



Extra hat, same focus

You'll probably be aware by now that I have added the hat of Chief Executive Officer of the Aggregate and Quarry Association (AQA) to my responsibilities as CEO of MinEx.

I want to assure you that I feel entirely comfortable in this dual role. I am gaining the necessary backup to allow me to do justice to both positions.

It is a logical and cost-efficient arrangement. Since I took on the MinEx job 16 months ago, I have worked out of the offices of Straterra, our national organisation for the wider minerals

sector. This is now also the base for the AQA. We are sited a stone's throw from Parliament and Government officials. I've already had my first meeting as AQA CEO with a Government Minister. With AQA Board chair Jared Johnston, we saw Housing/Transport and Urban Development Minister Phil Twyford. In a few days we are seeing Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister Shane Jones.



These meetings are on issues around access to affordable resources but don't think health and safety are being neglected. I've already engaged a couple of times as MinEx CEO with Workplace Health and Safety Minister Iain Lees-Galloway.

By wearing two hats – and supported by Straterra – I am now able to engage with Government and councils with some additional grunt. Most importantly, I want to work with you in attracting and training staff, developing health and safety systems and working to keep our workers safe.

To that end, I'm thrilled to see in this newsletter the story about the Leeson trio of siblings, with the two sisters and a brother all committing to do their quarrying apprenticeship. We are also very pleased with the response we've had since a year ago launching our appeal to you to report incidents with potential for harm. One company – OceanaGold's Waihi operation is going a step further with its Vital Behaviours programme. Find out more in this newsletter.

We have also just finished our latest booklet – this one on Slope Stability. Details below.

I remain happy to talk with you and help in any way I can. If you are up for a chat please contact me on 021 944 336 or email wayne@minex.org.nz.

Let's stay safe and achieve progress.

Wayne Scott
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AQA/MinEx

Leesons lead the way



The family trio involved in both quarrying and apprenticeships - Megan, Gemma and Adam Leeson

Three young members of one family are among those who've signed up for the new industry apprenticeship scheme which MinEx has helped bring together.

Gemma, Adam and Megan Leeson have all started working over recent months at Stevenson Aggregate's Drury quarry.

All three did well at school so they see the new quarry apprenticeship scheme as a way to keep learning and building their skills.

They are expecting to do their first training as early as this month prior to commencing the apprenticeship early next year.

Stevenson Aggregate general manager Steve Ellis says the company will be supporting them through their studies.

Download our [apprenticeship fact sheet](#) to find out more.

Regs Review - what now?

As new Minister for Workplace Health and Safety, Iain Lees-Galloway saw the importance of new fit for purpose regulations for the quarrying sector and early

this year called for new regs to be implemented by Christmas. Big thumbs up there.

The question now is whether this will be done by Christmas next year.

Having extended the submission period, MBIE is yet to review the submissions and have advised us this will be completed by Christmas. So any new regs are not likely to emerge until the middle of next year - and frustratingly, despite the Minister's deadline, I reckon we will be lucky to see the long-awaited regs before Christmas 2019.



MinEx consulted widely with industry and on 28 September submitted our position on changes we see as necessary to the Mining and Quarrying Regulations 2016. You can read [our submission here](#).

It's vital we all do this

Over the last year we've been keen to get you as extractive companies to report incidents with potential for harm. I am delighted to say we've been getting a very good response. We share some of these as Safety Alerts and you all get the benefit of being able to avoid a similar situation in your own workplace – which may not end up with such a harmless outcome.

Now I want to do a shout-out about a company, OceanaGold which is taking things to the next level.



Vital
Behaviours

The logo '*Do it for Your Family*' makes it clear what it's about – encouraging workers to report and act on anything that could contribute to a health and safety incident.

There were 15 staff or groups of staff acknowledged in the Wait Mine August Vital Behaviours page. These included:

- Notified advisor of smoke coming from 11KV UG transfer. Quick action prevented more damage.

- For going out of his normal work duties and coming down on to the floor to help the workshop when they had low staff numbers.
- On entry to ROM pad informed loader driver of large soft spot on entry ramp. Asked if it could be fixed. Done ASAP.

This is an exemplar approach to encouraging, supporting and acknowledging a very healthy health and safety culture.

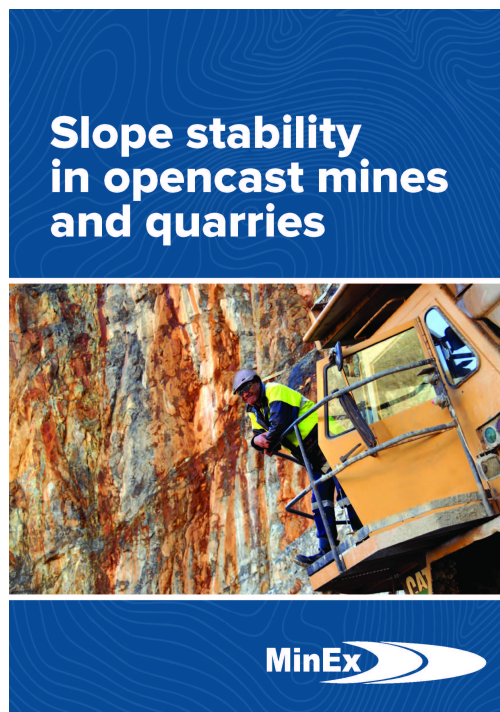
MinEx is happy to work with companies that want to learn more.

Slope stability booklet now available

We've committed to producing a series of booklets on particular hazards – and the first – on slope stability in quarries and opencast mines – has now been finished.

The booklet looks at the types of slopes we work on, how failures can occur and how design, controls and monitoring can be used to avoid these.

A handy Inspection checklist is included in the booklet to allow you to review your site's slopes and assess any potential issues.



Copies can be downloaded from [our website](#).

MinEx Kerikeri workshop CHANGE OF TIME

We know that CPD opportunities are precious - so we've juggled the time of our MinEx KeriKeri workshop to enable you to attend both our workshop AND the Northland IOQNZ AGM.

The MinEx Workshop will now run 2pm - 5pm, so you will have enough time to travel to Whangarei for the IOQNZ AGM at 6pm.

The MinEx workshop will provide you with **3 hours formal CPD** with an introduction to Health and Safety Management Systems - what they are, and how to develop one. **Attending the IOQNZ AGM will also earn you formal CPD.**



Kerikeri

Wednesday 24 October

Kerikeri RSA

37 Cobham Road

2 - 5 pm followed by refreshments and general discussion

Dargaville

Thursday 25 October

Northern Wairoa Boating Club

Totara Street

3 - 6 pm followed by refreshments and general discussion

South Auckland

Tuesday 13 November

Randwick Park Community House

137 Shifnal Drive

Manurewa

3 - 6 pm followed by refreshments and general discussion

Registration is FREE

To register email office@minex.org.nz

Electrical and Mechanical Superintendent Workshops

Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 November

Christchurch

MinEx is hosting a two-day workshop for Electrical and Mechanical Superintendents in Christchurch at the Russley Golf Club.



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.

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