



## **MITA CONSULTING E-NEWSLETTER – December 2015**

**As 2015 draws to a close, MITA wishes to reflect on what has been a busy year for both the company, and the industry as a whole.**

**This will be the first in a bi-annual series, updating you on student and company performance and industry happenings.**

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

2015 has proven to be another busy year for the electricity supply industry as a whole. We have seen the completion of teams on the old Line Mechanic qualification pathway, and the progression of teams through the new pathway. MITA has reviewed and updated the order in which some of the Unit Standards are taught on our courses to ensure a better flow given the change in certain prerequisites required.

We would like to thank all our customers for their continuing support of MITA. We appreciate this, and look forward to working with you and your staff in 2016 and beyond.

### **Completing teams**

2015 saw a number of Line Mechanic and Cable Jointing teams completing their training for their qualification.

Congratulations to the Line Mechanic students on Teams Romeo, Papa, Quebec, Whiskey, Uniform, Zulu, Yankee, Tango and Cricket.

Congratulations also go to the students completing their Cable Jointing training on Teams CJ Lima, Flounder, Hapuka and Mackerel,

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.

2015 also saw over 100 local and overseas trainees successfully take part in the EWRB exams.

### **Upcoming training**

2016 continues at a fast pace with 10 line mechanic teams receiving training on LMB3 – 4B in the first quarter. Invitations, enrolment forms and paperwork will be sent out prior to Christmas.

Elephant 4A	18-22 Jan
Kiwi 3	18-22 Jan
Hornet 3	25-29 Jan
Ibis 3	25-29 Jan
Ant 4B	15-26 Feb
Dingo 4A	22-26 Feb
Jaguar 3	29 Feb – 4 Mar
Kutu 3	29 Feb – 4 Mar
Cockroach 4B	7-18 Mar
Dodo 4A	14-18 Mar

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

Supervisors will receive an invitation to observe their trainees on the last day of their LMB4B course. Lunch will be provided prior to the prize-giving in the early afternoon – we hope to see you there!

### **Stakeholder survey**

MITA appreciates the feedback it receives from its various stakeholders, be they trainees at the end of a course or company representatives (clients) taking part in its Stakeholder Feedback Survey.

The most popular trainee feedback topic in 2015 focussed on positive comments about the trainers. Apparently the provision of biscuits would improve the courses for a number of the trainees!!

2015 saw two stakeholder survey's distributed online with results showing the clear majority of you are happy with our service, training and the value it provides to your company and staff.

Thank you for your confidence in MITA. As feedback remains important to us, this survey will be distributed once again in 2016 (with a new prize draw!). Keep a lookout for it towards the end of the year.

### **NZQA External Evaluation and Review (EER)**

The NZQA [EER](#) is an external process that reviews an educational organisation's performance and capability in delivering high quality education. MITA has undertaken this process twice since it began operations in 2011.

With its focus on the quality of teaching and learning, and self-assessment, performance and improvement processes, it was very pleasing to achieve classification as a Category 1 provider in 2015 with a ranking of Highly Confident. This confirms the quality and value that trainees and clients receive when undertaking and engaging in training through MITA.

### **Industry events**

MITA has had the opportunity to host or attend several industry events in 2015. This has included:

## **Annual Line Mechanic and Cable Jointing Competition**

Once again the line competition provided one of the year's highlights, with teams and individuals competing to take out a number of titles. MITA sponsored both the Pole Top Rescue and Dismantle events and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with colleagues, trainees and graduates. It was great to see the MITA 'Linesman Brotherhood' t-shirts and sweatshirts in hot demand again.

Congratulations to MITA graduate Laisa, from Electrix, who took out the Overall Trainee of the Year award, as well as the top Distribution Trainee!

## **Live Line Forum**

The second annual Live Line Forum took place at MITA in June. Attendees from around the country were updated on the ECP46. Please contact Dave ([dave@mitaconsulting.co.nz](mailto:dave@mitaconsulting.co.nz)) if you are interested in taking part in the 2016 forum.

We wish you, your families and your staff a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2016 and beyond.

Merry Christmas from the team at MITA Consulting!!