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and enhancing the image of the extractive industry..”*

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## President's Report

Welcome to the Spring edition of the IOQ NZ Newsletter. It has been a very frantic period since the last newsletter including the resurgence of COVID-19 in the community.

I cannot believe that it has been two months since we held our QuarryNZ Conference in Wellington. This event certainly lived up to many individuals and Companies' expectations with a number of great presenters who provided good learning opportunities, excellent networking opportunities and a platform for our Youth Programme recipients to learn and grow. A big thank you to those members who took the time to catch up with these young industry stars of the future. Equally, it was great to see so many exhibitors in Wellington and I personally thank you all for the support you provide to our Conference.

There were many faces that have not been seen due to the postponement/cancellation of last year's conference, however many I spoke to seemed very optimistic about the opportunities and projects coming up throughout the year. The Comradery of our industry was strongly evident throughout the three days and I am sure that many of you will agree that this conference was once again a success.

I would also like to congratulate the winners of this year's Conference Awards. Many well-deserved recipients were recognised for their achievements throughout the conference and in particular, a special mention should go to Gavin Hartley for winning the internationally recognised Caernarfon Award.

Gavin submitted his paper in April to the IQ International Presidents as New Zealand's nomination for the award and while there were some very high calibre papers presented internationally for consideration for the Award - Gavin's Paper "Quarrying Way Down South" piqued the interest of the International Presidents' Panel. A huge congratulations to you Gavin on this achievement and look forward to seeing a global presentation of this in the near future.

Another significant acknowledgement is the recognition of Steve Ellis in becoming an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand. Many of you that know Steve (and that would almost be everyone involved in the industry) will agree that he absolutely deserves the recognition of this award.

Steve has offered a lot of his time over the years to support the industry and the Institute of Quarrying.



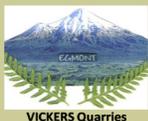
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The award was accepted by his son, Jayden Ellis on behalf of Steve at conference.

Of course, we now look forward to the 2022 QuarryNZ Conference which will be held in New Plymouth on 13-15 July 2022. Planning is underway and while it may be 10 months away, now is the time to start thinking about nominations for the Awards that will be on offer next year. It is important that we continue to recognise and celebrate individual and company achievements and there is no better way of doing this than at the Quarry NZ Conference.

As launched at conference, the new look IOQ NZ website is LIVE. A number of additional features to the website have been included such as the addition of an online membership form which we hope will ensure the process is more streamlined for those wishing to apply or upgrade. To view the features now available on the website—refer to page 10 of this newsletter or to visit our website – please click here: <https://ioqnz.co.nz/>

Finally, as mentioned at the IOQ NZ AGM, the IOQ Executive have been working hard on our business plan and the execution of the strategic plan. We have already made progress in some areas which includes the website upgrade and ensuring becoming a member is more accessible through the option of online membership application. To view the Summary Business Plan document—please log into the Members Only section of the website where the document can be found.

That's it from me now. Please enjoy this spring edition of the IOQ NZ Newsletter.

Dean Torstonson  
IOQ NZ (Inc.) President



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**QUARRY NZ CONFERENCE**

**NEW PLYMOUTH**

**13—15 JULY 2022**

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## Auckland Branch Report by Lance Gosling



The last quarter has seen a lot of disruption with our recent lockdown, causing some of our planned events to be cancelled, and the remaining restriction levels will also affect our ability to hold gatherings over the next few months.

At the end of June, the Auckland branch held its AGM, hosted by Terra Cat at their Wiri yard. There was a great turn out at this event, with nearly 50 attendees, showing great support for the IOQ. The evening included a talk by Cat, discussing technological advances in their next generation wheel loaders.

Paul Hunt, WorkSafe High Hazards Unit, discussed how changes to the CPD requirements had made it more workable for CoC holders to meet their requirements and some of the challenges his team had been facing recently, working through a multitude of CoC renewals. He also clarified the rules around when an A or B Grade managers CoC would be needed, in terms of numbers working on site. Paul provided guidance on Principle Hazards and how these are geared more towards long term exposure, multiple serious harm or fatality occurrences rather than single incident risks, which require a robust risk assessment.

Our AGM included electing branch officers where Lance Gosling and Nathan Gibbons were re-elected to the Chair and Secretary roles respectively, the existing committee members were elected to continue on and Mitch O’Kane, Hunua Quarry Manager, was elected to join the committee.

