

# STANZ

## ROLE OF STANZ

**Science Technicians Association of New Zealand (STANZ)** is a National organization which represents the professional interests of all Science Technicians in Secondary schools and Technicians involved in Teacher Education.

STANZ can fairly claim to be the voice of secondary school Technicians at all levels, in New Zealand.

STANZ is a standing committee of the New Zealand Association of Science Educators. [NZASE]

## VISION STATEMENT:

STANZs aim is to promote and strengthen the role of the Science Technician.

## PURPOSE OF THE ORGANISATION:

- To identify the on-going professional development needs of Science Technicians and promoting the provision of relevant professional development opportunities for all members;
- To encourage and promote links with the wider science and technology community by obtaining support and financial assistance for existing programmes and for the development of new initiatives to benefit science and technology;
- To provide information and advice to Science Technicians on resources, methods and systems
- To provide professional stimulation of Science Technicians through opportunities for sharing professional ideas and opinions;
- To provide opportunities for Science Technicians to interact with other Science Technicians internationally through representation at overseas conferences and local Science and Technology Events.
- To be available to consult with the Ministry of Education and other Government agencies on matters concerning Science Technicians.
- To promote safe work practices and environments as required by the HSNO Act [Hazardous Substance and New Organism] CoP [Code of Practice] and Health and Safety [Employment Act]
- To promote SCITECH  
The biennial conference of STANZ is organized and hosted by regional Science Technicians and provides a unique professional development experience for Science Technicians.

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