Dinner only             | \$125.00              | \$143.75       | \$135.00      | \$155.25       |

\*Earlybird registration ends 1 July 2024.

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## Master of Ceremonies Lyall Senior

### He's Back! The one and only Mr Lyall Senior!

It's true, we have secured Lyall for another year. He had so much fun last year he has begged us to take him back. I think Mitchell has some true competition now as our longest running MC.

Lyall is bringing back his enthusiasm and humour to make the conference a more entertaining and smooth-flowing conference and hopefully one that is inclusive of everyone's needs.

For those who may not know, Lyall is now very experienced as an MC, having undertaken his very first MC role just last year – where no rotten fruit was thrown or heckling was experienced.

Lyall has no experience as a fire fighter, has not worked in the fire or sprinkler field, nor has any qualifications in the fire compliance space – so totally and completely nothing like Mitchell.

But he is very, very knowledgeable in the lift and escalator space - providing independent advice and consultancy services to owners and property managers for the past 20+ years. All of which is on top of his 21+ years working for a multinational lift company.

# Key Speakers



**We are excited to announce our fantastic line-up of speakers for ABC Conference 2024.**

As you can see below, we have a great array of speakers discussing some of the most important topics concerning the Compliance Industry.

We hope that you will enjoy their presentations and come along to hear them, support them and, hopefully, they will answer any questions that you might have.



# Key Speakers

## Hon. Chris Penk - MP National Party

Chris is the Minister for Housing and Building. He will be our opening speaker of the conference, discussing the latest issues within the industry and what the government has planned for us.

Chris was first elected to Parliament in 2017, as successor to Sir John Key in the then-Helensville seat and re-elected in 2020 and 2023.

Chris is a proud representative for the Kaipara Ki Mahurangi electorate, which includes advocating for constituents on various local issues.

Now the Minister for Building and Construction, Minister for Land Information, Minister for Veterans, Associate Minister of Defence and Associate Minister of Immigration, Chris feels fortunate to be a part of the Christopher Luxon-led coalition government.

After completing his secondary education at Kelston Boys High School, Chris studied at Auckland University, gaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1999 and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree in 2009.

He had joined the Royal New Zealand Navy in 2000, which included serving as an officer of the watch on the HMNZS Te Kaha. He also worked at Government House as aide-de-camp to the Governor-General in 2003. Later, Chris joined the Australian Defence Force and fulfilled his dream of serving in submarines, being appointed navigating officer of HMAS Sheean in 2006, and finally was stationed in the Northern Arabian Gulf in late 2007.

Chris returned to New Zealand in 2008, where he completed his legal training. This culminated in his admission to the bar in 2010 and working as staff solicitor in Auckland. In late 2015, he established his own firm, leaving Ong & Penk Lawyers behind in late 2017 to enter Parliament.





# Key Speakers

## Nat Andrews - Certifiers 2U

### Whats the worst that can happen?

Nat Andrews, director, and founder of Certifiers2U, a building certification, building consulting and planning consultancy company. Nat has 25 years of experience as a building surveyor and is an unrestricted Council and Private Certifier in NSW and an unrestricted Certifier in Queensland. Nat also has achieved Level 1 AIBS National Accreditation and is part of the Professional Standards Scheme. Nat is also part of the AIBS NSW/ACT Chapter Committee.

Nat has six qualifications, including a Masters in Building Surveying. He is probably best known for his bold, captivating, and sometimes controversial posts on LinkedIn. [Nat Andrews | LinkedIn](#)



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## René Hattingh | LLB

### Liability of IQP work

René is the Chief Executive Officer of Howden New Zealand, a leading insurance broker that provides innovative and tailored solutions to our clients. She has over 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, spanning various roles and markets, and holding an LLB degree and three professional certificates.

René's core competencies include professional liability, enterprise risk management, risk mitigation, business planning, and negotiation. René leads a team of passionate and dedicated professionals who put people at the heart of everything we do. They leverage our global network and local expertise to deliver value, quality, and growth to their clients and partners.



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# Key Speakers

## Rob Holland - Nelligan

### Risk based approaches to passive fire remediation

You can almost guarantee that if you look hard enough at a building that is more than 20 (or even 10!) years old, you'll open a Pandora's box of passive fire defects which, in some cases, could present a serious life safety risk to the building's occupants.



