



Staying on track

I recently caught a real train - the Alpine Express from Christchurch to Greymouth - and it was a fantastic experience I'd recommend to anyone.

I was travelling across to the West Coast to engage with the alluvial gold operators there on a Code of Practice for the sector. It's too early to say much more but it's heartening to see our industry stepping up to the plate on a voluntary basis. We see much the same thing with training, such as AB Lime in Southland, which we visited during the QuarryNZ conference, which has supported two young women to achieve their Level 2 qualifications; now Abbey and Ella are moving, with a bunch of others, into their quarrying apprenticeships - see the story in our second carriage.



Invercargill beckoned once again recently - (I must have now hardened up since arriving from Brisbane two years ago) - for the latest MinEx/WorkSafe workshops. There's still a few to go - details later in Train Brain.

We have also been able to get up a second technical seminar after the success of last year's initial one for electrical and mechanical people who work in quarries and mines. You can jump onboard inside.

Another issue we cover in this Train Brain are micro-credentials; these assist secondary school pupils who have an interest in mining and quarrying as a job or career by providing a transition from school to work. Dig that out further on.

Our final article records the departure from MinEx of the ever-cheerful and dependable Lynley. We will miss her - but the train has to roll on.

Stay warm and stay safe



Wayne Scott
CEO MinEx and AQA

Having the drive for training

“I love working on big gear’ says Abbey Loveridge. She works at AB Lime in Southland driving excavators, loaders and surface miners. Abbey had the chance to get off the machinery during the QuarryNZ conference and go on stage with her colleague Ella Nelson to receive their Level 2 certificates for having acquired the basic skills and knowledge required to work at a surface extraction site.

The two young women are now doing the extractive apprenticeships. As well the pair are studying for their B Grade CoC.

There are now over 30 people who have taken up the apprenticeships being run by MITO.

If you are an employer keen to explore the scheme - or interested yourself in learning more about the extractive apprenticeship, office@minex.org.nz, and we will link you up with the local MITO representative.



Ella Nelson and Abbey Loveridge - getting to drive big machinery just part of the training learning curve

Remember to keep all evidence of CPD activities in case you are asked to provide evidence when you apply for renewal of your CoC



Southland turns them out



At the most recent MinEx/WorkSafe workshops across two days in Invercargill we had more than 40 attend - so that's a solid result and a good signal of the value these workshops are providing.

I've even had an inquiry from a guy who installs swimming pools to attend. Seems there's nothing provided in that sector which shares some of the issues we face - the use of heavy machinery, voids, big weights dangled from above, and of course the shared risks of many

workplaces such as slips, trips and falls.

All up we've already had 300 people attend. WorkSafe is co-hosting these workshops, which focus on Operating and Safety Systems, Emergency Management, Leadership and Legislation.

We have just five to go:

- Greymouth - September 19
- North Canterbury - Sept 25
- Ngaruawahia - October 16
- Taumarunui- October 17
- Whakatane - November 7

The MinEx NZ App makes it easy for you to register, get information, receive printouts, certificates etc. Details below.

\$100 + GST to attend and you MUST register.

For registrations download the App from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Also - a huge thanks to our 2019 workshop sponsors



Micro-credentials a new way to learn



MinEx is developing with MITO a new programme to assist secondary school students with an interest in mining and quarrying to transition from school to work. They will spend one day per week for up to 10 weeks in a mine or quarry to gain experience and complete their assessments for two units. These micro-credentials are across a range of Level Two competencies for theory eLearning and practical

workplace learning; for example, being able to follow safety and emergency procedures or use PPE properly.

A similar programme is already being operated by MITO as the ShiftUp programme in the road

transport sector.

This works in partnership with secondary schools and local businesses - so we will need support from quarries. Unit standards completed for ShiftUp can be used towards the next step in a MITO traineeship. Upon completion of this programme, students achieve the ShiftUp Micro-credential (Level 2, 18 credits), approved by NZQA and listed on their NZQA Record of Achievement. ShiftUp can also be completed via the existing Gateway programme for 18 credits.

If you know of a youngster who might be interested in some work experience in extractives - or you are prepared to support someone - please let us know. office@minex.org.nz

Calling the 'others'

Last year, MinEx acknowledged there are a bunch of people working in mines and quarries who were not really being catered for; so we ran an Electrical workshop and a Mechanical workshop over consecutive days.

We are doing much the same this year except the content will be more general and we are widening the intended audience to include people such as supervisors, specialists (in areas such as ventilation) and CoC holders with particular interests.



The Russley Golf Club in Christchurch is again the venue, with the Electrical workshop on Wednesday November 20, hosted again by Lionel Smith, Chairman of Australia's Mine Electrical Safety Association.