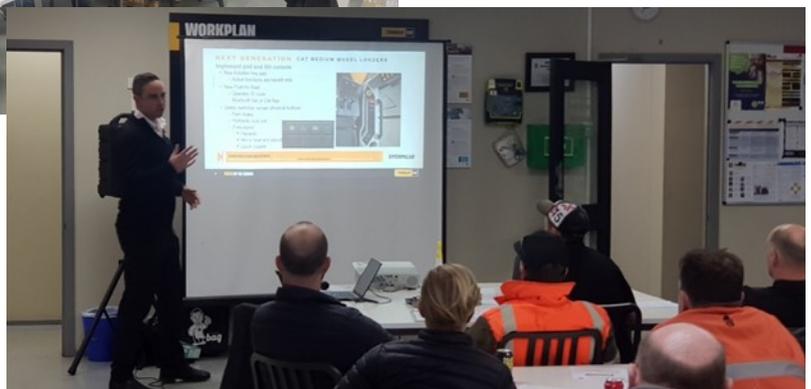
Cat concluded our evening with a chat about the history of their business and the various forms the business has taken in New Zealand over the years and what led to it becoming Terra Cat as we know it today.

We thank Terra Cat for hosting this event, all the speakers that gave up their time and the continued support from members for such a good turnout.

Since the conference in July, we have had to cancel several planned events and at this stage we are still to determine what the remainder of the year will entail, more information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.



Left: Paul Hunt, WorkSafe, Auckland Branch AGM



Right: Terra Cat presentation, Auckland Branch AGM

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## Northland Branch Report



Well it's been one of those years again.

Conference in Wellington was a very well-run event and was good to catch up with quarry men and suppliers during the winter months with Wellington living up to its name as windy Wellington. Having a quiet whiskey at the bar with mates, with strong wind outside couldn't believe my eyes to see rubbish bags rolling down the street and motor bikes getting blown over.

We are all dealing with Covid again disappointing as a Northlander to hear stories of those inconsiderate Aucklander's coming North to their flash baches on the night of lockdown, media reports of over 500 cars per hour in the small hours of the night.

Local awards night might be put off until next year due to level restrictions, committee meeting next week to decide, also to make a date for AGM before end of year.

On a lighter note, spring is in the air with unpredictable weather patterns bringing heavy rain and warm days. Frustrating to get the workload done on time.

With a good day Sunday had to put boat in the water for a fishing trip with a nice feed of raw scallops on board, came home with 9 gurnard 7 snapper all filleted by 3.00pm earning a cold beer to finish the day.

If wondering who makes the syringes and needles for Covid, company named Becton Dickinson in the US.

Sales of \$17 billion with 65,000 employees.

Murray Smith  
Northland Branch Chair

## Otago/Southland Branch Report



As 2021 continues to fly by we take stock of the challenges and the opportunities we have faced this year including the successful 2021 National Quarry Conference in Wellington this July.

It was fantastic to see colleagues from across the country and to see a strong Otago/Southland IOQ branch representation at the July conference. We know the effort that goes into organising any conference and thank the conference committee, the speakers and sponsors for their hard work, dedication and time in curating a great event. Thank you! A special thanks also needs to be given to Real Steel for facilitating the tour of their facilities and the amazing afternoon they put on for everyone.

A little closer to home, since leaving lockdown in September, Otago/Southland members have continued to chip away at business as usual.

Our next planned event is our branch AGM near the end of October, COVID alert levels dependent. We encourage all members to attend and participate and invite all those curious about the IOQ to attend as well.

Jason Blair  
Otago/Southland Branch Chair



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## Waikato/BOP Branch Report

By: Ray Haley—Waikato/BOP Branch Chair



As I look back on last year's reports, we seem to be in almost the same place as far as Covid is concerned albeit with a new variant.

Interesting times again for us all as we go toward the year end and still uncertain of the new norm and just what it will look like longer term will we stay level 2 and will masks be mandatory forever. Hopefully things ease back to level 1 soon allowing safe events going forward and continued gatherings for our Branch and National events. As well as all of us being able to carry out our normal work.

I managed to attend the Wellington Conference this year and it was a great opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues as well as build on the industry networks and suppliers. I was also able to snag a few of those precious CPD points also as a spin off.

We have held our first committee meeting in August and set the tentative calendar for the coming year where we have changed a few things around to try and increase interesting events and attendances as well adjust to the changing times.

Our first event was to be a Field trip which has now been postponed owing to current logistics with Covid levels and restrictions. Our first priority as a committee is to keep everyone safe and reduce risk of transfer.

November (date to be confirmed) is our planned Xmas function and awards night to be held at a Wairakei again but this year we are also planning to hold the Golf challenge on the public 9-hole course during the day and rolling into the awards dinner and Xmas function in the evening. You can come along for both events or turn up for the one. We are also looking at changing the Golf challenge trophy to be between suppliers or possibly associates and members. Will be an interesting mix.

Let's get in nominations for our branch awards as soon as possible:

Stu Marsden Award for the up-and-coming people in the industry  
Pat Wallbank Award for the person contributing to the branch.

Send applications and or nominations to myself or Brad Cobham. Don't forget to get in the toolbox draw you need to attend.

