



Exciting times ahead

First up, I wish to report that while I am continuing as CEO of MinEx, I have also taken on the dual role as Chief Executive of the AQA - Aggregate and Quarry Association, starting next week.

In the year and a quarter since I returned from Australia to take up the job with MinEx I have had a unique opportunity to see all the issues confronting the quarry sector.

As you will know, I have already widened my role by pushing for such things as an extractives apprenticeship scheme and been an advocate for sound and practical environmental policies.

In taking on the AQA job, I will still be intimately involved in health and safety - and I will be supported by extra resourcing in both roles.

If I wasn't confident that with that support I could do justice to the dual roles, I wouldn't

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have put my hat in the ring.

While there are particular synergies for the quarry sector, I assure those of you in the alluvial and mining industry that I will still be looking out for you.

Anyway, words are one thing, actions are another.

Let's get this issue of Train Brain rolling - and let's work to support each other across the extractives sector.

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There won't be too many more quiet moments like this one, shared with outgoing AQA CEO Roger Parton at July's QuarryNZ conference.

MITO gets apprenticeships moving

MinEx, with huge support from the extractive sector, now has 35 apprentices in waiting. But we can't do it by ourselves. Our industry training



organisation [MITO has been getting the necessary scoping and development work underway](#). In fact, the first steps are expected next month and I thank MITO for their efforts in completing this work.

The work centres on creating a programme leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (First-line Supervision) (Level 4) with a strand in surface mining.

This programme will form part of an apprenticeship pathway for learners, who will first need to complete the New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (Level 2) qualification.

MITO is redeveloping an existing Level 2 programme so you can do it as online tutorial-based delivery. It is anticipated that a first cohort of learners will start the Level 2 programme during October. They will be doing online theory assessment and practical assessment tasks carried out in the workplace with supervisor verification.

An Extractives Reference Group, specifically formed to provide subject matter expertise, will meet with MITO early October to confirm the unit standard content of the Level 4 surface strand. This programme will include the unit standard requirements for the new site specific CoC.

For more details on becoming an apprentice, download the [apprenticeship information sheet](#).

And there's scholarships as well!



MITO is offering a range of scholarships for those in the extractive industry who want to pursue studies next year.

It invites applications for 2019 scholarships in the following categories:

1. KickStart - for fulltime employees, or those with an offer of fulltime employment. Up to 25 scholarships available.
2. KickStart Māori and Pasifika - available to fulltime employees, or those with an offer of fulltime employment; who are of Māori or Pasifika ethnicity. Up to seven scholarships available.
3. Business Skills - available to current or aspiring managers or supervisors in one of MITO's industries. Up to 15 scholarships available.
4. Business Skills Māori and Pasifika - available to current or aspiring managers or supervisors in one of MITO's industries; who are of Māori or Pasifika ethnicity. Up to 15 scholarships available.
5. MITO Alumni - available to anyone that has already completed a qualification at Level 4 or above through MITO and wishes to continue their studies while working.

Applications are now open and close 14 December with successful candidates advised by the end of January.

Full details and applications at <https://www.mito.org.nz/news/apply-for-a-2019-mito-scholarship/>.

Blair climbs into in second apprenticeship

Blair Frampton is a reminder that apprenticeships are not just for school leavers or those in their early twenties.

After a doing a mechanical apprenticeship on leaving school and working in a garage, Blair ended up going back onto the land and then working in a quarry.

Earlier this year he moved to Christchurch Ready Mix Concrete which was keen to support his interest in doing a second apprenticeship.

At 33, Blair already has a B Grade CoC and sees his quarrying apprenticeship leading on to his A Grade and perhaps future qualifications as well.

He currently alternates between being Quarries Plant Tech Head Operator at the Belfast site or driving a loader and operating mobile plant on other sites.

While most of those applying for Extractives sector apprenticeships are up to their mid-twenties, MinEx is keen to encourage those who already have some life experience or other skills.

- Hook onto details about the Extractives apprenticeship scheme by downloading our [apprenticeship information sheet](#).