IQPs have an essential role to play in identifying passive fire issues within our existing building stock and working with building owners to improve the safety of occupants. At times, however, this can be difficult when faced with a lack of building information for finding key fire separations, commercial pressures and limited time on site for thorough inspections.

This talk will discuss a risk-based approach for assessing passive fire issues and when you should wave the red flag or possibly escalate to refusing to issue your 12A.

More importantly, it will present a risk-based, practical and collaborative methodology for remedying passive fire defects. This methodology includes working with the Building Owner and possibly even the Territorial Authority, to formulate a scope and programme of works that achieves the best possible safety outcomes within a realistic budget.

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**Rob** is a Chartered Professional Fire Engineer and Director of Nelligan Consulting Engineers, a consultancy firm based on Auckland's North Shore.

He has worked in the fire safety industry for the last 16 years across a wide range of residential, commercial and industrial projects. As part of his work he has helped many clients with assessing passive fire defects and formulating a scope of work on a risk based approach. These projects include a 40 storey building in Auckland's CBD and a 6 storey hotel.

More recently he has been talking to many IQP and building compliance firms about passive fire and how best to improve the safety of our buildings and relishes the opportunity to talk at this year's ABC Conference.

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## Mathew Hooper | Technical Manager, South Brook Fire Research Laboratory



### Case Study - Testing of a Passive Fire product

An in-depth dive into a products development to showcase how changes in the installation of Passive Fire products can impact on physical performance of the product and how this relates to the on-going compliance of Fire Separations within buildings.

Mathew will show why understanding what the process of product testing is important in relation to on-going compliance.

Mathew is passionate about life safety in buildings in New Zealand and helping people understand and the rules and regulations that are set out to keep people safe within buildings in New Zealand.

He has specialised in Passive Fire protection as, in my experience as an IQP, this was one of the areas that had the most questions without answers.

**Experience:** Avionics Engineering Air NZ 2007-2012, Youth Work 2012-2015, IQP Building inspections 2015-2021, Technical Manager Fire Laboratory 2021-present.

**Achievements:** L4 Avionics Engineering, Diploma Pastoral Leadership, IQP Registration 2, 3/2, 3/3, 4, 7, 13/3, 14/2, 15/2, 15/3, 15/4, L4 Passive Fire Protection Inspections.

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## John Lucas | Insurance Council NZ

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## Simon Hemmings | Te Whatu Ora - Te Tai Poutini

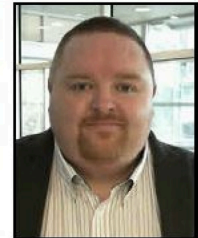
### Health NZ Passive Fire Programme and Compliance

Joining Canterbury DHB in 2015 I was presented with a small project of potential non compliances within Passive and Fire Engineering, This soon became a monumental programme that required a new approach to passive fire and how the industry sees this vital part of safety and compliance, the Project is now regarded as an industry target and we continue to evolve and change the way the industry is approached.

Our Programme has changed the boundaries of normal practice and now encompasses every aspect of the construction process life cycle, Passive fire design, installation, inspection and maintenance is now considered from concept design and includes quality assurance and compliance at its forefront.

By bringing together the best in the industry we are able to provide and achieve compliance certainty for our IQPs and BCAs across Passive Fire, Intumescent Coatings, Fire Doors and Fire Engineering.

**Simon** is the Project Manager with Health New Zealand and is the Programme lead for the former Canterbury and West Coast Passive Fire Programme for the last 9 years. He holds an Honours Degree in Architecture and has over 25 years experience in Design and Project Management. His passion for Fire Engineering and Protection was born from the final years of his degree which progressed into starting a Masters in Fire Engineering in the UK, Simon intends to complete this in NZ.



## Charlie Loughnan | FFP Canterbury

### Supervision of non-IQP doing IQP inspections - What is acceptable?

Charlie is the Corporate Services Manager at FFP Canterbury. Charlie has a strong technical background in the fire industry and is often imparting his knowledge on the ABC members at the Regional Forums.



