



Welcome to the 2017 Winter MinEx newsletter

It's been a big half year to date.

MinEx has appointed a new CEO. Expatriate Kiwi Wayne Scott returns from many years in Australia to take up his new role next month. Wayne's background includes some solid quarrying experience and considerable experience as an inspector for the Queensland state government, assisting small mine operators to meet their safety and health obligations. Wayne is well known to many in the quarry sector in NZ, and he takes up the role on July 1st.



A special note of appreciation to all in the quarry and mining sectors who have stepped up to the plate and committed the funds to allow this important appointment to be made.

MinEx would like to thank Bernie Napp, Straterra's Policy Manager and writer extraordinaire for his contribution to MinEx as he moves on from his role in Straterra, and welcomes Josh O'Rourke to the fold. Josh has a strong policy background and we look forward to seeing his valuable input into MinEx's H&S

work.



And just to make things interesting, MinEx's future is part of a major review that is gathering speed within the extractive sector. Some of our major funders are making clear they see benefits in having a peak organisation to represent quarries and mines – and bring together the various efforts of Straterra, AQA, MinEx, and the Coal Association.

We welcome that initiative. It makes a lot of sense to have one well resourced organisation with the capability to do the policy and technical analysis required to drive change. Any such changes in our sector are, however, a work in progress, and in the meantime there's much to do.

Last but not least, the new CEO of WorkSafe Nicole Rosie recently met a joint AQA/IOQ meeting, and I met with her shortly after that. I was impressed with her assessment of some of the issues we face in the extractive sector – and her understanding of the representation challenge we are addressing through the peak organisation proposal.

Of particular note, she is signalling a focus on fatal and serious injuries – and that's first up in this newsletter.

Stay warm and safe

Chris Baker
Chair, MinEx

WorkSafe CEO points to new focus

Nicole Rosie brings 20-years in the business sector to her new role as CEO of WorkSafe. As the first appointee not from a regulatory background, Nicole Rosie has begun indicating to the extractive sector that her focus will be on reducing Fatal and Serious Injuries (FSI).

Currently, MinEx, for one, reports regularly on the Total Recordable Injuries (TRI) and Total Recordable Injuries Frequency Rate (TRIFR). There has been a view that if you reduce all injuries, you reduce fatal and serious injuries.

Nicole Rosie has alerted industry to an American study which in fact suggests that while injury rates are falling, fatality rates are increasing.



MinEx is itself now digesting this study, and our new CEO will assess implications for our Business Plan and priorities. [You can view it here.](#)

Meanwhile, WorkSafe signalling tougher approach?

WorkSafe has recently noted publicly that its patience may be wearing thin with those quarries which don't have, as now required, a Certificate of Competence in place.

Here's what it is saying:

Operators of quarries in New Zealand had until the start of 2017 to gain their Certificates of Competence. However, a number of people didn't meet the deadline and now no longer hold CoCs.



WorkSafe's quarry inspection team has been working with the sector to ensure there are no CoC-related compliance issues. This also applies where a manager may not have yet completed the CoC process. It is possible in these cases that enforcement action may be initiated to ensure the relevant CoC is granted within a set period, but only when the risk is adequately managed at the given site.

When this is deemed to be not the case, affected operators will be required to appoint another appropriately certified Manager, or, Prohibition Notices could be issued ceasing work until the WorkSafe inspector is satisfied an adequately qualified person is appointed.

The message appears to be that if you are not at least pursuing efforts to get a COC in place, you face being shut down.

New quarry template may help

MinEx has produced a new template designed to assist small quarries, in particular, to meet their health and safety obligations.

Supported by the AQA and IOQNZ, MinEx has produced an H&S template, which provides the outline of a health and safety management system.

It allows you to follow the guidelines and develop and document a management system to help you safely manage your quarry. For those with a management system already in place, the MinEx template can be used to identify and fill any gaps or shortcomings.



HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TEMPLATE

MinEx encourages quarries to work with the template over the next few months and provide any feedback, so the template can be improved as we build knowledge and experience. The template will be formally launched at the QuarryNZ conference in July by our new CEO Wayne Scott.

[Find the template here](#) or on the [MinEx website](#).

Quarry NZ Conference

Auckland

19th - 21st July 2017

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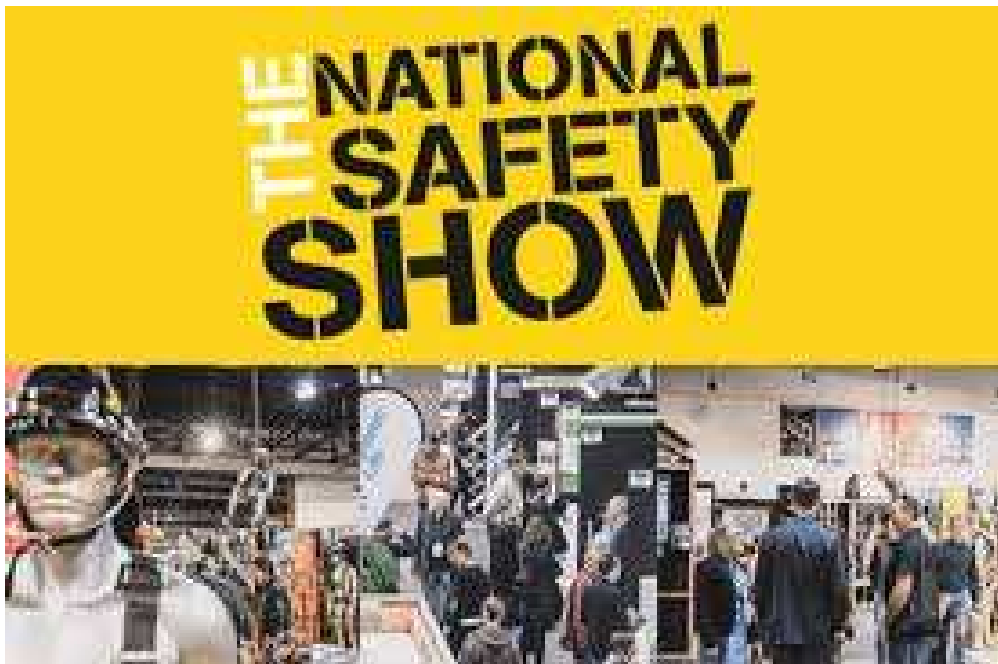
**Featuring the release of the Health and Safety Management template
presented by the new MinEx CEO Wayne Scott**

MITO Industry Summit

The fifth MITO Industry Summit was held on 31 May in Wellington bringing together MITO's stakeholders from their industry associations, key corporate employers and government officials for a day of engaging speakers and networking with the MITO Board and senior managers.

The theme was 'The ART of Tackling Skills Shortages' (Attract, Recruit, Train). [Click here](#) for more information and takeaway messages.

The National Safety Show



25 – 27 June 2017

ASB Showgrounds Auckland

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