TrainTip - Filling in a logbook for your CoC

When applying for a CoC you need the following experience:

- **A Grade Quarry** - Minimum of 2 years working in a quarry or opencast mine
- **B Grade Quarry** - Minimum of 2 years working in quarry or opencast mine.



The 2 years must include a minimum of 9 months in **one or more** of the following production activities:

Definition of workings

Drill & blast

e. use, storage and transport of explosives (incl supervising contractors)

Load and haul

s. operation of plant & equipment (incl driving a loader, dump truck or digger)

**Processing and stock
loadout**

- j. design, installation and maintenance of plant guarding
- n. maintenance of fixed and mobile plant
- s. operation of plant & equipment (incl driving a loader, dump truck or digger)
- u. materials processing.

"Working" in a quarry includes any activity you may have done including safety, admin, operating machinery, supervising and so on.

Be sure when submitting your experience to include all of the tasks you have undertaken and put as much information in your application form as possible. This helps the Board of Examiners in processing your application.

South Auckland HSMS Workshop added

We are back in the North Island in October for six more of our MinEx workshops introducing you to Health and Safety Management Systems.

In a free three hour session starting at 3pm - with a chance to chat after with refreshments - we cover:

- Risk Management
- Workplace Inspections
- Plant
- Training & Competency
- Emergency Response.

You will get a simple HSMS template with forms to use in your operation.

Paeroa
Tues 16 October
3 - 6pm
Pedlars Motel
2a Arney Street

Te Kuiti
Wed 17 October
3 - 6pm
Panorama Motor Inn
59 Awakino Road

Sponsored by HG Leach

Stratford

Kerikeri

Thurs 18 October
3 - 6pm
Skinner Hall at Stratford
Showgrounds
9 Flint Road

Wed 24 October
3 - 6pm
Kerikeri RSA
37 Cobham Road

Dargaville
Thurs 25 October
3 - 6pm
Northern Wairoa Boating
Club
Totara Street

South Auckland
Tues 13 November
3 - 6pm
Randwick Park
Community House
137 Shifnal Drive

Registration is free - and don't forget you get 3 hrs formal CPD for attending.

To register [contact MinEx](#) today.

With thanks to our workshop sponsors

These organisations have helped make our regional workshops possible. We really appreciate your support and sponsorship.





You must confirm your CoC oral exam two weeks before exam day - or you will lose your slot

[Read details here](#)

Calling all Superintendents

Electrical and Mechanical Superintendent Workshops

**Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 November
Christchurch**



It's confirmed! MinEx is hosting a two-day workshop for Electrical and Mechanical Superintendents.

The Electrical Workshop on 20 November will target Electrical Superintendents and Mine Managers and covers a systematic approach to Electrical Control Plans and Electrical Safety Regulations. A networking function will be held at the conclusion of the day.

The Mechanical Workshop on 21 November will target Mechanical Superintendents and Mine Managers and covers practical application of Control Plans, technology improvements, recent safety incidents and managing contractors.

We have a variety of presenters with some fabulous trainers hopping over from across the ditch.

Cost is \$100 + GST per day. 6 hours formal CPD awarded for each day you attend. Attendance at the networking function is included even if you only register for one day.

Chances don't come along like this very often so register today.

Drugs and alcohol

It's no joke to have a worker impaired by drugs or alcohol in a workplace. They are a danger to themselves and anyone around them.

As a nation, half of us admit to having tried illegal drugs - and collectively we drink about half a litre of alcohol every week - obviously some drink a lot more than others.



Work sites are required to have clear documented policies and guidelines on drugs and alcohol.

MinEx has this month produced a flyer which gives you the basics. [Get your copy here.](#)

Clarification on informal CPD feedback



The New Zealand Mining Board of Examiners (BoE) would like to clarify a point from its latest newsletter.

The BoE is not conducting a formal CPD review. The BoE is simply seeking anecdotal informal feedback on how CPD is going which will inform thinking and future actions on CPD.

