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Get on board, we are rolling

This Train Brain rolls out from chilly Invercargill, where last week there was a warm welcome to the biggest-ever QuarryNZ conference, with no fewer than 630 delegates, partners and trade display people.

It's a whopping tribute to the ongoing growth of the extractive sector; we are all part of a rolling national success story - like the vintage trucks at the Transport World venue for the Gough Cat opening night dinner.



Wayne Scott and wife Vicki at Transport World

Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister Shane Jones reassured the conference just how important our industry is to the nation because nothing is built without extractives, along with a vow that he is our sector's champion in the Beehive. We will hold him to that.

Shane Jones also emphasised that for sectors like ours, training needs to be incentivised as a learn while you earn approach, even while some rationalisation is needed in the vocational sector. Big ups from me on that message.

Recently, I engaged Keri Harrison, one of our first mentors under the scheme we've established for the extractive industry, to do some mentoring for quarries in central/southern Hawkes Bay. In this Train Brain, read about how she got John Higgins through his B Grade oral exam on his third attempt.

I'm now engaging Keri to help the alluvial gold sector to develop a Code of Practice for Alluvial Gold Mining. MinEx and AQA have already helped Canterbury quarries develop a Code of Practice and I'm convinced that these codes will help lift health and safety outcomes as well as delivering improved environmental results.

Read also about IOQNZ's successes with its expanding professional development training having recruited former IOQ Australia chief executive Paul Sutton as Educational Officer. As Paul notes, this is only possible because of IOQNZ's collaboration with kindred organisations including MinEx, AQA and MITO.

Note too, how MITO is now further lifting its game with plans to add Level 4 qualifications from next month along with emerging micro-credentials that can see secondary school students put on a pathway to an extractive industry career. Expect to hear more on that shortly.

And don't forget there are still seven more MinEx workshops to run this year, starting in Invercargill on August 20 and 21. See details in this Train Brain.

Stay warm and stay safe



Wayne Scott
CEO MinEx and AQA

Keri provides the golden touch

Keri Harrison was one of the first to support the MinEx mentoring scheme and she's helped many others since - and she's really chuffed with her latest success.

MinEx funded Keri to travel up and spend a couple of days in Central Hawkes Bay, assisting Dave Olsen from Prenters and John Higgins from Barker Contractors.

John had previously twice failed his oral exam. Keri found John was a very experienced operator with all the technical knowledge but his confidence had been dented.

She visited his quarry site and worked with him and Dave over a day, using two pages of graphics and refreshing their understanding of what oral exams required. On her return home to Canterbury, she followed up with a Skype meeting a couple of days before John's third oral exam attempt.

A text from his boss after the exam included a photo of John holding his B Grade CoC, followed by him sharing their delight with Keri by a Skype call.



"Out of everybody I've coached and taught, this would be the most satisfying. He knew all the answers - it was just a case of getting it out of him."

Keri acknowledges the support provided by MinEx and by Charlene Donald from WorkSafe.

Her next MinEx assignment is to go to the West Coast next month and work with alluvial gold miners to develop a Code of Practice framework document. May her golden touch continue.

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



A house with many rooms



In a little over a year, Paul Sutton reckons he's helped lift IOQNZ so it now has over 1 in 5 of its 500+ members doing some form of professional development through IOQ programmes; by next year he wants 2 in 5 to have participated in IOQ programmes.

While his own experiences as an educator and then IOQ Australia CEO are useful, Paul is a great believer in collaboration; that a lot of material already exists for training if only you ask for it.

I was able to provide him with an Emergency Management PDP; he taps into some IOQ

Australia webinars; and he sees several 'rooms' collaborating within the home which provide the components for good training.

- MITO - the industry qualifications room
- MinEx - the room for H&S.
- AQA - the advocacy room

- WorkSafe - the regulatory room
- IOQNZ - the room for training and CPD for the extractives sector.

Paul also provides some impressive follow-on services.

He will put all your formal and informal CPD learnings across the four required competencies into an Excel sheet for you.

“If you don’t have the time in your busy lives, I’d prefer you do the CPD rather than the administration.”

And when you do some training with him, he always follows up with an email the next day and subsequent days if unanswered. He says checking on what people have actually learned from a webinar helps ensure the training remains relevant.

Contact Paul at +61 429 438554 paul@foresighttd.com.au

Mental health intervention after webinar

One of Paul Sutton’s webinars, dealing with mental health, saw an inspiring story shared at the QuarryNZ Conference.

Isaacs Construction quarry manager Adam Waite did the webinar and provided his workers with Paul’s mental health self-assessment tool at the pre-start the following day; any use was voluntary.



