

Word from the MD

We are very pleased to welcome new staff on board the MITA team, both as permanent team members and as contract trainers. These appointments reflect MITA's diversification into a wider range of NZQA qualifications.

2018 has seen MITA diversifying into Fault Response and Field Switching, as well as WTC training and management for Vector.

Providing a career path for line mechanics and other electrically trained staff is also a key focus for MITA. Courses in Leadership and Supervision have proved popular, with 5 courses already run to date. The step up from being a member of the team to leading it ensures that some of our best talent is retained in the industry.

As always, MITA remains responsive to industry and stakeholder requirements – please contact us with any training requirements you may have.

Sponsorship

The SAT

MITA welcomed the opportunity to sponsor members of the Tongan Shooting Association Team (SAT) in their preparations for the 2018 Commonwealth Games held in the Gold Coast, Australia. This was the first opportunity for the SAT to participate in an international sporting event of this calibre, and MITA's sponsorship enabled nominated shooters to train for 3 days a week in the lead up to the games.

Henry Liutai went on to represent Tonga in the Men's Olympic Trap Shooting where he finished 39th – an excellent achievement given the disruption caused by Tropical Cyclone Gita to his training schedule.

Henry has shared his experiences with the SAT, resulting in a decision for Tonga to send a shooting team to the South Pacific Games in 2019.

Well done to the SAT and Henry! We look forward to tracking your progress in the lead-up to next year's games!

The F100's

MITA is also sponsoring this season's Under 15 rugby team from Waitakere High School. The F-100's have been named after MITA's red F-100 truck. Knowing how hard it is to get sponsorship, we are happy to support local schools. Sponsorship also provides a great opportunity to highlight Line Mechanics as a good career path for students.

New staff members

Kevin Kemp joins MITA from Electrix in the role of Electrical Trainer. Kevin brings with him 24 years of experience in field switching, sub-transmission and live line – 20 of these gained in his home country of South Africa with the latter 4 years in New Zealand. These different working environments have seen him appreciate the focus on safety, strong PPE requirements, and the robust adherence to the electricity rules and regulations within the industry.

MITA welcomes Kevin, and looks forward to his input and experience in the training of Field Switchers and Fault Responders.

Fault Response/Field Switching

MITA is offering a Level 4 block course in Fault Response and Field Switching, and staff wishing to enrol are required to hold a Level 4 electricity supply certificate.

The Level 4 course will typically be held over 3 one-week blocks. Intervals between blocks will ensure staff have the opportunity to complete the required exposures. MITA will complete a Record of Achievement on all staff wishing to attend the course to see which Unit Standards they may already hold. This will ensure they are placed in the most suitable training group, and may mean they require less time to complete the overall qualification.

Depending on units they hold, they will complete one of the following options:

- Core + Faults Unit Standards
- Core + Switching Unit Standards
- Core + Faults and Switching Unit Standards

MITA will enrol up to 6 staff per block course, with courses based in Auckland, Christchurch, Napier and Dunedin. They are also able to hold these at a company's facilities on request. Please contact Mark Adams, the Training and Development Manager for more information.

Work Type Competency (WTC) Training

MITA runs WTC courses for staff working on or near Vector network assets. All staff, including authorised contractors and third-party contractors are required to hold these WTCs before they are able to undertake this work.

MITA offers both Full and Renewal WTC courses and is currently working on an on-line registration system for all stakeholders wishing to enrol themselves or their staff on these courses. In the meantime, please contact the Admissions Manager, Janet Edgar, with your course requirements.

Upcoming courses

Keep an eye out for invitations to courses in Line Mechanics and Cable Jointing. These are typically sent out 2 to 3 months ahead of scheduled dates.