



## MITA CONSULTING E-NEWSLETTER – February 2017

**As we tick off the first month of 2017 MITA wishes to update you on student and company performance in 2016 and going forward.**

### **A word from the MD, Dave Edgar**

Happy New Year from the team at MITA Consulting! We trust you had a safe and relaxing holiday period.

In addition to servicing the training needs of our New Zealand clients, 2017 sees MITA offering training to clients based in the Pacific. These initially include PNG, Tonga, Fiji and the Philippines with teams coming to New Zealand to complete their training. In addition to gaining technical skills, trainees will also benefit from cross-cultural interactions.

MITA will continue to offer mainstay qualifications in Line Mechanics and Cable Jointing as well as servicing the requirements for EWRB exams, Live Line, Switching, Health and Safety and PTR to name a few. We are often able to offer customised training so please contact me at [training@mitaconsulting.co.nz](mailto:training@mitaconsulting.co.nz) to discuss any requirements you may have.

As always, we'd would like to thank all our customers for their continuing support of MITA. We look forward to working with you and your staff in 2017.

### **Completing teams**

2016 saw a number of Line Mechanic and Cable Jointing teams completing the training for their qualification.

Congratulations to the Line Mechanic students on Teams Elephant, Dodo, Dog, Dingo, Hawk, Ibis and Bison and to Team Hornet, our 1<sup>st</sup> completing team of 2017!

Congratulations also go to the students completing their Cable Jointing training on Teams CJ Rig, Pilc, Salmon, Tuna and Kahawai.

As highlighted in the reports you received after the team training, we may still be waiting on paperwork (attestations and/or evidence/observations) for a number of trainees. Once these have been received and signed off, unit standards can be awarded.

2016 saw 76 trainees complete their capstone 4B exams in the first sitting. 1 trainee went on to complete in a resit. We also saw 9 overseas trainees successfully take part in the EWRB registration-only exams.

### **New staff**

We are happy to welcome Mark Adams to the MITA team in the position of Training and Development Manager. Mark will be a familiar face to many of you, having worked for over 30 years in various areas within the electricity supply industry in New Zealand and Australia. His experience will be invaluable to MITA in the running of training courses and management of course content.

### **Upcoming training**

Invitations, enrolment forms and paperwork for the upcoming first quarter training was sent out prior to Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming the first LMB1 teams in February. Please contact [training@mitaconsulting.co.nz](mailto:training@mitaconsulting.co.nz) for details of LMB1 courses scheduled later in the year.

Alpha LMB1	7 – 17 February
Bravo LMB1	13 – 17 February
Charlie LMB1	20 – 24 February
Kiwi LMB4B	27 Feb – 10 March
Scorpion LMB3	27 Feb – 3 March
Jaguar/Lynx LMB4B	20 – 31 March
Kutu LMB4B	20 – 31 March

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Raccoon CJ3B	13 – 17 February
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MITA kindly requests that the required paperwork, together with purchase order numbers, are returned in a timely fashion to allow for course preparation.

### **New initiatives**

MITA will be developing and implementing several new initiatives to be trialled in 2017. These currently include a:

- Personal Assessment Plan (PAP)
- MITA Literacy test
- Team Mate to Team Leader course (TM 2 TL)

Both the PAP and the Literacy test will provide MITA with internal tools to identify areas for additional support as well as monitor and track progress in core training and safety skills. A key component of the PAP is trainee self-assessment with the intention they will be more involved in their training progress.

The MITA "TM 2 TL" course was developed to address the lack of Personal Development training in supervision. Please contact Mark Adams for more information on future courses [mark@mitaconsulting.co.nz](mailto:mark@mitaconsulting.co.nz).

More information on these programmes will be communicated as they become available.

### **Industry participation**

As is tradition, MITA will continue to sponsor the annual Line Mechanic's competition. Look out for MITA's red 1955 F100 promo truck at the comp in Hamilton this year!

### **Sponsorship**

MITA is proud to be sponsoring the Kumeu U21's rugby team. Champions in 2016, MITA looks forward to supporting them in 2017.