We also have up for grabs a free year's membership to the IOQ for one or more people who would benefit from joining. It's envisaged this would be an up-and-coming trainee or Manager or a supplier's employee who is interested in furthering their network. We will take each application on its merit but we as a committee are keen to use this membership allocation.

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2022 we are planning another technical afternoon/evening similar to the ones we have had for the past few years, targeting specific CPD areas where you will be able to add new learnings and gather formal points. Details to be finalised. We are hoping to hold this at C&R's venue in Cambridge.

March/April we are planning another Field trip Branch meeting.

May Fishing comp Coromandel. Dates to be confirmed.

17th June AGM.

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## Central Districts Branch Report



The days are getting longer, daylight savings is around the corner, summer is on its way!!!

This last quarter has seen some challenges with a fresh lockdown causing ripples throughout the country. It is my hope we have put these issues behind us and we can get back to the business of digging holes and crushing stone.....

Locally things have taken an alarming turn, with the HBRC significantly reducing river extraction close to the main centres. While this was not totally unexpected as we have seen drought conditions for nearly three years slowing the migration of good rock, the frustration has come around the lack of communication and/or miscommunication from the local governing bodies.

We now have a situation where major Quarries are in a fog of uncertainty, making long-term planning increasingly difficult. Unfortunately, this has forced a significant price increase for local aggregates which will be passed onto the consumer. However it is not all doom and gloom as the demand in areas has remained buoyant, and thankfully quarries are able to meet demand (unlike GIB and pink batts at the moment).

These issues are obviously widespread around the country, as urban sprawl continues and councils stamp their mark on the industry. The great thing about our industry is the amount of forward thinking and innovation we show when faced with road blocks. A great example of this is Leach's operation at Kiwi Point in conjunction with the local council. They have made inroads by thinking outside the square, their recycled aggregates and clean fill operation a good example of utilising what's available.

It is a great opportunity to consider all options because, when nothing is certain anything is possible.

Matt Webster  
Central Districts Branch Chair

## Marlborough/Tasman Branch Report



The region has held one meeting since the last report that was held in Marlborough where we discussed where to from here.

We have been promoting new membership and guests to join.

Unfortunately our meeting that we had organised for August was dealt to by the lockdown but we will continue when travel is more liberal for our sponsors and reps.

All of our members were affected by some means, whether it was limited work hours and travel or just not being in the essential definition.

Some projects did continue with essential work status with the correct protocols in place.

Nelson side of the branch members continue to be tied up with the Waimea Dam project and services which has meant long hours and little opportunities for meetings. Having said this, we are still holding out hope to have a site visit in the next six months.

Let's look forward to level one and a more back to somewhat normal life.

Neill Kydd  
Marlborough/Tasman Branch Chair



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# Canterbury Branch Report

By: Mike Higgins (Acting Branch Chairman) and Keri Harrison (Secretary)



The last month has been challenging on all fronts but we are getting there and with Spring here things are looking better.

Around 35 members and guests thoroughly enjoyed a technical evening recently hosted by TransDiesel at their Halswell Junction Road state of the art premises in early August. Various presenters from the TransDiesel team ran us through new product and service initiatives coming out of Volvo, and fair to say attendees were extremely impressed with the huge amount of R&D going into safety and lowering emissions right alongside improving product performance.

Members were also treated to a short tour with Hamish from TransDiesel through their extensive workshop facilities. Following the formal part of the evening, members enjoyed some great networking over refreshments very kindly supplied by TransDiesel, and our usual raffle. Huge thanks to Brian Docherty and the team from TransDiesel for putting on the very informative evening, which also allowed CoC holders to accrue 2 hours of CPD.

Our next meeting was to be at TR Industries Ltd (TRind) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, however Covid uncertainties mean this has been postponed into October, with a date yet to be set-watch your email. This will also likely be when our AGM will be held.

While it is helpful to gain CPD at local branch meetings, it is also the networking with our fellow quarry people that helps to keep our knowledge up to date. Now Canterbury is in Alert Level 2, we look forward again to the functions and events that the local branch provides for both CPD and to keep our quarry relationships active and alive in the community.



Above and left: Photos from TransDiesel Evening

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**29 September 2021**  
**Controlling Ground Instability in Excavation**  
Facilitator: Gordon Laing

**October 2021**  
**TBC**  
Facilitator: Paul Sutton

**November 2021**  
**Working with Machinery & Equipment**  
Facilitator: Chris Gray

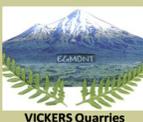
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## Educational Report by Paul Sutton



Months into the COVID-19 pandemic, much remains uncertain. However, there's one thing I firmly believe and that is we should leave the one-size-fits-all model of professional development behind. In the quarrying industry, we must continue learning from the shifts that have taken place and adapting our organisations accordingly. Here are four key actions I believe that organisations can take now to encourage and enable this new era of professional development.

