

Respirable Crystalline Silica workshop

Wednesday 5 March 2025

| Schedule | | |
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| 8:30 – 8:45 | Intro, H&S, housekeeping | MC – Wayne Scott – CEO, MinEx & AQA |
| 8:45 – 9:30 | Keynote address | Joanna McNeill – advocate for silica dust awareness |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | To ban or not to ban – Silicosis and engineered stone | Dr Mary Obele – Specialist Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physician |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Silica, what is the risk and what is the value in monitoring when exposure standards keep dropping? | Levi Mines – Head of Occupational Hygiene, LM Safety Ltd |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Morning tea | |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Interventions to reduce respirable crystalline silica in the construction and engineered stone industry | Dr Amanda Eng – Senior Research Officer, Centre for Public Health Research at Massey University |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Burden of disease in NZ | Dr Adrienne Edwards – Respiratory Physician, Christchurch Hospital Wards and Departments |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | WorkSafe | Kristi Palmer – Manager Design and Implementation, WorkSafe New Zealand |
| 12:30 – 1:15 | Lunch | |
| 1:15 – 1:45 | Environmental forecasting | Justin Courtney – Managing Director, Dawn Chorus Consulting |
| 1:45 – 2:15 | Cabin overpressure & filtration technologies | Bill Hackshaw – Director, AC Filter |
| 2:15 – 2:45 | Workplace exposure monitoring | Bathurst Resources |
| 2:45 – 3:15 | Afternoon tea | |
| 3:15 – 4:15 | Workshop/Interactive: Where to from here, consultation doc, support for industry, advocacy | MC – Wayne Scott – CEO, MinEx & AQA |