An hour later one of his staff asked to talk; he’d filled in the self-assessment and worked out he was depressed. Adam asked what was up and the worker opened up about his unhappy personal life. Adam organised for him to see a counsellor and the worker is now in a much better place. “I keep checking on him but he’s pretty good so far.”

Paul says he knows sometimes CPD can look ‘bloody annoying’ but you need to think about the outcome for that worker if he didn’t have the tools to assess his mental state.

Need a Quarry Conference Certificate for your CPD?

If you need proof of your CPD from a past QuarryNZ Conference, MinEX can help you out.

We can send you an attendance certificate from QuarryNZ Conference 2016, 2017 and 2018. If you would like a copy of your certificate emailed to you, contact us at office@minex.org.nz



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

It only takes a few minutes!

Seven workshops to go



Our regional workshops resume with two successive days in Invercargill on August 20 and 21. These are run in two half-day sessions (on the same day) with a focus on Operating and Safety Systems, Emergency Management, Leadership and Legislation. WorkSafe co-hosts the workshops and they run to November.

You can pick up 8 CPD hours, sufficient to meet your ongoing yearly formal requirements to maintain a B Grade CoC. After Invercargill we have workshops in:

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

- Ngaruawahia - October 16

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 Get the App (see below)

Also - a huge thanks to our 2019 workshop sponsors



Get the App



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If you are planning to attend one of the 7 workshops still to run (next in Invercargill on August 20 and 21), get the MinEx app from the App Store or Google Play.

This will give you maps to the venue, you can download presentations, check in is easy and so much more.

Here's where to download ...

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

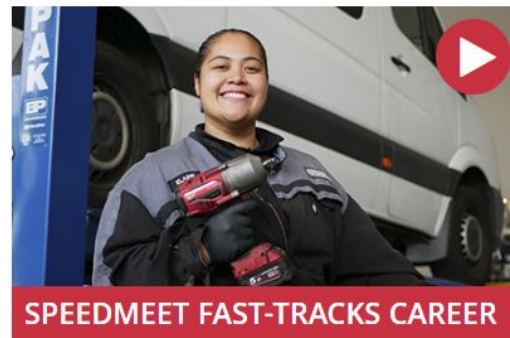
If you don't you might lose your slot :-0



SpeedMeet 2019 - can you take part?

Looking for new talent for your business? MITO are looking for employers in the extractive industry to take part in the Got a Trade? Got it Made! SpeedMeets over August and September.

Every six minutes you'll meet with a secondary school student for a mini-interview, speed-dating style. At the end, note whether you'd like to meet with them again, the student does the same, and it could be a match. From there, MITO share with you their contact details for a follow-up meeting.



There are SpeedMeets all around the country. For more information visit <https://www.mito.org.nz/news/speedmeet-2019/>

HSAW and MOQO Regulations Workshops



Marshall Mining are hosting workshops to provide senior mine site leadership with the skills and knowledge to assist effective implementation of the NZ Health & Safety at Work Act and Regulations at their mining operation.

Westport - August 5/6

Invercargill - August 8/9

North Island - September TBA

For more information and to register visit <https://www.marshallmining.com/workshops>

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 view the [full schedule here](#)



Risk Management - US 28983

Waipukurau 30-31 July

Auckland 2-3 September

Incident Investigation - US 16686

Waipukurau 1-2 August

Inspect, Review, Stockpiles & Storage - US 7143, 7144, 8899, 15663

Auckland 8-9 August

Auckland 16-17 September

Planning Rehabilitation Operations - US 21151

Auckland 24-25 October

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

[Specifications](#) - 1 August

[Test Methods](#) - 19 August

Mental Health in the Workplace - What can you do? - 28 August

Jim Macdonald Memorial Lecture Tour - 14 to 23 October TBC

Emergency Management CPD Course - November TBC

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

Mines Rescue courses

CoC training

Risk Management US 28983

Auckland - 30 - 31 July

Gases US 21281

Waihi - August - September

Basic Ventilation US 17705

Waihi - October

Mining Legislation Advanced US 7142

Auckland - November

Legislation US 28742

Christchurch - August



More courses and dates in the [North Island](#) and [South Island](#) schedules.

Site Senior Executive courses

If you are a SSE, check out the [Mines Rescue SSE schedule](#) as the key units are only offered once every year due to the low demand.

Mechanical & Electrical COC programmes

These are rolling programmes that can be joined at any time. Check the [North Island](#) and [South Island](#) schedules for details

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



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