**Key Action 1:** Professional learning used to take place at a dedicated event: a workshop, seminar, or conference. Now it's increasingly happening in the flow of work. We know that experience-based, bite-size, "just-in-time" learning is more effective than traditional instruction. It makes sense, after all, that the skills we pick up on the job, when we need them for success, stick with us more than the ones we learn about abstractly in the traditional setting. So, in everything we do at work, we need to ensure we're offering our employees opportunities to learn.

**What can I do now?** As employees continue working remotely from different locations, organisations should personalize professional development with solutions that fit their individual learning styles and needs. And they should do so while embedding mechanisms for everyday learning into future roles.

**Key Action 2:** With each passing day, professional development becomes about more than just gaining knowledge and technical skills, which are always changing especially as knowledge and technology advances. Now it's about fostering and nurturing the capabilities needed to adapt and thrive in a fast-changing workplace and world. It's about equipping employees with the knowledge and skills they need to track down relevant information, apply previous knowledge, and work within and lead diverse teams. After all, these are the building blocks of more knowledge and technical skills.

**What can I do now?** Organizations should determine which capabilities and skills employees need to succeed. Not just today, but in a post-COVID-19 world, then incorporate them into information and form professional development opportunities.

**Key Action 3:** Until recently, digital learning has mostly served as a technical, content-sharing supplement to in-person professional development, where the focus was on collaboration, storytelling, and impact. Now, digital has become one of three professional development modalities. More professional development is taking place online, not just through virtual learning settings, which seek to replicate the classroom through technology, but also through digital learning settings.

**What can I do now?** As digital learning becomes as important as in-person and virtual learning, organisations should be sure to diversify delivery methods and embed the best of the other learning modalities into all digital offerings, too. They should also collaborate to develop new learning for common areas of focus to maximize innovation and investment.

**Key Action 4:** It is time to move from structured professional development to self-direct and personalised professional development. Today's workforce should be empowered to direct their own continuing professional development.

**What can I do now?** Across all levels of an organisation, leaders must develop and communicate an intuitive user experience that makes it easy for learners to know where to find the continuing professional development courses and resources they need.

If this past 18 months has taught us anything, it's that continuing professional development will never be the same. While it may be tempting to fight these changes and instead hope for a return to normalcy, the truth is that things were already trending this way to address the key actions outline above. A more customized and agile professional development experience was always in our future; and it was always in our best interest. If we build the adaptive professional development programs that fit it, we won't just better adjust our businesses to our new reality; we'll make sure our people are prepared for it, too.

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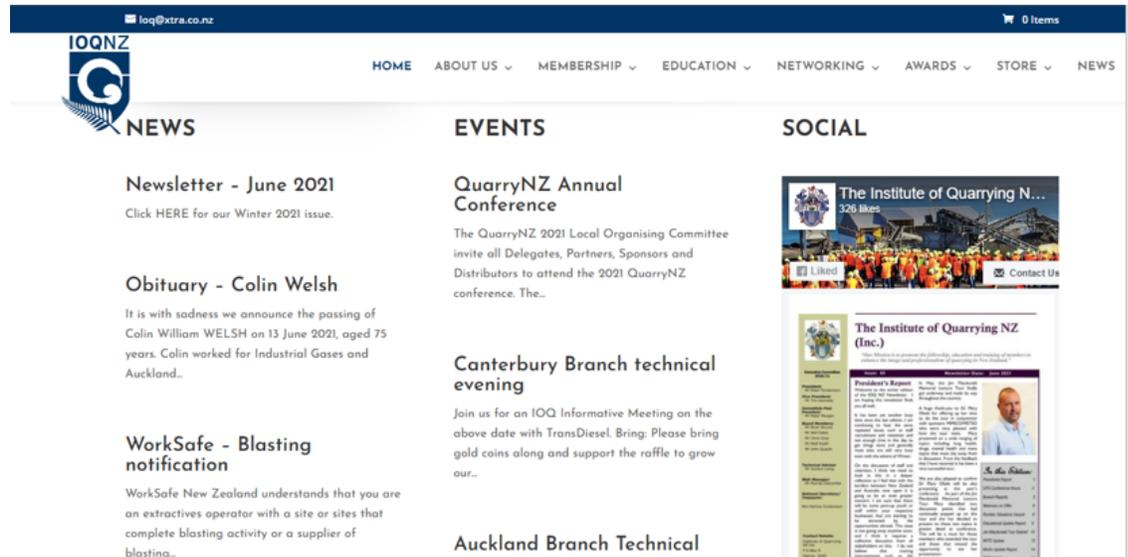


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# IOQ NZ Website Upgrade

The IOQ NZ website has recently been upgraded as launched at the 2021 Conference in Wellington.



