

## A WORD FROM DAVE...

What a start to the year it has been! The first 6 months of 2020 are probably different to what we all had planned but hopefully we are out the other side for the better.

Over the Covid-19 lockdown the MITA office staff worked from home like most others and our weekly meetings certainly looked a little different.

We had to reschedule all courses booked for April and May and I want to thank all our customers for being understanding of us while we continue to work to rebook and reschedule the backlog.

Thanks to those Electrical Workers who were essential workers and continued to put their lives on the line during lockdown.

I also want to thank the MITA office staff who have worked incredibly hard to ensure operations still run smoothly.

We still have Covid-19 restrictions in place, using bigger classrooms and social distancing where we can, as well as continuing to provide hand sanitiser in all our classrooms and contact tracing.

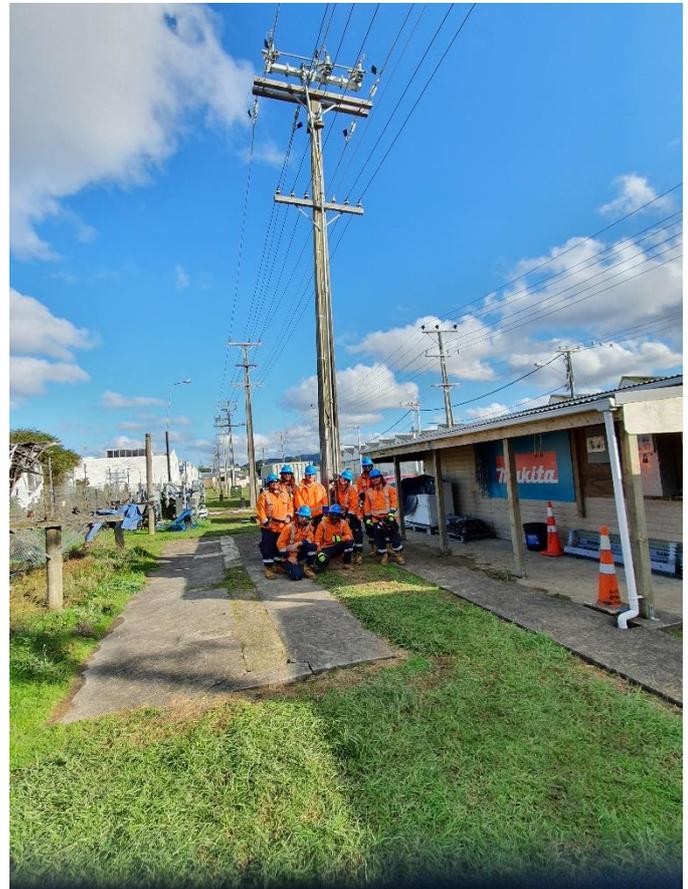
As always, thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you over the next few months.

## INTRODUCTIONS...

**Welcome** to our new trainer, Graham Petrie!

Graham will focus on our new Network Controller programme, electrical theory and EWRB. He brings a wealth of knowledge from the industry over the last 50 years.

Welcome to our new Office Manager Stacey Edgar, Stacey brings experience in administration as well as training and will oversee MITA's Auckland office, alongside Mark Adams.



*Team Kia, completing a switch installation at our Auckland Training Facility*



*Team Papa with the help of Mark Knuckey and Jimmy Marinus have finished their final block course for Line Mechanics.*

## NETWORK CONTROLLER

MITA Consulting has designed a training course for personnel who work in Network Control Rooms within the Electricity Supply Industry. The training meets the requirements of Industry Guides and SMEI Part 1, 2 and 3 and provides the candidate with the skills and knowledge to perform non load-bearing and load-bearing LV work methods. If you have any questions please contact us for more information.

## MITA MERCHANDISE

You can now purchase our MITA T-shirts and hoodies. Just send an email to [stacey@mitaconsulting.co.nz](mailto:stacey@mitaconsulting.co.nz) or message us on Facebook with your size and what you'd like and we will send it out to you. T-shirts are \$30.00 and Hoodies are \$60.00 excluding postage.

## ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INSTITUTE

MITA Consulting Ltd is proposing the introduction of an institute of training to provide the Infrastructure Supply Industry with people who have sufficient knowledge and ability to work safely in the industry above entry level. This will be part of a foundation certificate suitable for all infrastructure workers that intend to work in the trades. Once completed, this course will help infrastructure workers increase their capabilities within Generation, Distribution, Transmission, Telecommunications, Traction and Utility Arborist.

## LATEST VERSION UNIT STANDARDS

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, all trainees will be assessed to the latest unit standard version, even though they may already hold unit standards from previous years. These will be reported to NZQA and will show on their ROA with current dates.

## ONLINE ASSESSMENTS

MITA is in the process of developing an online Worker Type Competency assessment, which will allow renewal of some competencies in an online format.

## CABLE JOINTER 2 YEAR RENEWAL

MITA is now offering a Cable Jointing refresher course including pit rescue, spike gun and jointing techniques.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to Independent Line Services and Matt Southorn for allowing us the use of their facility during level 2 Lockdown in Christchurch.



*Team Quebec have finished their Final 4B Block course for Line Mechanics.*



*Team Sienna have finished their Final 4B Block course for Line Mechanics. Thanks to Trainers Tony and Jono!*