

Physicians unite

Occupational medicine was one of the streams at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress 2019, held in Auckland recently. Dr Maureen Dollard (pictured with Dr David Beaumont) delivered a plenary address on her work developing the Psychological Safety Climate measurement tool, while veteran occupational physician Dr Bill Glass advised his colleagues to look at a patient's whole life, at work and outside it. He is pictured with Dr Michael Donoghue, a former student now with Alcoa Alumina, and Dr Graeme Edwards, the Queensland occupational physician who first sounded the alarm on accelerated silicosis in kitchen benchtop workers.



Jackie Brown-Hayson



Peter Bateman

Presidential gallery

Pictured at the NZ Occupational Hygiene Society's conference in Auckland are keynote speaker Dr Julia Norris (president of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists), outgoing NZOHS president Derek Miller, and incoming president Suzanne Broadbent. Norris described the shocking discovery in Queensland last year that workers making kitchen benchtops out of fashionable engineered stone were being exposed to high levels of silica dust, causing many cases of accelerated silicosis in young workers.



Peter Bateman

Cutting the cake

James Mead, original Site Safe staff member and now group manager for quality and development, cuts the cake to celebrate Site Safe New Zealand's 20th anniversary in May. He and original CEO Iris Clanachan were the only two staff when the organisation launched in 1999. Now with nearly 100 staff around the country, current chief executive Brett Murray says it has a proud legacy of making construction a safer industry in which to work.



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