

What being an AQA member brings

The AQA is continually focused on delivering outcomes that are important to you as AQA members and supporters.

We are **your** organisation, collectively funded by you, and our CEO Wayne Scott is answerable to the Board you elect. Wayne has been the Chief Executive since September 2018, sharing offices/resources with MinEx and Straterra to the benefit of AQA members and enabling us to deliver on our strategy at modest costs.

Our Board has developed a plan through to 2024 covering four key strategies:

1. To provide **planning** advice for our members and to lobby councils and Government to ensure they are planning for future aggregate resources and protecting future and current aggregate resources from sterilisation.
2. To improve the **technical** knowledge of New Zealand aggregates for our members and users of our products and assist members to attain best practice in complying with operational, environmental and regulatory requirements.
3. Through engagement with MinEx, develop an industry view on **health and safety** matters and advise and assist our members with improved health and safety practices.
4. Through engagement with IOQ and MITO, improve our industry's competence through initiating, promoting and supporting industry **training**, and youth recruitment initiatives.

This strategy is reviewed at an annual Industry Leader's Forum to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members.

Planning

Our Planning Committee provides you as a quarry owner/operator with input into every Council plan and Government consultation process affecting quarries. We make submissions on behalf of the sector on each and every district and regional plan and can assist members with their own submissions if required.

Technical

AQA Technical Advisor Mike Chilton is our lead on technical issues including proposed changes to pavement specifications, use of marginal aggregates, use of recycled products, etc. all of which the AQA has taken up on your behalf. Mike also manages enquiries from AQA members with particular technical issues.

Communications

With support from our Communications Advisor Brendon Burns (a former MP), we have regular meetings with key Government Ministers and their officials to ensure they understand our sectors issues and your concerns. We also have established links with fellow industry bodies including Civil Contractors NZ, ConcreteNZ, Building Industry Federation and InfrastructureNZ as well as working relationships with GNS Science and the recently formed Infrastructure Commission.

Brendon also provides you with our regular From the Quarry Face newsletter and six editions of Aggregate News which is published in your free copy of Q&M magazine. Brendon is also available to you for one-off advice on government, community engagement and media issues.

Member's webpage

Our [website](#) includes your logo and website link on the Members page which demonstrates your membership of a well-respected organisation and we encourage members to network and discuss common issues. Members are provided with access to our Members only section which provides resources and information which you will find useful, e.g.: technical information sheets, key points for submissions on resource management policy and district plans. A new section on Sustainability has recently been added.

Wayne is also continuing to improve our industry's health and safety in his joint role as [MinEx](#) CEO. Now well established, MinEx regional workshops which provide CPD hours have seen good turnouts. Wayne also provides invaluable one-off H&S advice to AQA members.

As a member company, your staff will receive a discount on registration to the AQA & IOQ annual [QuarryNZ Conference](#) in July. We also have our annual nation-wide Rock Our Future School Competition and we need as many quarries on board as possible to help any participating local school to help showcase what goes on inside a quarry.