

## Leadership changes for Construction Safety Council

**The Construction Safety Council of New Zealand (CSC NZ) has appointed Roger McRae as its new chair of the governance board.**

Currently Managing Director of McConnell Dowell's New Zealand and Pacific business, Roger



took the new position on 13 April 2017. He succeeds David Kelly (CEO, Registered Master Builders) who stood down after having chaired the board for around two and a half years.

The new board chair appointment comes as part of a wider move by the Council to refresh its strategic direction to better support the Construction Industry, and to align to the WorkSafe/ACC joint strategy to target improvements in health and safety across all forms of construction in New Zealand.

“I would like to acknowledge the efforts of my predecessor David Kelly, who has put in a significant amount of energy and effort to get CSC to where it is today,” says Roger.

“The Construction Safety Council is looking to help the industry by focusing on issues in construction such as worker competence, critical health risks, and assistance to small businesses.”

“My focus will now be to further improve our efforts through a revised governance and delivery structure. We have already appointed a new full-time General Manager for CSC and ConstructSafe.”



Jon Harper-Slade started as General Manager, CSC NZ and ConstructSafe on 8 May 2017.

“I am really excited to take up this great opportunity with CSC and ConstructSafe. My passion for health and safety is through helping people to be healthy and safe. Working with CSC and ConstructSafe there is opportunity to provide help and support to a large number of people and organisations across the whole construction Industry,” says Jon.

“My initial focus will be to find opportunities to further develop the ConstructSafe scheme and to reach out to others in the industry to see how we can collaborate to make our industry a safer and healthier place to work. ConstructSafe is particularly interested in talking to construction clients about the benefits of the scheme and helping them mandate it as the industry standard for health and safety competence.”

You can read more about the Construction Safety Council and ConstructSafe at [https://  
www.constructionsafetycouncil.co.nz/](https://www.constructionsafetycouncil.co.nz/)

*The Construction Safety Council (CSC NZ), as the peak body for health and safety in New Zealand Construction, works to provide a healthier and safer environment for all of our people – from helping boost capability with the ConstructSafe Scheme, to providing help to small businesses.*