The Mechanical/Mine Supervisor workshop the following day, Thursday November 21 with a keynote address on Mine Manager expectations from Matt Hine of OceanaGold, a session on dealing with asbestos in the workplace from Alex Wood of Progressive Risk Management, plus sessions on leadership, technical issues and safety culture.

Both workshops run from 8am to 4pm and we will have a networking function on the first day with all attendees from both days invited.

The cost of each workshop is just \$110 + GST and you get 6 hours CPD for each day attended.

[Register here](#)



It is a good idea to record your CPD formal and informal hours every time CPD is done.

It only takes a few minutes!

HASANZ Scholarship



Applications are now open for the 2019 HASANZ Scholarship Programme.

The HASANZ Scholarship Programme was established in 2018 to encourage further education in work health and safety to help build the capability and capacity of New Zealand's professional health and safety workforce. Scholarships are awarded annually.

HASANZ Scholarships include a financial contribution of up to \$5,000 each year for up to two years, practical learning and professional mentoring. Applications for 2019 Scholarships will close on **2 September**. [Learn more about the scholarships.](#)

WorkSafe seeks new Inspector

WorkSafe are looking for a Specialist Health and Safety Inspector (Quarries). If you would like:

- to use your quarrying expertise and knowledge
- to support positive health and safety changes in extractives
- a permanent position based in Christchurch or Dunedin

then [download further information here](#).

Lynley boards a new train



For the last three years, Lynley Lewis has been the conductor for MinEx.

Our small team, especially me, has relied on her to keep us on track; she's booked me everywhere (train included), organised all our safety publications, answered your emails and calls, been mother hen in the office - and helped put together Train Brain.

A new opportunity has beckoned with the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) so it's their gain and our collective loss.

On behalf of all Train Brainers, thanks Lynley - and here's hoping your career keeps rolling.

ACT Safety Courses

ACT Safety run A & B Grade, CPD and Oral Exam courses all over New Zealand.

Here are some of the CoC courses scheduled for the next few months. You can all the A and B-Grade courses and view the [full schedule here](#)



Oral Preparation

Auckland 1 November

Risk Management - US 28983

Auckland 2-3 September

Waipukurau 7-8 October

Incident Investigation - US 28983

Auckland 14-15 October

CPD: Legislation, Safety Operating Systems, Leadership, Emergency Management

Auckland 18-19 September

Dunedin 21-22 November

Waipukurau 19-20 November

Check it out on the [ACT Safety website](#) or download the [full schedule](#)

For more information, contact Irene Volschenk on 09 270 9592

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IOQNZ Seminars, Meetings and Webinars

IOQNZ Seminars, meetings and webinars are open to anyone to attend - you do not have to be a member of IOQNZ. Simply follow the link below to register.



Webinars/Courses

[Effective Risk Management](#) - 2 September

[Hazard and Risk Identification Principles](#) - 9 September

[Mental Health in the Workplace - What can you do?](#) - 28 September

2019 NZ Study Tour with Paul Sutton - 14 to 23 October

[Principles of Emergency Management Planning & Response](#) - 25 October

Meetings

[Otago/Southland Branch Meeting](#) - 12 September, 6pm - 9pm

For more information, contact [Petrina Torstonson](#).

Remember to confirm your oral exam appointment two weeks before the date!

If you don't you might lose your slot :-0



Mines Rescue courses

CoC training

Workplace Emergency Management Plans US 16810

Auckland - October 1-3

Mining Legislation Advanced US 7142

Auckland - September

Auckland - November

Coordinated Incident Management US 17279 & 22445

Auckland - October

Auckland - December



See the [North Island](#), [South Island](#) and [SSE schedule](#).

Individual programmes

Remember Mines Rescue can set you up with an individual programme which can be conducted at a distance by phone or skype and have been exceptionally successful at helping participants to attain their CoC.

For more information contact [Colin McDonnell](#) or call (03) 7627828.

MITO mining and quarrying training

Visit the [MITO website](#) for details on qualifications and courses you can do through MITO, or [download the fact sheet](#) for more information

Contact MITO on 0800 88 21 21 to enrol.



Tai Poutini Courses

Tai Poutini Polytechnic currently have A Grade and B Grade courses running in Gore, Greymouth, Christchurch, Hamilton and Palmerston North with enrolments accepted all year.

Students may be eligible for free fees, see more information [here](#).

[View the 2019 schedule here](#) and contact Nicole Scalmer on 03 769 9645 or nicoles@tpp.ac.nz



If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Train Brain email office@minex.org.nz and we'll help keep their training on track



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