## A number of new features include:

- **Updated Events, News Feed & Inclusion of a Social Facebook Feed** on Home page
- **Executive Board**—backgrounds provided on all Executive members
- **Honour Board**—which now includes our Honorary Fellows
- **Membership Tab**—revised membership tab which includes an Online Membership Form.
- **Education Tab**—includes a detailed description of all professional development opportunities offered to our members eg. webinars, seminars, mini online courses etc.
- **Networking Tab**—this tab includes information on the QuarryNZ conference, Youth Programme, Friends of the IOQ and how to become one, IQ International Branches etc
- **Awards**—all award winners names are now featured against each award.
- **Store**—refreshed Store menu with images updated.

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## 2021 Award Winners

### Winstone Aggregates Safety Award



The Winstone Aggregates Safety Award is awarded to **Blackhead Quarries Walton Park Sand** quarry, managed by Jason Blair.

This year **Blackhead Quarries Walton Park Sand Quarry** was awarded the Winstone Aggregates Safety Award which was once again judged by Work Safe NZ. The award is given to the quarry operation judged to be the operation best meeting a wide range of criteria relating to the industry. For the past 60 years **Walton Park Sand** has provided specialist sand products and over time has adapted and revolutionised their processes for bagging and palletising dried sand products with staff safety and wellbeing being a catalyst for change.

### Lyn Jordan Memorial Trophy



**Dr Mary Obele** [above] presents at the 2021 conference

The Lyn Jordan Memorial Trophy for “best technical paper” was awarded this year to **Dr Mary Obele**. Her presentations on mental/ occupational health during the Jim Macdonald Memorial Lecture tour to each of the IOQ NZ branches was very informative, contained practical advice on how to cope or help someone suffering from depression, and covered a number of different issues presented in a way the audience could understand.

Dr Obele’s presentation at Conference “Do it for Grandma” demonstrated more simple aspects to keeping safe and healthy. Congratulations Mary!

### WorkSafe Chief Inspector Extractives Safety Leadership Award



**Winstone Aggregates** celebrate being awarded the Chief Inspectors Award for 2021

The WorkSafe New Zealand Chief Inspector Extractives Safety Leadership Award recognises demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement and safety leadership in the area of workplace health and safety, in both the extractives and extractives support sectors. This year’s winner was **Winstone Aggregates** who have developed a Safety Leadership programme specifically targeted for their people, and delivered by senior leadership team to help new managers and remind existing managers not only what tools are available for them as leaders, but also to encourage and challenge them on areas that they might need to improve to become better safety leaders, and how to bring their team along with them. Congratulations Winstone Aggregates!

### Honorary Fellow Award



**Steve Ellis** [above]

The Honorary Fellow award is presented in recognition of long standing service to the IOQ NZ. **Steve Ellis** received the award for his dedication and support of the IOQ NZ over many years including the wider extractive industry where he offered up a lot of his time on many representative groups supporting the quarrying industry including the New Zealand Board of Examiners.

Congratulations Steve! The award was accepted by his son Jayden Ellis at the Awards Evening.

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## 2021 Award Winners

### R D Hassed Memorial Trophy



Jason Blair [above] receives the R D Hassed Award

The 2021 RD Hassed Memorial Trophy was presented to Otago/Southland's Branch Chairman **Jason Blair** who has made the most outstanding contribution to a branch over the past 12 months. When Covid 19 severely restricted travel in 2020, Jason and his team arranged a mini-conference for the South Island IOQ members to help them obtain additional Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours towards CoC renewals. Jason is a worthy recipient of the R D Hassed Award. Congratulations Jason.

### Terra Cat Travel Award



Bonnie Walker [above] receives the Terra Cat Travel Award.

This year **Bonnie Walker** was awarded the 2021 Terra Cat Travel Award. This award is a \$3500 travel grant for the operator that has consistently shown the most dedication and commitment to the quarrying industry. Based in Motueka, Bonnie operated loader and mobile crushing plant at various quarries from 2015 – 2018, was Quarry Foreman 2018 – 2020, and since Jan 2020 is the Appleby Quarries Supervisor. Bonnie has completed her Quarry Managers B grade qualification and is now part of the IOQ Youth Programme as she continues to develop her career path.

### AJ and RJ Loader Sponsors Shield



This award is in the form of a shield donated by Andy and Raewyn Loader. Andy was a Past Chairman of the NZ Institute and the trophy is for the **best sponsor's display at each Annual Conference**.

The 2021 winner was **ATRAX** Group who are world leaders in the design, manufacture, integration and support of a full range of industrial weighing, measurement and related control systems for the Airport and Logistics industries. Congratulations Atrax.

Thanks for participating at the 2021 QuarryNZ Conference.

