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AQA is submitting on ALL council district plans

Among some of the unheralded work done by AQA, is the solid job done by our reinstated Planning Committee in submitting to every council long term plans and similar documents.

Given there are 67 territorial authorities in NZ, that's a lot of work. And our submissions can provide a hell of a lot of value to you in your local patch.

Most recently, AQA and Straterra submitted on the Draft Growth Strategy which looks ahead 30 years for Whangarei district.

We noted that the extractives sector is important to Whangarei's current and future growth and it needs a supply of sand and aggregate necessary for the infrastructure development associated with that growth. And while there is currently no significant mining activity in the district, access to natural resources of value to the district should not unintentionally be shut off.

We asked the Whangarei District Council to:

- Identify Key Resource Areas with explicit recognition of the importance of quarries
- Avoid reverse sensitivity effects
- Take account of the location of quarries and the cost of transporting materials in district planning

aggregate doubles when it has to travel 30 kilometres from a quarry, and costs increase as distance increases.

We drew attention to the [RMA Quality Planning Resource on aggregates and quarries](#) produced by the Ministry for the Environment and Local Government New Zealand at the initiation by the AQA. The document includes many best practice examples by councils around the country. If you have never looked at it – or haven't for some time – find some time to review it, especially if you are approaching renewal of your quarry consent – or considering applying for a new one.

AQA is now submitting on ALL council plans and we want to work with you on your local issues through our Planning Committee. Contact me in the first instance wayne@aqa.org.nz.

And a shout out to Straterra's Jeremy Harding who does much of the excellent work on submissions like that for Whangarei District Council.

In the rest of this From the Quarry Face edition, have a look at our MIMICO Award finalists, the impending QuarryNZ Conference and full speed ahead for the AQA's 50th celebrations including the Rock our Future schools project.

Stay warm and safe,
Wayne

AQA reminded the Council that a cubic metre of concrete contains two tonnes of sand and aggregate; that an average of around nine tonnes of stone, gravel and sand per New Zealander is consumed each year; and the cost of



Wayne Scott
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Six of the best for MIMICO award

We've made changes to the 2019 MIMICO Environment and Community Award. Rather than gold, silver and bronze awards we are now looking towards a single prize winner; that said, our judge, former Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Morgan Williams, now in his 12th year of assessing MIMICO award entries says it will be a hard call picking one from the six finalists. These range from as far south as Te Anau up north to Whangarei. Morgan says this year there are several similar, but reinforcing stories, all projecting a strong commitment to the broader dimensions of environmental sustainability, empowerment of people, working with community and truly innovative approaches; more than one also includes a strong feature of working with iwi.

The winner will be announced at the QuarryNZ Conference but as part of our changes, we are promoting all entrants through a montage of photos and videos which you can check out at our exhibition stand at the conference. Here's a summary of the six finalists.

Fulton Hogan, Gore:
Long-term strategies and community engagement for environmental gains.

This entry centred around creating valuable wildlife and recreational habitat out of excavations near a river bed as well as using multiple sites to reduce trucking and carbon emissions. Morgan says it highlights the great value of long-term, multi-party planning to meet a region's aggregate needs in cost effective (and carbon effective) ways that ensure environmental and community benefits.

McGregor Concrete, White River Quarry, Te Anau:
Building a community asset and engaging youth.

A former extraction pit has been turned into a children's fishing pond, regularly stocked with trout and salmon. Our judge says it is an excellent example of high-value recreation and wildlife pond being created in partnership with the local community, NGOs and agencies.



McGregor Concrete, Te Anau project.

**Fulton Hogan, Awakino Quarry,
South Waikato:
Beyond the quarry, partnering with
iwi to restore coastal ecologies.**

Fulton Hogan worked with local iwi to divert a stream, with hundreds of fish caught and relocated, and then funded two environmental restoration projects that involved extensive planting and 1350 metres of fencing. Morgan commented that it was an excellent example of relationship building with the whole community in the quarry district and shared common interest in being a good neighbour and environmental guardian.

**Winstones, Otaika Quarry,
Whangarei:
Restoring relationships, renewing
iwi relations and shared visions.**

Winstone Aggregates and Golden Bay Cement Portland had an existing relationship with iwi but in 2016, at the start of a major consenting project in Otaika, iwi said they felt it was a tick-box exercise for business and not a relationship with the community. Over three years, representatives from Te

**Christchurch Ready-Mix Concrete:
Closing the loop - water recycling
and carbon emission reductions
using a Filter Press based system.**

Management of silt had been a major part of CRMC's production process that was costly and still required a discharge to the river. It decided to invest in a filter press-based system imported from Italy and installed by its team. The benefits have been spectacular on costs and providing a major reduction in water use. Morgan says CRMC is a true leader in environmental mitigation and energy/carbon footprint reduction.

**Fulton Hogan Dunedin, Peninsula
Connection Project.**

Fulton Hogan contracted by Dunedin City Council to widen the Portobello road to include a shared path (cycle and walking) that required coastal reclamation using bulk fill and the construction of a new stone wall. The building of trust with the local community and iwi was contributed by every member of the Fulton Hogan team, with accolades received for the

Pouwhenua o Tiakiriri Kukupa Trust (Pouwhenua), Winstone Aggregates and Golden Bay Cement worked to formalise a new Te Hononga/relationship agreement. Morgan says the initiative highlights the importance of ongoing investment in iwi and community relationships and the care that needs to go with sourcing and repair of landscape and ecologies. This has to be at the heart of aggregate and quarry businesses at all times as this entry so powerful illustrates.

engagement and the way the project was managed. Morgan said it provided a great model for how to empower staff and work with iwi, and all members of a community during a much desired but very disruptive project.



Members of iwi and Winstones sign the Te Hononga agreement.

QuarryNZ Conference next week

If you haven't registered, you are still able to for the 2019 QuarryNZ Conference, though Invercargill's major hotel – the Ascot Park – is already booked out.

The AQA and IOQNZ branches in Southland and Otago have worked to ensure no one leaves feeling unstimulated. We've got the colourful Shane Jones, Minister for Regional Economic Development and Infrastructure giving a keynote address – perhaps someone will provide him



The conference programme is as jam-packed as ever - <http://quarrynz.com/> - a field visit to Mort Crook's quarry and to our member AB Lime, a dinner at Southland Velodrome and two dinner events at the fantastic Transport World complex.

I look forward to seeing you there.

with a beanie promoting the quarry sector – he is a supporter.

AQA hits the half ton

The AQA's jubilee will be marked on the 5th October at a gala dinner event at the newly re-opened Christchurch Town Hall.

Our guest speaker will be Global Aggregates Information Network Chair, Jim O'Brien, who will be joining us from Ireland. MC for the night will be popular QuarryNZ MC Steve Davis.

We've been gathering some videos from industry identities to share on the night which promises to be a memorable occasion.

It will include announcements about the winners of the Rock our Future competition, where primary school children have been invited to design a quarry running on renewable resources.

We have recently issued a sponsorship prospectus which has attracted good interest. Details of ticket sales will be forwarded to members shortly.

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