



**Welcome to the August edition of From the Quarry Face.**

As part of the continuing focus the AQA puts on communicating with you as members – and to the world outside of quarrying – we’ve recently refreshed our website, please go have a [look](#), your login details including a password will be sent shortly. It’s not only brighter and more visual, the members’ section gives you access to a lot more information that will assist you in your business and the work you do.

We have a page that features all of our members and links to your website, as well as a members only section where you can access useful planning and technical documents, and will be updated regularly with communications from us.

An email with your login details coming soon, look out for it.



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We're little more than a month on from the QuarryNZ conference and this newsletter picks up on some of the more interesting commentaries.

Shane Jones declared himself our industry's champion but also put us on notice that we have to step up our own advocacy if we want to get heard in the crowded marketplace of competing political philosophies.

Perhaps it may assist if we make known that New Zealand appears to be around second-equal in the world, with Canada, in per capita use of quarried materials. Only the behemoth of China is consuming more than us and the Canucks, as we outline.

There was some changing of the guard at both the AQA and IOQNZ during QuarryNZ which we detail. I'd like to add my thanks to departing AQA Board members Jared Johnston, George Kelcher and Brett Swain, who've all done our industry proud during your tenure.

Next up for us as an organisation is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala dinner, being held in Christchurch on Saturday October 5. J Swap Contractors are our lead sponsors, supported by half a dozen other generous organisations. More details about the dinner and purchasing tickets later on in this newsletter.

For our northern members, there's also an alert about a document from MPI alerting to the dangers of quarries spreading kauri dieback. Have a look at the story if you are operating from Auckland north.

And last but not least in FTQF, we hear about Allan May of J Swaps who took his first ever plane ride to get to the QuarryNZ conference in Invercargill in July; at age 62. He's a lovely, low-key person – just one of many in our industry who turn up to work every day – though few can match Allan who has been on the same site for 42 years!

Enjoy this newsletter with Spring in your stride.

**Wayne Scott**  
CEO  
AQA & MinEx



## Shane Jones – quarry sector needs to advocate more

### **‘It’s time for a champion for the extractive sector.’**

That was the very political message from Regional Development and Infrastructure Minister to the QuarryNZ conference.

After attending the opening night GoughCat dinner, Shane Jones rocked up to give the key note address. “You represent an important industry,” he said in opening, warning about efforts to put quarries out of sight and out of mind.

The Minister said he was involved in developing the RMA in 1990 but it had passed its use-by date by over nearly 20 years. It needed to be stripped of a culture “that treats an industry like yours as a threat rather than contributing to wellbeing.”

No greater challenge existed for the quarry sector than what happens to DOC stewardship land, much of which was ‘vermin-infested.’ The quarry industry had to sharpen its message, have a higher level of advocacy and work with those in Government who were desperate to put the case for the use of environmental resources.

There were obligations not to worsen matters for the next generation, but this did not mean treating resources like some “tapu relic.”

Minister Jones expressed disappointment at the quarry industry’s advocacy to date and said he was willing to assist. “Politics is a numbers game and we (politicians) have choices and the people who send us to Parliament have choices.”

In responses to questions from AQA members he declared he would not support the looming referendum on cannabis reform as he’d seen the drug damage to his own whanau. He did not think the quarry or other industries should drop their drug-free regimes. Asked about how to get his famous nephews off the couch, Mr Jones said the Provincial Growth Fund was spending large amounts trying to get people, some of whom had been on drugs, work fit. He said the previous Government gave up on the P epidemic. “I can’t do that. I’m a Maori” as were many who were drug-affected.





Shane Jones giving the key note address at this years Quarry Conference in July.

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## Changes at AQA and IOQNZ Boards

The AGMs of both the AQA and IOQNZ took place at the QuarryNZ conference and there was some changing of the guards.

Jared Johnston stood down as an AQA Board member and chair to be replaced by Fulton Hogan colleague Peter Walsh on the board. Also stepping down were George Kelcher and Brett Swain.

There being no further nominations, the AQA Board will continue with six members rather than the previous eight. Peter Walsh was subsequently elected as AQA chair with Mike Higgins continuing on as deputy.

At the IOQNZ AGM, Peter Morgan stood down as president to be replaced by Dean Torstonson. Tim Kennedy stepped up to become vice-president. John Quayle was re-elected as North Island representative, with Neill Kydd re-elected as South Island rep.

MIMICO's GM Chris Gray was elected for a two-year term and Wellington's Brian Bouzaid, who will chair the committee organising the 2020 QuarryNZ conference in the capital city, was elected for 1 year.

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## The kids are alright

This was the title of Tony Hunter's address to the QuarryNZ conference and it sums up his approach to millennials. Tony reminds us that some things hold true across generations; that some just don't make the cut but others thrive. He attracted ten youngsters to his Otago/Southland operations a couple of years ago; seven got jobs and five are still there. There are 7 apprentices between the Blackhead, Logan Point and AB Lime sites his company operates; four have university degrees.

"The young people can do it; we did it."

Tony says he reminded his father Jim when he commented that some people are too young to run big machinery, that at 23 he was running Dunedin's biggest quarry.

The kids have always been alright.



*A number of Southlanders including this Invercargill mum brought their kids along to see the machinery on display at the QuarryNZ conference - alright by us!*



Tony Hunter doesn't just hang out with the kids, pictured here with Steve Ellis and Peter Walsh.

## NZ aggregate consumption among world's highest

It seems we may be one of the world's biggest users of quarried products.

AQA Technical Advisor Mike Chilton has noted that 41.3m extracted tonnes was reported to NZ Petroleum and Mining in 2017. And while the percentage of quarries submitting their tonnages has risen sharply, it is still only 83% of the total.