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## Jeremy Neven | Granite Ridge Consulting

### Building Compliance and Emergency Management

In the last decade, New Zealand has endured multiple natural disasters from earthquakes to flooding, landslips and coastal inundation. Managing buildings during an event and ensuring compliance through what can be a long recovery period poses unique challenges.

This presentation will provide a brief overview of the legislative framework for the management of buildings during a declared emergency under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act, designated areas under the Building Act and who is involved at each stage of a response.

Using real life examples from recent events, we will review some of the challenges posed to commercial buildings resulting from these events and what can be done to help ensure the safe use of these buildings with a specific view to affected specified systems.

Jeremy has been involved with the building industry for over 30 years with experience in building and regulation across both Canada and New Zealand. In the past several years, he has been called upon to respond to Cyclone Gabrielle in the Hawkes Bay area fulfilling the role of Tier 1 rapid building assessor on behalf of MBIE to manage the teams assessing the buildings after the event. He has assisted with the response to the Auckland Anniversary flooding event and continues to act as the Building Unit Recovery Manager for Nelson City Council stemming from their August 2022 flooding event.



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# Key Speakers

## Ryan Cooper and Brian Wilson | Christchurch City Council

### Audit journey - "Building the plane in flight"

The Christchurch City Council has consistently recognized the advantages and significance of conducting on-site audits for building warrant of fitness. Our collaborative efforts with stakeholders have yielded positive, impactful, and transformative results across various metrics.

This presentation aims to elucidate our journey towards refining and advancing our functions and objectives to meet the compliance standards and expectations set forth by MBIE.

Through close collaboration with governmental bodies, building owners, Independent Qualified Persons (IQPs), and other relevant parties, we have endeavoured to comprehensively grasp, educate, and fulfil the requisite outcomes. As a result, we have committed substantial resources in terms of personnel, training, tools, and procedural enhancements to ensure a robust physical presence, aiming to bolster both the quantity and, more significantly, the quality of our audits.

While our project remains ongoing, we are steadfast in our commitment to refining our approach as we effectively "build our airplane in flight."

**Ryan Cooper's** affinity for the construction industry blossomed early on, leading him to pursue a career in carpentry and joinery in the UK. Upon relocating to Christchurch in 2013, he continued to broaden his knowledge and experience.

Following a brief stint in the rebuild, Ryan transitioned into the regulatory world, initially serving as a building control officer. In this role, he managed tasks ranging from processing building consents, undertake building inspections and certifying building work. Through these experiences, he honed a thorough understanding of regulatory compliance and building standards.



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# Key Speakers

## Cont. *Ryan Cooper and Brian Wilson | Christchurch City Council*

Currently, Ryan holds the esteemed position of Principal Building Official within the building compliance team at Christchurch City Council. In this pivotal role, he serves a team of professionals, ensuring processes and procedures are adhered to, consistency is maintained and seeks opportunities for improvements. With his extensive industry tenure and diverse skill set, Ryan stands as an invaluable advocate for building safety and compliance within his community.

**Brian Wilson** - With origins in the UK, my career trajectory stems from service in both the military and civil fire sectors. My expertise in compliance within New Zealand has been cultivated through roles within the Council Building Consent Authority and Territorial Authority, focusing particularly on fire safety regulations, compliance schedules, and Building Warrants of Fitness. I am deeply passionate about this continually evolving field, recognizing that stringent compliance is no longer discretionary but imperative for all stakeholders involved.

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## Prashant Patel

### Smoke Control Case Study

Prashant arrived in New Zealand over 20 years ago (2003) from Mumbai, India as a Mechanical Engineer. Having completed various trainings on Mechanical, Smoke Control, Passive Fire, Electrical and Plumbing sectors. Since arriving in NZ, Prashant's experience includes working as a Council, Contractor and Consultant with employers such as Auckland Council, Auckland DHB, CoveKinloch, SGS, Argest, Apex Air and RCR as Mechanical/Building Technical Consultant.

Currently the owner and director of Building & Engineering Services Limited serving Auckland & Waikato regions for engineering and consulting services for Mechanical, Smoke Control and Fire Safety related services.

Prashant is a current member of Engineering NZ, SFPE, IRHACE, International Association of Engineers and also a council approved IQP and PS author for various specified systems for different councils.