### Caernarfon Award



Gavin Hartley [right] receives the Caernarfon Award from IOQ NZ President Dean Torstonson.

The Caernarfon Award is presented annually for the best paper given at an Institute of Quarrying conference, seminar, meeting etc anywhere in the world which is adjudged to have contributed the most to the advancement of some aspect (technical, environmental, strategic etc) of the quarrying sector. Gavin Hartley's presentation 'Quarrying Way down South', highlighted the challenges of quarrying in one of the world's harshest environments in Antarctica, as delivered at the IOQ Otago/Southland Branch mini conference in July 2020, that impressed the IOQ Presidents.

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## 2021 Quarry & Mining Award



The Q&M magazine editor's award is presented each year to an individual, group or company for an activity or project that puts the industry in a positive public perspective, or contributes to the industry in a positive way.

Quarry & Mining Magazine's editor, Allan Titchall presented **Abbey Loveridge**, of Southland's AB Lime, Winton (a company associated with Blackhead Quarries) with the emerging leader award. Congratulations Abbey.

Right:  
**Abbey Loveridge**  
winner of the  
Q&M Emerging  
Leaders Award



## 2021 AQA Mimico Environment & Community Award



The **MIMICO Environment and Community Award**, was judged by Bernie Napp. He said that Blackhead Quarries had won against three other impressive candidates through being the first quarry in the country to use an electric truck. The 30 tonne truck, imported from China, costs about \$4 a day to run, carting 600 tonnes of aggregate at the Logan Point Quarry in Dunedin, as opposed to burning 80-90 litres of diesel.

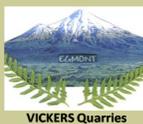


A very excited **Joe Hunter** after securing the MIMICO Award

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## MITO Update



### 1. REFORM OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION – CHANGES AHEAD

The Reform is swiftly moving along which will see some changes to MITO over the coming months.

The standard-setting and qualification development functions for the mining and quarrying industry will transfer to Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council (WDC) on 4 October 2021. The details of the industry representative group members for your industry and the providers who assist with external moderation will be shared with the WDC. Some of MITO's existing staff members, who have expertise in these areas, will also transfer across on 4 October.

MITO's remaining functions, focused on the arranging of training, will transition to Te Pūkenga's Work Based Learning Limited subsidiary on 1 January 2022. Industry stakeholders, including associations and employers with current MITO learners, were recently consulted with endorsement received to transition to Te Pūkenga. Te Pūkenga is a new entity formed as part of RoVE that encompasses the 16 polytechnics, each operating as a subsidiary, until they are fully integrated on 1 January 2023. Work Based Learning Limited is the 17<sup>th</sup> subsidiary and will comprise the arranging training functions for multiple industry training organisations (ITOs). Competenz and Connexis have transitioned, with BCITO transitioning on 4 October and MITO on 1 January 2022. The remaining ITO's will transition during 2022. Each ITO will operate as a separate business division within Work Based Learning Limited.

MITO's move to Work Based Learning Limited will ensure that there is a seamless transition to the new vocational education system. There will be no reduction in service levels for apprentices, learners and employers, with the systems, processes and most importantly our people retained.

### 2. GOOD NEWS – APPRENTICESHIP BOOST EXTENDED BY FOUR MONTHS!

The New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (First-line Supervision) – Surface (Level 4) training programme qualifies for Apprenticeship Boost. The Government has extended Apprenticeship Boost for another four months to August 2022. Employers with apprentices enrolled in this programme can receive payments of \$1,000 per month for each apprentice in their first year of study and \$500 per month for each apprentice in their second year of study. Further details can be found on the [MITO website](#).

### 3. FREE TRAINING FEES!

The Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund covers MITO's training fees for all apprenticeship and selected traineeship programmes to provide critical support to businesses recovering from the impacts of COVID-19. The following programmes are included with free training fees, from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2022:

- New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (Level 2)
- New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (First-line Supervision) – Surface (Level 4)
- National Certificate in Extractives Industries (Mining Administration Tunnel Manager B Grade) (Level 5)
- National Certificate in Extractives Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extraction B Grade) (Level 5)
- National Certificate in Extractives Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extractive A Grade) (Level 5)
- Safety Critical Explosives Knowledge (part of the CoC Supplementary Credit Programme).

Further information about these programmes is available on the [MITO website](#).

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#### 4. GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE SECONDARY STUDENTS TO THE EXTRACTIVES INDUSTRY!

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#### 5. MITO TRAINING ACTIVITY

MITO learners engaged in total over the year - data as at 17 September 2021.