All the BoE requires is the answer to the three questions in your own words at this point.

The questions are:

1. Do you understand the CPD requirements?
2. How do you find completing the CPD requirements?
3. How easy do you find it to record your CPD and provide evidence?

Reply to BoE_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz

Up for a challenge?



Here's a bit of fun - [four interactive videos](#) where you search a quarry and see how many hazards you can identify.

As we say - don't take it too seriously - Wayne found a whole heap of hazards they missed ... nevertheless it's a good way to start some health and safety banter!

IOQNZ Webinars, seminars and meetings

Here are the events IOQNZ have planned over the next few months. A great variety of topics from some very knowledgeable presenters.

Webinars

Guarding and Isolation - 8 October

Effective Risk Management - 19 October

Introduction to Health and Safety Management Systems - 29 October

Social Licence to Operate - 2 November

Communication, Consultation and Dealing with Media - 5 November

Worker Health - 23 November

Courses

Emergency Management

[Christchurch](#) - 30 October 8.30am to 4.30pm

Orica Safe Efficient Blasting

[Paeroa](#) - 13-15 November

Meetings

For more information contact [Ray Haley](#).

*IOQ webinars earn you ONE hour
of formal CPD ... without having to leave
your site*



Prep for you 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.

CIMS (Coordinated Incident Management) - US 17279 & 22445

Auckland - 8-9 November

Greymouth - November

Incident Investigation - US 16686

Greymouth - November

Auckland - November

Risk Management - US 28983

Greymouth - 30-31 October

Auckland - 30-31 October

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

Christchurch - 1 day course - 14 November

Auckland - 1 day course - December

Reviewing Emergency Plans

Auckland - 1 day course - November

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:

Incident Investigation - US 16686

Dunedin - 6-7 November

Cambridge - 26-27 November

Human Factors - US 26855

Auckland - 15-16 November

CIMS Incident Management - US 17279 & 22445

Auckland - 7-8 November

Risk Assessment - US 28983

Cambridge - 19-20 November

Dunedin - 18-19 December

Safety Critical Explosives Knowledge - 17694 & 21152

Auckland - 29-30 November

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

Want to know more about oral exams? What it will be like? How you'll be assessed?

[Check out this document!](#)



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.

Oral Exam Preparation

Auckland - 14 November

Risk Management - Unit Standard 28983

Cambridge - 19-20 November

Auckland - 10-11 December

Dunedin - 18-19 December

Explosives Training - Unit Standards 17694 & 21152

Auckland - 29-30 November

Incident Investigation - Unit Standard 16686

Dunedin - 6-7 November

Auckland - 19-20 November

Cambridge - 26-27 November

CIMS Training - Unit Standard 17279 & 22445

Auckland - 7 & 8 November

Human Factors - Unit Standard 26855

Auckland - 19-20 September

Auckland - 15-16 November

Operating & Safety/Leadership/Emergency Management/Legislation - 16hrs CPD

Dunedin - 2 days 8 & 12 October or 5 & 9 November

Whangarei - 2 days 22-23 November

Auckland - 2 days 26-27 November

Operating & Safety/Leadership/Emergency Management/Legislation - 8hrs CPD

Auckland - 29 October

Check it out on the [ACT Safety website](#) or download the [CPD and oral exam schedule](#), [A grade schedule](#) or [B grade schedule](#).

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

Tai Poutini Courses

Here's the courses running at Tai Poutini Polytechnic over the next couple of months. Programmes are currently held in Gore, Greymouth, Christchurch, Hamilton and Palmerston North with enrolments accepted all year.



October - December

Management of Environmental Effects - US 21154, 21155, 21156

Geology & Stockpiles US 15664, 15667, 8899, 15663

Legislation US 28742 and/or 7142

Risk & incident US 28983 & 16686

Environment US 21151

Water US 21153

Plant Selection US 15658 & 25878

2018 students may be eligible for free fees, see more information [here](#).

[See the full schedule of dates](#) or contact Nicole Scalmer on 03 769 9645
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