

Quarry visits for IoQ NZ Wellington branch meeting

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Attendees to a meeting this Saturday of the Wellington branch of the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand Inc will earn up to five-and-a-half hours of continuing professional development.

Acting-branch chair Brian Bouzaid says that's close to half the annual requirement for B-grade Certificate of Competency holders. Non-members are also welcome.

The programme includes three field trips: Webbs quarry near Manakau, Graeme Bagrie's Waitohu quarry near Otaki, and Winstone Aggregates' Otaki quarry where the branch meeting will be held.

These three quarries supplied aggregate into the [Mackays to Peka Peka](#) expressway, which opened in February 2017, with work currently progressing on the next stage, [Peka Peka to Otaki](#).

Field trips start at Webbs quarry at 10am followed by Waitohu quarry at 11.30am. People are asked to bring their own PPE.

The meeting proper starts at 12.30pm, beginning with a light lunch, followed by a tour of Otaki quarry.

MinEx CEO Wayne Scott will provide an update on the activities of the extractives industry health and safety council, and current issues.

An update will be provided on oral CoC exams and CPD by Charlie Strivens of WorkSafe, Matt Hill and Ashton Ulu of Horokiwi Quarries, and Bouzaid who is a member of the panel of examiners.

The event is supported by Winstone Aggregates and Holcim.

Reopening the Wellington branch

Among items of business is the election of officers to the IoQ NZ Wellington branch.

Bouzaid spoke on the reopening of the Wellington branch at a meeting of the Central Districts branch at [Real Steel](#) in Upper Hutt in April last year.

He said the Wellington branch was established 50 years ago, and had been a successful branch. The last meeting was in 2015. Driving the reopening are WorkSafe's CPD requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

"Realistically, that's quite a struggle. It's about re-energising the branch."

Bouzaid was envisaging three meetings a year, plus attendance of the Quarrying NZ conference, and Civil Contractors New Zealand technical meetings.

"That would make our branch quite active again."

The move has been supported by the national body, and by the Central Districts branch.

At the meeting Scott, who is also CEO of the Aggregate and Quarry Association, and Colin Douch of Arcadia Resources indicated they would assist in the re-establishment of the Wellington branch.



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