

November 2018[View this email in your browser](#)

Last train of the year

Welcome to the final Train Brain for 2018.

As we roll towards the end of the year, MinEx is already locked and loaded for 20 workshops in 2019.

I'm really appreciative that our MinEx Board has ticked off the provision of these regional workshops that will start in Palmerston North in February and come to a halt in Whakatane on November 7. Three centres which have never hosted a MinEx workshop will be on the calendar next year - Rotorua, North Canterbury and Taumaranui. See dates and details in the next item.

The workshops are a one-stop way as a B Grade



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CoC to get all your CPD hours ticked off in one day. We look at other options in this Train Brain.

We also signal the areas where we will be producing booklets and one-page fact sheets for you and your staff during 2019. One of those will be on fatigue. And as our working year draws towards a close and the break we all need, just do be aware this is also one of our times of most risk; tired people make more mistakes.

So as we approach Christmas please stay on top of the most important measure of all; keeping ourselves and our workers safe.

Thanks for all you've done this year to lift our overall performance.

Enjoy the coming break and stay safe - on-site and off.

Best Christmas wishes

Wayne Scott
Chief Executive
MinEx

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New format, more benefits

For 2019, we've changed the format for our MinEx workshops. They now run in two half day sessions (on the same day). The focus will be on Operating and Safety systems, Emergency Management, Leadership and Legislation.

I'm also pleased to announce we will have an app to make it easy to

register/get information, handouts etc (this will be ready to go live in mid-December.

It's also great to have WorkSafe coming on board to co-host the workshops which will run from February to November - mostly two a month.

The first workshop will be run in **Palmerston North** on February 20, followed by: **Blenheim** Feb 25, **Nelson** Feb 26, there's workshops on March 12 & 20 in **Waipukurau** and **Dunedin**, **Gisborne** and **Cromwell** on April 10 and 17, **Ashburton** on May 1, **Paeora** and **Rotorua** June 5 and 6, **Kerikeri** and **Dargaville** on July 2 and 3, two workshops in **Invercargill** on August 20 and 21, **Greymouth** hosts on 19 September and the first in **North Canterbury** is held September 25, **Hamilton** hosts one on October 16 and **Taumarunui** gets its first on October 17, with **Whakatane** getting the last scheduled workshop on November 7. More details to come soon.



Hands up to attend one of the 20 workshops like those planned in 2019.

How to knock out your CPD



If you are a B-Grade CoC, which requires 8 hours of formal training in a year, the simplest way to clock up those hours next year is to attend one of MinEx's regional workshops. Done and dusted.

If you are unable to get to one of those workshops, here's some other suggestions to achieve or at least contribute to your CPD hours in 2019.

- Attend conferences such as the QuarryNZ conference and [NZ Minerals Forum](#)
- Log in to [IOQNZ Webinars](#)
- Attend [IOQNZ](#) or [AQA](#) branch meetings and AGMs
- [WorkSafe seminars](#)
- Formal training through training providers.

Field trips can also earn you CPD hours. You can claim two field trips of two hours each year.



Worker health and dust

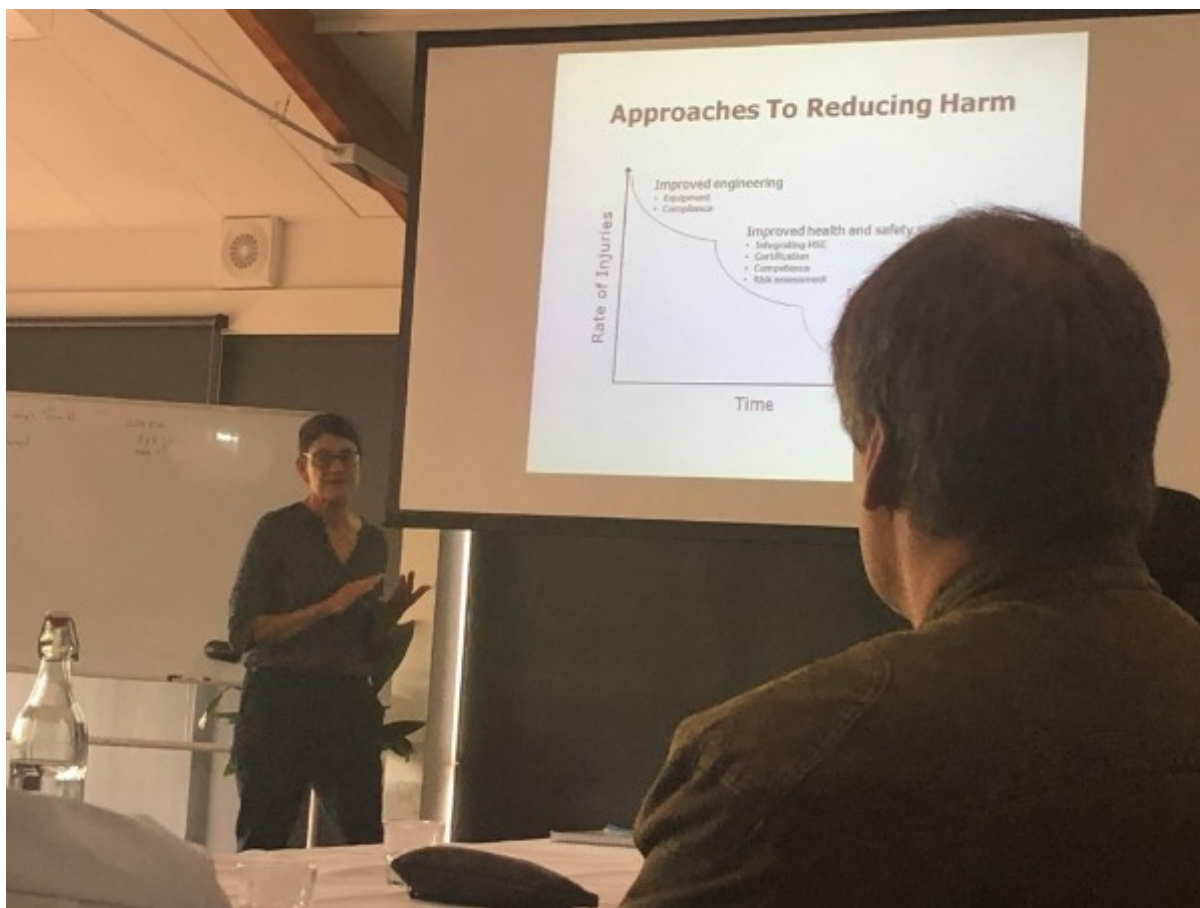
We are aware that the provision of simple-to-absorb information is a key requirement in our sector. We've been working to produce booklets and fact sheets on single topics, designed for the smoko room or taking home. So far we've produced fact sheets on Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS), worker well-being, whole body vibration and drugs/alcohol. All of these are available to [download here](#).