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# Key Speakers

## Brad Hislop | MBIE BSP

### Fire Safety Assessments of Boarding Houses

After the deadly fire at Loafer's Lodge in May 2023, MBIE audited boarding houses on fire safety across the country. This is a short overview of the site visits and some of the findings.

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## George Hare | Senior fire researcher, BRANZ

### Impact of EV cars on carparks within Buildings

The presentation will take a look at some of the hazards posed by lithium-ion batteries, how those hazards relate to EV's. I'll then look at what research is currently available and where the gaps are.

Some case studies, looking at challenges for both first responders and structural engineers including a regulatory perspective.

George Hare has been working at BRANZ for almost eight years. He joined the Fire Testing team, undertaking commercial testing of passive fire systems to a range of standards, primarily for the New Zealand and Australian markets.

Moving to the Fire Research team in 2018, his focus has shifted from looking at product compliance, to testing the regulatory settings, for example external fire spread.

He has been working in the lithium-ion battery space since 2019 and works closely with colleagues in Australia in the AFAC Alternative & Renewable Energy Technologies group and is on the Research Reference Group for the Safety of Alternative & Renewable Energy Technologies project being run by Fire & Rescue New South Wales.

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## John Henley | Fire Leader Honeywell

### Quick, Safe, and Compliant - Self-Test Detectors Coming to Pacific Region 2025/26

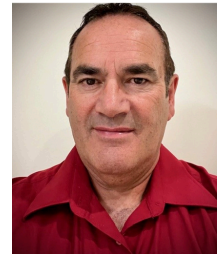
Introducing NOTIFIER Self-Test series of detectors: the first UL approved detectors that can test themselves. This new range of detectors will revolutionize the way we install, test, maintain and produce compliance reports for life safety systems.

Current safety testing can be slow, costly, and disruptive. Obstacles such as locked rooms, hard to access areas, and high ceilings can often lead to detectors going untested, putting buildings at risk.

The NOTIFIER Self-Test series of detectors removes these obstacles with our patented and UL approved self-testing technology, enabling the device to introduce small amounts of heat and smoke into the detection chamber, testing both the photo and thermal sensors as well ensuring that the smoke entry points are clear and free of obstruction.

Customised compliance reports following inspection or maintenance supplement NZS4512 reporting requirements.

**John** has 25 years' industry experience between Australia and New Zealand with Honeywell and Tyco International. Held national service and sales roles. Passionate about life safety and emerging technologies and how this can be deployed into our jurisdictions and compliment regulations and standards.



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## FENZ Update on Compliance

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| Gala Dinner                            | \$3,000.00       | \$3,450.00        | \$3,250.00 | \$3,737.50 |
| Keynote Speaker                        | \$2,000.00       | \$2,300.00        | \$2,250.00 | \$2,587.50 |
| MBIE Council Only Session              | \$3,000.00       | \$3,450.00        | \$3,250.00 | \$3,737.50 |
| Site Visit 1                           | \$1,500.00       | \$1,725.00        | \$1,750.00 | \$2,012.50 |
| Site Visit 2                           | \$1,500.00       | \$1,725.00        | \$1,750.00 | \$2,012.50 |
| Speaker Wine                           | \$1,500.00       | \$1,725.00        | \$1,750.00 | \$2,012.50 |
| Pre-dinner Networking Event            | \$1,500.00       | \$1,725.00        | \$1,750.00 | \$2,012.50 |
| Conference Lanyards                    | \$2,000.00       | \$2,300.00        | \$2,250.00 | \$2,587.50 |
| Coffee Cart per day                    | \$1,150.00       | \$1,322.50        | \$1,350.00 | \$1,552.50 |
| Conference APP Sponsor                 | \$3,000.00       | \$3,450.00        | \$3,250.00 | \$3,737.50 |
| Gala Dinner - individual table sponsor |                  |                   | \$250.00   | \$287.50   |



Please contact our Business Development and Administration Manager if you wish to discuss any of the above sponsorship packages or any additional sponsorship options.  
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# Exhibitors

## Potential Exhibitors

We would like to thank all our exhibitors from our Conference 2023. Exhibitors sharing their products, information and knowledge at our conference, gave our members that added professional development that can only come from specialist in their fields. These Exhibitors certainly raised the bar for our conference.

