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## Welcome to the first Train Brain of 2019

MinEx has started the year with a wagon-load of workshops to deliver a full-day of training in 18 provincial locations. We start rolling next month in Palmerston North and chug to a halt into Whakatane in November.

WorkSafe is co-hosting these workshops, which will focus on Operating and Safety systems, Emergency Management, Leadership and Legislation. The cost to attend is a modest \$100 + GST.

The day is split into two halves and you earn 8 hours CPD all in the one day (a full year's requirement for a B Grade CoC). We start at 8am and finish at 4.30pm.

So, jump on board. Workshop venues are all confirmed. Details of the first half year's workshops follow - and see details of our App



Yes I wear two hats! At the Winstone's Belmont quarry late last year.

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below for how to enrol. For the rest of the year's workshops go [here](#).

- Palmerston North - February 20
- Blenheim - February 25
- Nelson - February 26
- Waipukurau - March 14
- Dunedin - March 20
- Gisborne - April 10
- Cromwell - April 17
- Ashburton - May 1
- Paeroa - June 5
- Rotorua - June 6.

Till then, train well and keep safe

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Last year's Blenheim MinEx workshop

## And now the MinEx App

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Recognising that most of us do so much on those devices that sit in our pockets, MinEx has now worked to develop an app that allows us to better stay in touch with you.

The app is now able to be downloaded from the Apple App store or Google Play store. It is FREE.

On it you are able to see what workshops we have coming up, register, receive notifications and reminders about the workshop through the app.

Once you are at a workshop you can access the presentations, handouts, network with other attendees and more.

[Download App from Apple Store](#)

[Get the App from Google Play](#)

[Access the App on your computer](#)

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*Earn formal CPD hours from attending workshops, AGMs and conferences*



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## Industry conferences coming up this year

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As always, there's a number of useful conferences to consider attending this year.

The inaugural Minerals Forum in Queenstown last year was a big hit so they

are keeping it south and this year it is in Dunedin. Another big line-up of speakers over two days. See programme [here](#).



MinEx is the sponsor of the Health and Safety Initiative Award at the Minerals Forum. We are looking for the strongest overall demonstration of excellence in a health and safety

initiative carried out by a New Zealand operator in the minerals sector. It's open to New Zealand mine and quarry owners including past and present operators and explorers. I have heard a number of really good stories this past year so get onboard and [nominate your site](#) for this prestigious award.

The annual QuarryNZ conference is also heading south this year



**QUARRYNZ CONFERENCE**  
ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND, INVERCARGILL, 17-19 JULY 2019

with Invercargill hosting it from July 17-19. Already a great line-up of speakers and events confirmed along with legendary Southland hospitality (and there may be a few oysters) Programme [here](#).



And the New Zealand Occupational Hygiene Society conference - with its focus on worker health issues - is on in in early May. Details [here](#)





Time to start thinking about conferences such as QuarryNZ

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## Women's Leadership Development Scholarships

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Building on momentum achieved in 2018, Women & Leadership New Zealand is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across NZ's mining and resources sector.



The campaign is providing women with grants of between \$3,000 and \$7,000 to enable participation in a range of leadership development programmes. The scholarship funding is provided with the specific intent of providing powerful and effective development opportunities for mining and resources sector women, however the funding is strictly limited and has to be allocated prior to the end of March.

Find out more and register your interest by completing the [Expression of Interest form](#) prior to Friday, March 15.

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## Clarification around CPD hours carry over

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We recently issued a training tip which said 'If you have earned more CPD hours than you need this year - you can carry some over to next year'. We need to clarify this as **you can only do this once during a 5-year term.**

*If you have earned more CPD hours than you need this year, you can carry some over to next year! But only once during each 5-year term.*



## 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 first few months of 2019.



For A Grade and B Grade courses, see the schedule below.

### **Risk Management - Unit Standard 28983**

*Cambridge 11-12 March*

*Waipukurau 18-19 February*

*Christchurch 28-29 March*

### **Incident Investigation - Unit Standard 16686**

*Cambridge 11-12 February & 2-3 May*

*Waipukurau 11-12 April*

*Christchurch 29-30 April*

Check it out on the [ACT Safety website](#) or download the [full schedule](#).

For more information, contact Irene Volschenk on 09 270 9592  
or [dianne@actsafety.co.nz](mailto:dianne@actsafety.co.nz)

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## IOQNZ Meetings and Webinars

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IOQNZ Webinars are open to anyone to attend - you do not have to be a member of IOQNZ. Simply follow the link below to register.



### [Training and Verification of Competency](#)

*February 12*

### [Dealing with Neighbours and the Community](#)

*February 15*

### [Effective Risk Management](#)

*February 22*

### [Project Management Principles](#)

*March 1*

### [Worker Health](#)

*March 15*

### [Managing Psychosocial Hazards in the Workplace](#)

*March 22*

### [Hazard and Risk Identification Principles](#)

*March 29*

Register for the webinars [here](#).

For more information, contact [Petrina Torstonson](#).

## IOQNZ Branch Meetings

[Wellington](#) February 16: 6pm - 9:30pm

[Auckland Field Trip](#) February 23: 7:30am - 5:30pm

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*Field trips can also earn you CPD hours. You can claim two field trips of two hours each year.*

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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.

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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.



Contact MITO on 0800 88 21 21 to enrol.

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## Tai Poutini Courses

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Tai Poutini Polytechnic currently offer courses in Gore, Greymouth, Christchurch, Hamilton and Palmerston North with enrolments accepted all year.

Students may be eligible for free fees, see more information [here](#).

[Visit the website](#) or contact  
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