More recently we've produced a [booklet on Slope Stability](#) - copies available on request (office@minex.org.nz).

MinEx is producing more booklets and fact sheets in 2019. There will be booklets on Mental Health and Dust Management. A fact sheet on dealing with fatigue will be the first produced in the New Year.

Nice to get some sparky feedback



Dr Hillary Bennett presenting at the MinEx workshops

With little opportunity for CPD for specialist CoC holders, MinEx held a course run over two days for electricians and mechanical superintendents last week in Christchurch. The numbers - 16 attending the Electricians Workshop and 27 were at the Mechanical Workshop - showed the value.

And to top it all we got this unsolicited feedback from Darren Eyre (OceanaGold).

I would just like to say thanks and give feedback that I found the seminar very interesting and took a great deal from the content and discussion with the team that attended. I have worked in the mining industry and other associated heavy industry for a number of years but only got my CoC recently and only took the role as superintendent on the 1st of October so really appreciated the advice and content of the seminar.

It would be a good idea to somehow get the register of electrical superintendents in New Zealand and make the get together an annual thing it is up to us to drive our industry in the best and safest way possible.

Thanks again to yourself and MINEX for the day.

Kind regards.

Darren

Thanks Darren. Next year's 2-day workshop will concentrate on more interactive sharing of solutions to common problems, innovation and best practice, and contractor management.



If you have earned more CPD hours than you need this year - you can carry some over to next year

Prep for your oral with Mines Rescue

While Mines Rescue is providing less formal prep courses it is providing a lot of individual sessions for people who are seeking A Grades or specialist CoCs such as Mechanical & Electrical Supers and SSEs.



The individual programmes 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.

Mines Rescue courses

See the schedules below for complete lists.

Extractives Health and Safety - US 28742*Greymouth - 5-6 December***Extractives Legislation & Regulations - US 7142***Auckland - 11-14 December***Practical Risk Management for Extractives & Civil Construction***Auckland - 1 day course - December***Reviewing Emergency Plans***Greymouth - 1 day course - December***Ventilation for Underground Mine and Tunnel Managers***Greymouth - 1 day course - December*[North Island Schedule](#)[South Island Schedule](#)

For more details email [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.

Courses coming up include:

Risk Assessment - US 28983*Dunedin - 18-19 December*

See the [full schedule here](#). Contact MITO on 0800 88 21 21 to enrol.

You need to keep a logbook of your CPD
[You can keep one online](#) - or [download one here](#)



ACT Safety Courses

ACT Safety run A & B Grade, CPD and Oral Exam courses all over New Zealand. Here are the CoC courses scheduled for the rest of 2018.



For A Grade and B Grade courses, see the schedules below.

Risk Management - Unit Standard 28983

Auckland 10-11 December

Cambridge 11-12 March & 3-4 April

Waipukurau 19-20 March

Christchurch 28-29 March

Incident Investigation - Unit Standard 16686

Cambridge 11-12 February

Waipukurau 11-12 April

Christchurch 29-30 April

Minimising environmental Impacts- Unit Standards 21154 & 21156

Palmerston North 7-8 February

Waipukurau 19-20 February

Christchurch 27-28 February

Cambridge 4-5 March

Safety plans for surface face and benching operations, etc - Unit Standards 8902, 8905, 8909 & 8922

Waipukurau 3-4 December

Christchurch 10-11 December

Cambridge 4-5 March

Check it out on the [ACT Safety website](#) or download the [CoC schedule](#) or [B grade schedule](#).

For more information, contact Irene Volschenk on 09 270 9592 or dianne@actsafety.co.nz

Tai Poutini Courses

Here's the courses running at Tai Poutini Polytechnic for the remainder of

2018. Programmes are currently held in Gore, Greymouth, Christchurch, Hamilton and Palmerston North with enrolments accepted all year.



December

Management of Environmental Effects - US 21154, 21155, 21156
Legislation US 28742 and/or 7142
Plant Selection US 15658 & 25878

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

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their training on track*



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