At reported levels, this means we are using around 8.5m tonnes of quarried product – but 17% of producers are not reporting, so Mike reckons the true figure is more than 10t per capita.

At that level, NZ is on par with Canada for use of quarried materials; only China with a whopping 14.3t per capita, is ahead.

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## Time to honour the pioneers and recognise the future

We are hoping that some of our founding fathers who served for many years on the AQA Board, will be able to join us at our 50th anniversary gala dinner.

Our venue is the Hagley Oval pavilion – we want to recognise how Christchurch is progressing from its disastrous earthquakes of 2011.

But our major focus is our own progress as an organisation. J Swap Contractors have generously become our principal sponsor, supported by Holcim, Fulton Hogan, Wirtgen Group, Golder, MITO and Quarrying and Mining magazine.

The night will include the results of our Rock our Future competition where school children were challenged to design how a quarry might look in another 50 years' time.

There are still tickets available at \$150 a head for what promises to be a legendary evening.

You can purchase your tickets [online](#). Do so quickly to avoid missing out.

Any queries contact our office coordinator Mikaela Marsh on 021 815 7397 or [office@aqa.org.nz](mailto:office@aqa.org.nz)

[Click here to purchase tickets to the AQA 50th Dinner](#)

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## Kauri dieback guidelines

It's always good when you are consulted prior to things getting near final. So, thumbs up to MPI for approaching the AQA some months ago about a best practice guidelines document it was bringing together on the risks of quarries spreading the pathogen which kills kauri trees, aka kauri dieback.

This is a soil-borne disease that spreads primarily through the movement of contaminated soil. Just a pinhead of soil is all that is needed to spread kauri dieback to other areas.

MPI says many of the quarries in the northern part of New Zealand are on hill sides that have native forest cover. Given these sites need to be cleared of overburden in order to access aggregate, quarry operations could pose a risk in spreading kauri dieback.

Note, clean aggregate itself presents no risk but overburden does. The guidelines establish risk assessments carried out by someone familiar with the quarry, its operational procedures and who can provide assurance that the aggregate can be provided with minimal risk of vectoring kauri dieback. If soil presents any risk, it needs to be kept on site.

The guidelines are reasonable, reflect some AQA input and are not mandatory but are likely to be picked up by northern councils in planning documents. A copy of the guidelines available on the [AQA website](#).





## No travel bug for Allan

Allan May from J Swap Contractors travelled the furthest he's ever been to get to the QuarryNZ conference in Invercargill; and he did so by catching his first aeroplane in his life; Tauranga-Christchurch-Invercargill and return.

At 62 years, Allan manages J Swaps Waotu quarry between Tokoroa and Putaruru. Prior to the conference he'd never been to the South Island, or even further south than Taupo.

Mind you, he does travel an hour plus each way every day from the Mt Maunganui home he shares with his brother Tom to the quarry site.

He did also attend last year's Hamilton conference and Aggregate News asked then if anyone else has had an A Grade qualification longer

After 42 years on the one site, Allan still enjoys every one of the 5 and three-quarter days he spends each week at Waotu, managing 8 staff and sometimes overseeing as many as 20. He started with J Swaps as a 17 year old before moving at age 20 to the current site.

"When I was younger, I decided I was going to give this a real go and stick with this job."

So what did he make of his first experience in the air? "It opened my eyes a bit when they gave it the gun to go down the runway. I wouldn't be scared to fly again."

Not that he's in any rush. Allan reckons he's a bit late in life to get the travel bug, "Swaps has been good to me. I'm planning to stay with them a while yet."

than the one Allan got in 1982. We got one reply.

As the man in the Speights advert might say, good on ya mate.



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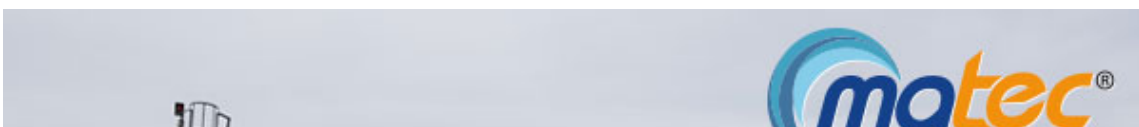
## Recycling practices in the Quarry Industry

Recycling and reuse have been identified as critical to the Government's "Circular Economy" ambitions. This is a shift away from "take, make, dispose (waste)" resources to maximise the use and reuse of resources.

We are keen to understand what you currently do by way of recycling and/or reuse of waste products. This will help inform our ongoing discussions with Government on this topic. We would be grateful if you could complete this [survey](#), which will take around two minutes.

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## Matec Pacific Open Day November the 4th in Christchurch





on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2019  
in Christchurch (NZ) and ALL  
is welcome to attend.



We will be presenting 2 of our newest installations complete with Thickener and Filter Press, that better improves the performances of the upstream wash plants in the **Aggregate Industry** and reduces as such the environmental impact of the quarry operations.



The day will consist of a visit to 2 of our Clients' site facilities, Christchurch Ready Mix and Road Metals, both within about 30 min from the City centre and Airport.

It will be a **great opportunity to meet with our industry representatives and discuss the latest in the sector and enjoying some refreshments.**

*We wish to thank Christchurch Ready Mix, Road Metals and the Aggregate and Quarry Association of New Zealand for the support provided.*

### **FOR MORE DETAILS**

and if you're interested in attending please feel free to call us on **+61 0416 012 903** or email contact below.

Please note RSVP to **events@matecpacific.com** is required to attend the event.

*We look forward to  
a great day*

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