



## 17 down - three to go

As we look towards the end of our workshops for the year, I want to do three things.

First, signal that MinEx will look to continue to run more of these regional workshops next year. They will still be mainly held in smaller centres, to easily allow regional operators and their staff to attend.

Secondly, I will continue to be involved. With my new dual role as MinEx/AQA chief executive, I still intend to be closely involved with as many of the workshops as possible - and I'll certainly be providing the oversight to ensure you are getting appropriate, fit for purpose training and guidance from MinEx.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you who attended this year's workshops - and those who have supported them. We've counted more than 350 people at these meetings. It's been great to see even whole companies turn out from owners to



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machine operators. This is helping lift our health and safety performance in the quarrying and mining sector which benefits everyone. And a big shout-out to those who've helped - not least Mike Higgins who's assisted with delivery workshops courtesy of his employers J Swap Contractors, and the other sponsors - Hatuma Lime, Simcox Construction, HG Leach, Tai Poutini Polytechnic, Winstone Aggregates and John Crawley from ASB Asset Finance. Thanks one and all.

Thanks also to WorkSafe for strong support of these workshops. It's good to see our inspectors feeling the workshops are adding real benefits.

Fantastic industry and government agency support is also making the quarry industry apprenticeship scheme a reality.

We are now at 35 enrolled for next year and some are already doing preparatory work including the Leeson family trio from Stevenson Aggregates who feature in this Train Brain.

Let's keep the training momentum rolling

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## Final workshops of the year

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The last of our health and safety management systems workshops is being held in South Auckland at Randwick Park Community House, 137 Shifnal Drive, in mighty Manurewa on November 13.

Usual format - 3pm start, 6pm finish and refreshments. Given the size of the industry in South Auckland we're expecting a big turn-out so [register now](#). 3 hours formal CPD and no cost to attend.





And the following week, our Mechanical/Electrical Superintendent workshops are taking place at the Russley Golf Club in Christchurch.

Leading the Electrical workshop on November 20 is Lionel Smith, Regional Inspector of Mines (Metalliferous) with Queensland's Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Lionel is also Chairman of the Mine Electrical Safety Association in Australia. With an extensive career in coal and metalliferous mining, Lionel possesses a high level of technical and managerial skills in the field of electrical engineering as well as risk management expertise in occupational safety and health. MinEx is delighted to secure Lionel for this workshop.

The Mechanical workshop is the following day - on November 21. You can download the [agenda here](#).

Registration is \$100 + GST for each day with 6 hours formal CPD for each day. An informal networking function will be held at the close of the Electrical workshop on day one. Attendees at either workshop are welcome to attend this function.

Please support these workshops. [Contact MinEx today](#).

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## Three apprentices from one family

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You've got to take your hard hat off to the three young members of the Leeson family - Gemma, Adam and Megan, who are all enrolling for quarrying apprenticeships.

Gemma and Adam started work together at Stevenson Aggregate's Drury quarry a year ago, Megan more recently.

After some training, they started driving dump trucks. Now Gemma is driving a 30 tonne loader and Adam a huge Volvo excavator.

All three are excited about developing their skills through apprenticeships.

[Want to learn more?](#)



## Learning never stops

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Jim Balck may be the oldest CoC holder in the country - at 76 he's still got his ticket.

Jim's first job out of school was with a garage in Takaka before moving on to work for WL Lawry Ltd in Brightwater for the next 18 years where he gained his B Grade Quarry Manager's certificate. From here he worked for a forestry roading crew in Tapawera for a couple of years before moving back into the crushing industry with Waimea Contract Carriers for the next 31 years. He joined Edridge Crushing & Screening in 2015 at the age of 72 when they bought Waimea's crushing division.

His colleagues at Edridge's reckon there's pretty much nothing Jim doesn't know about quarrying and crushing rock. He is the go-to guy for any questions about how to run and how to fix the any of the crushing plant, and he's more than happy to pass his knowledge onto anyone who is interested. His current CoC was renewed a couple of years ago and he keeps himself up to date with the latest technology - his Cat 950M loader has a computerised Loadrite weighing system installed which means more accurate weights and less paperwork for Jim. And he's always good for a yarn and is regularly called on to play Santa at the Christmas party. Legend.



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

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## Slope stability booklet now available

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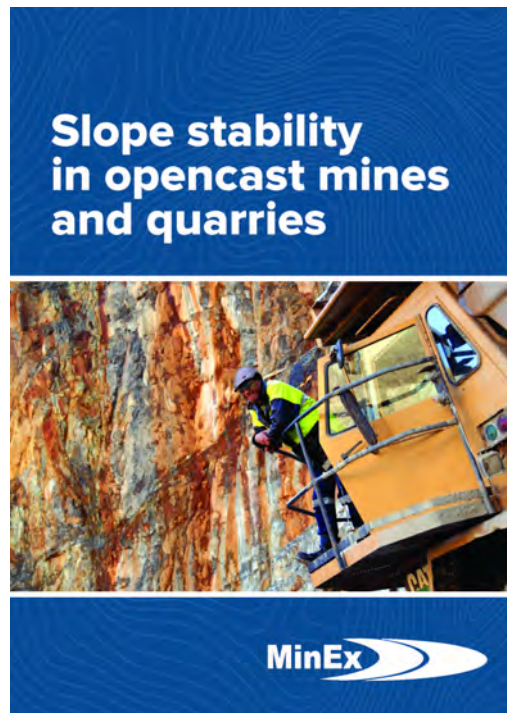
Our latest booklet on particular hazards - on slope stability in quarries and opencast mines- is now available.

It 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.

The booklet has a useful Inspection checklist so you can review your site's slopes

and assess any potential issues.

Copies available from our [website](#)



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## MITO scholarships

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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 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/>.

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## IOQNZ Webinars, seminars and meetings

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

### Webinars

Introduction to Health and Safety Management Systems - 31 October

Communication, Consultation and Dealing with Media - 5 November

[Social Licence to Operate](#) - 19 November

[Worker Health](#) - 23 November

### Courses

Orica Safe Efficient Blasting

[Paeroa](#) - 13-15 November

### Meetings

[Auckland Branch Awards Dinner](#) - 16 November 6 - 11.30pm

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

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



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## Prep for your oral with Mines Rescue

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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*

### **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.



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## MITO mining and quarrying training

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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.

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



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## ACT Safety Courses

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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**

*Auckland - 10-11 December*

**Explosives Training - Unit Standards 17694 & 21152**

*Auckland - 29-30 November*

**Incident Investigation - Unit Standard 16686**

*Auckland - 19-20 November*

**CIMS Training - Unit Standard 17279 & 22445**

*Auckland - 7 & 8 November*

**Human Factors - Unit Standard 26855**

*Auckland - 15-16 November*

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

*Dunedin - 2 days 5 & 9 November*

*Whangarei - 2 days 22-23 November*

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](mailto:dianne@actsafety.co.nz)

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## Tai Poutini Courses

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Here's the courses running at Tai Pouni 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

Legislaon US 28742 and/ or 7142

Risk & incident US 28983 & 16686

Environment US 21151

Water US 21153

Plant Selecon US 15658 & 25878

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

[Visit the website](#) or contact Nicole Scalmer on 03 769 9645 or [nicoles@tpp.ac.nz](mailto:nicoles@tpp.ac.nz)



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