We would like to encourage our previous exhibitors and any other companies who would like to showcase their product, information, skills and knowledge to download our new [Exhibitor brochure here](#) and get in early for Conference 2024.



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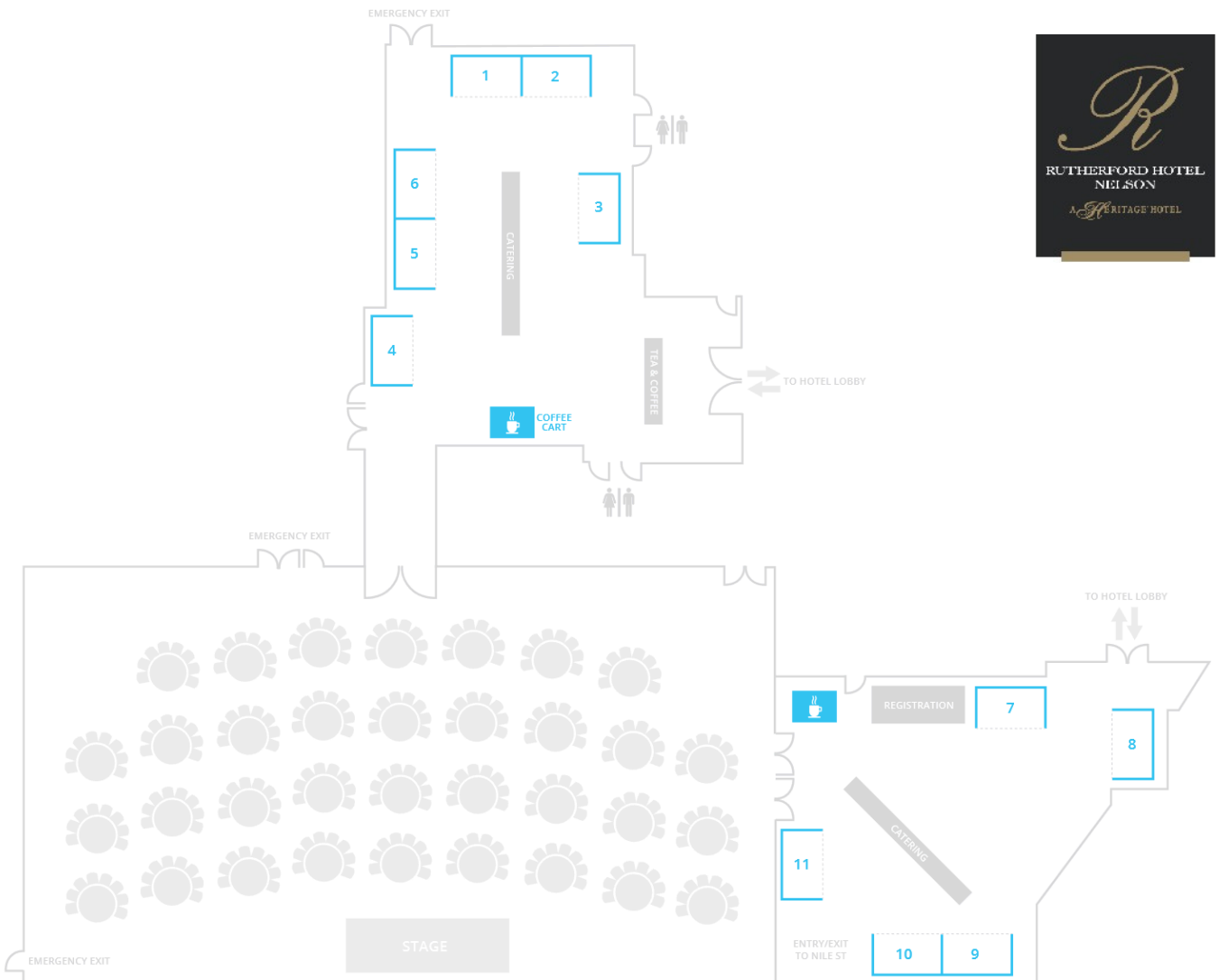
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# Floor Plan



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