Programme	Number of learners 2021 (YTD)
A Grade Surface Extraction	38
A Grade Tunnel Manager	
B Grade Surface Extraction	92
B Grade Tunnel Manager	8
Incident Investigation	13
Risk Management	
RockUp micro-credential	3
Safety Critical Explosives Knowledge	10
Safety Critical Surface Manager	16
Safety Critical Underground Manager	8
Surface Extraction Level 2	33
Surface First Line Supervision Level 4	14
	<b>235</b>

#### 6. EXTENSION DATES FOR NZQA QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualifications have had their expiry dates extended so development work on new programmes leading to replacement qualifications will align with any changes arising from the new regulations.

Code	Qualification name	Expiry date
1535	National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration B Grade Tunnel Manager)	31 December 2023
1536	National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extraction B Grade)	31 December 2023
1537	National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration Surface Extraction A Grade)	31 December 2023
1538	National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Mining Administration A Grade Tunnel Manager)	31 December 2023

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## MinEx Update

By Wayne Scott (CEO)

The latest COVID outbreak and lockdown in Auckland are reminders of the need to ensure appropriate hygiene in our workplaces and for us to follow the Government's medical advice in relation to COVID Management Plans and how we conduct our work. Valuable information is contained on the following website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

It is also important to remember that COVID is only one hazard and that other hazards present in our workplaces should not be ignored or neglected as we battle issues around COVID-19.

While there have been inevitable impacts on CoC renewals and oral exams, please remember that at MinEx we have access to mentors for those sitting oral exams. If you are about to sit an oral exam and feel that you could do with some help please contact me and we will arrange someone to help prepare you for your oral.

I recently met with Minister Michael Wood who committed to the release of an exposure draft on revised Mining and Quarrying Regulations by the end of September, meaning we are unlikely to see implementation of revised regulations before the end of 2021. WorkSafe will be facilitating information sessions on changes early in 2022.

MinEx workshops have been well attended again in 2021, with our final for Workshops planned for Paeroa (11 Oct), Rotorua (12 Oct) and Whakatane (14 Oct). We are again being assisted with delivery by WorkSafe inspectors. Keep an eye on our Train Brain newsletters or visit the MinEx website for details.

[www.minex.org.nz](http://www.minex.org.nz)

We are always looking for incidents and learnings from them so please share your incidents and other H&S learnings or insights with us at [office@minex.org.nz](mailto:office@minex.org.nz), so that we can share it anonymously with the sector.

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## Mining Board of Examiners

The Board send out important or useful information such as renewal reminders to CoC holders on a regular basis. But we are only able to send these updates to the most recent email addresses provided by the COC holder.

During the last year we have noted a lot of out-of-date contacts such as old work email addresses. Therefore, the Board would like to remind CoC holders that it is their responsibility to ensure the BoE Secretariat holds their most up to date email address. If the CoC holder wishes to receive renewal reminders they should contact the Secretariat with any changes of contact details or to check the contact details the Secretariat holds is the most up to date on [BoE\\_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:BoE_Secretariat@worksafe.govt.nz).

The Board and Secretariat were in the middle of oral exams when the latest Covid lockdown was announced. These oral exams are currently being rescheduled for early October. We now expect that we will have restrictions of some level in place for several weeks or even months, so being flexible is going to be important.

Following the catch up of those cancelled oral exams the next planned week of new oral exams will be the week starting 15<sup>th</sup> November. Applications for these exams close 10<sup>th</sup> **October**.

Regulations require CoC renewal applications to be submitted two months before the CoC is due to expire. While there has been significant catchup there are still some delays in the processing of renewal applications. The recent closing of WorkSafe offices was another recent disruption. The number of renewals being received each month is now reducing so we should catch up over the next few months.

While this is occurring, applicants do not need to worry about not receiving their new CoC prior to their old one expiring. The Regulations allow for CoCs to be renewed after expiry. WorkSafe Inspectors are aware of the delays and if required they would be able to confirm that CoC renewal is in progress.

CoC holders should review the [CPD Guidelines](#) when they are compiling their renewal application to ensure their application meets the standards required.

Anyone interested in New Zealand Mining Board of Examiners news as well as general extractives news, including the quarterly report should subscribe [here](#)

