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Wow, where did the year go? With the last month of the year upon us – and hopefully a stunning summer – this will be my final column for 2019.

There isn't much to comment on that I and others haven't done so in past newsletters, but I'll do my best to raise the bar (excuse the pun).

The Council had a meeting last month where we discussed the Association's and industry's achievements, as well as the challenges that have arisen.

While we haven't made any more progress on those obstacles, we're confident their journeys will come to end in the new year.

However, with this in mind, another concern has piqued our interest – mainly, Sitesafe's work with Construction Health & Safety NZ (CHASNZ) around the variations in requirements for people to gain access to sites and other construction work areas.

As you will know this has meant an undesirable duplicate of costs, especially for an industry that lives and breaths health and safety procedures every waking moment.

Two draft guides have been developed for consultation with industry, which can be found [here](#). But as the submission closure date was November 30, we were unable to submit our thoughts.

Nevertheless, we will keep you updated on its progress in future newsletters as more information comes to light.

In other regulatory-like news, a Temporary Works forum (NZ) has been established to encourage open discussion on any matter related to Temporary Works, for the benefit of the construction industry.

For more information, visit this [link](#).

On a lighter note, I'd like to thank every CANZ Member and those within the industry for their invaluable work and dedication throughout the year.

To those in the CANZ office, Sally Dunbar and Robyn Grooby, as well as our Councillors, thank you for your relentless efforts to keep the Association on the straight and narrow.

And as we move into the festive season – and while I know this is preached to you all the time – please be safe out there. Remember to stay hydrated in the heat, watch out for fatigue and work safely.

Happy and safe holidays to you all – until next year.

Tony Gibson  
CANZ President

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