

## **December Newsletter**

### **Word from the MD**

We seem to have arrived in December with the button still firmly pressed on fast forward. As always, it's been another busy year at MITA, and for the Electricity Supply industry in general.

2017 has seen MITA taking on more responsibility in WTC training for Vector. We will continue to manage the transition for companies to the new WTC requirements in 2018 and beyond.

We continue to respond to market demands with the introduction of several new courses next year, and the refinement of some existing ones.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you and your family have a safe and relaxing holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2018.

### **2017 Graduates**

MITA has seen a number of students completing training in a variety of qualifications in 2017, including our own Administration Manager and Operations Manager!

From Safety, Live Line and EWRB refreshers to WTC, Line Mechanic and Cable Jointer courses, over 1000 students have completed regulatory, assessment and NZQA courses in 2017.

### **New 2018 Qualification!**

MITA will be introducing the Level 4 New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Fault Response and Switching) to its training in 2018. Following completion of the core Distribution Network Faults Response courses, a Faults Response Strand and a Switching Strand will be offered.

Graduates of the Distribution Fault Response strand will be able to apply knowledge of fault finding, and demonstrate the practical skills required to carry out restoration of supply to the distribution networks in the electricity supply network.

Graduates of the Distribution Network Switching strand will be able to apply knowledge of complex network switching to work on distribution networks.

Staff who hold a L4 Line Mechanic or Cable Jointing course will typically complete three 5-day block courses; staff who have Electrical Registration but no Unit Standards will typically complete four 5-day block courses.

MITA will complete a Record of Achievement on all staff attending the course to see which Unit Standards they may already hold. This may reduce the duration of the course for them.

More information, including a Course Information Sheet, can be obtained from [Administration Manager Janet Edgar](#).

### **New Electricity Supply training for Civil Workers**

MITA recently ran a course for Bayon Construction, training their Civil Workers to be able to complete Electricity Supply work safely. The success of this course, and a demand for training in the industry sees MITA adding it to the list of available courses in 2018.

The five-day course covers all Unit Standards in a Level Two qualification, plus US 10543, 20073 and 28112. Topics include PPE, identifying structures, Health and Safety,

Safe Working Practices, hazard assessment, power cable installation and operating of machinery.

The mix of theoretical information (including standards, legislation, Codes of Practice and Electrical Safety guides) and practical exercises (including loading and unloading equipment and machinery safely) provides a comprehensive programme for all Civil Workers.

More information can be obtained from Mark Adams, the [Training and Development Manager](#).

### **T3 – Team Leader to Team Supervisor (T4)**

The popular T3 programme is having a revamp in 2018, with a component for staff moving on to supervisor responsibilities added. The new T4 – Team Leader to Team Supervisor will cover industry supervisory guidelines and hazard management, ensuring staff are qualified to manage a worksite and keep themselves, the team and the public safe as work is undertaken.

Contact Mark Adams, [Training and Development Manager](#) for more information.

<b>Line Mechanics Block Courses – 1<sup>st</sup> half 2018</b>		
<b>LMB1</b>		
Team Lima	22 Jan – 2 Feb	Auckland
Team Mike	19 – 23 Feb	Christchurch
Team November	15 – 19 Jan	Auckland
Team Oscar	19 – 23 Feb	Napier
<b>LMB2</b>		
Team Hotel	30 April – 4 May	Mosgiel
Team India	28 May – 1 June	Mosgiel
<b>LMB3</b>		
Team Alpha	22 – 26 Jan	Auckland
Team Bravo	22 – 26 Jan	Christchurch
Team Charlie	9 – 13 April	Auckland
Team Golf	28 May – 1 June	Auckland
Team Echo	21 – 25 May	Mosgiel
<b>LMB4A</b>		
Team Squirrel	15 – 19 Jan	Auckland
Team Tiger	12 – 16 Feb	Mosgiel
Team Weke	30 April – 4 May	Napier
Team Weka	7 – 11 May	Napier
<b>LMB4B</b>		
Team Scorpion	26 Feb – 9 Mar	Dunedin
Team Panther	12 – 23 Mar	Auckland
Team Rooster	9 – 20 April	Christchurch
<b>Cable Jointing Block courses 1<sup>st</sup> half 2018</b>		
<b>CJB3A</b>		
Team Cod	22 – 26 Jan	Auckland
Team Herring	16 – 20 April	Auckland
Team Powernet 1	19 – 23 Feb	Invercargill
Team Gecko	26 Feb – 3 Mar	Christchurch
Team Newt	12 – 16 March	Christchurch
<b>CJB4A</b>		
Team Bass	30 April – 4 May	Auckland
Team Tuatara	16 – 18 May	Christchurch