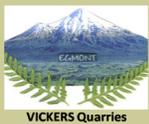
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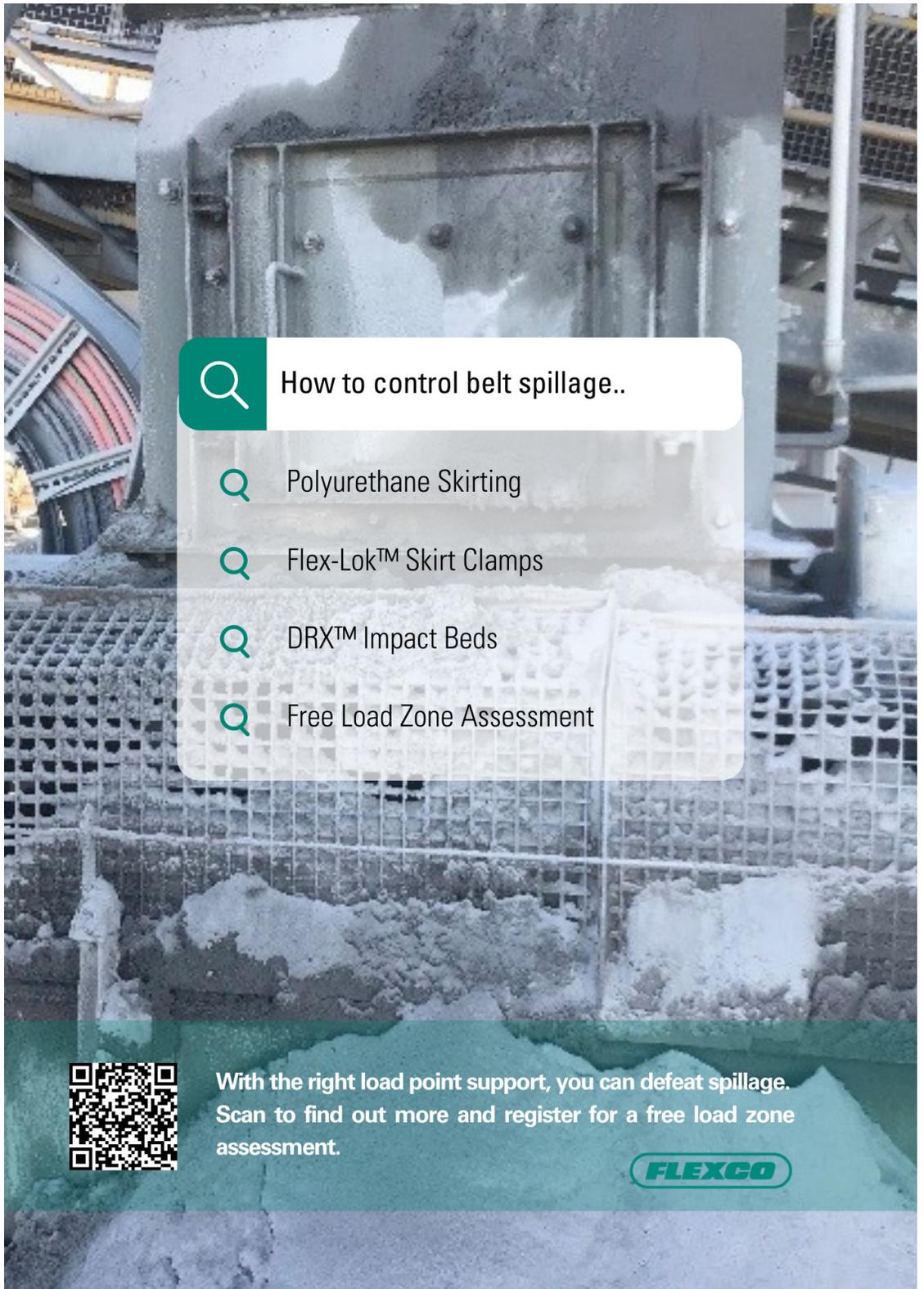
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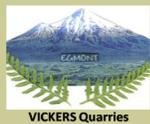
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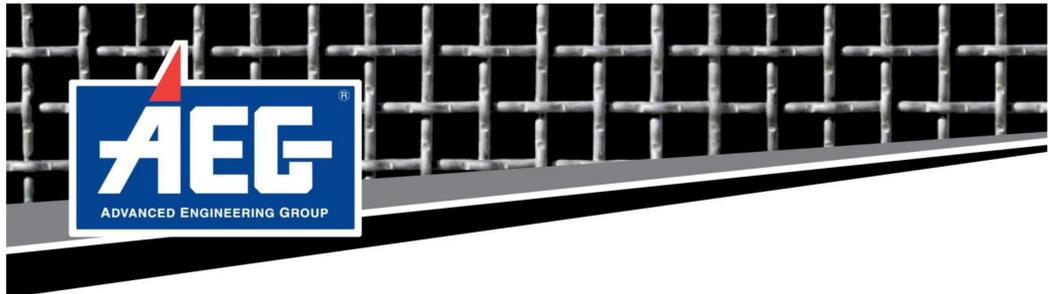
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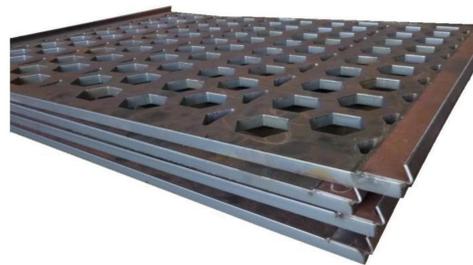


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