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# Aggregate News

## AQA AWARDS

One of the ways in which any group in society recognises the achievements of others is by the presentation of awards. When those awards are presented by one's peers, they carry special significance because the recognition is even more valued.

The AQA now has three awards, which together form a set of sustainability Awards, designed to recognise outstanding achievement or performance, all of which will contribute to the ongoing sustainability of the industry.



The awards cover three areas or activities:

- Community and Social Sustainability. The purpose is to promote excellent relationships between the industry sites and the communities in which they are located. Members will be all too familiar with adverse publicity, objections and complaints against quarries and the intent is to promote any activity which reduces or removes those frictions.
- Energy Efficiency. Energy is a cost to every site and any efficiency will result in savings on the bottom line. Additionally, the issues of carbon footprints, carbon trading, and climate change mean that not only can monetary savings be achieved but the site can achieve recognition as a good corporate citizen.
- Environmental Excellence. Sponsored for several years by MIMICO, the reduction of impact on the environment can only benefit the site and the local community, as well as the country. We only borrow this environment for a short time and we should do our utmost to improve it and minimise any adverse effects

**A number of smaller actions or one larger project—each can qualify for an award.**

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## DIARY DATES

### 2009

IoQ/AQA Joint  
Conference  
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Wednesday 8 July -  
Friday 10 July



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Three awards were presented to AQA members at the Titan Volvo Awards Dinner held at the Conference in July.

### Quarry & Mining Magazine Community & Social Sustainability Award

A travel voucher for \$3,000 is awarded by the New Zealand Quarry & Mining Magazine to the member company who in the opinion of the judges, has shown a high level of relationships with their local community and have made significant effort to minimise community concerns regarding the company's activities, thereby contributing to the ongoing social sustainability of aggregate production.

**The 2008 Winner is McDonalds Lime  
for their work at the Oparure Quarry, their involvement with the local community  
and their development of the Masons Dry Cave area.**

### AQA Energy Efficiency Award

An award of \$10,000 to be spent on further energy efficiency and conservation programmes made by the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority. The award is made to the company who in the opinion of the judges has made significant improvements in their energy efficiency and conservation measures within their operations.

**The 2008 Winner is Winstone Aggregates  
for the application of their Energy Policy and resulting savings in energy use  
and carbon emissions.**

### MIMICO Environmental Excellence Award

An Award presented to the person or company who, in the opinion of the judges, has made a significant contribution to environmental matters within the aggregate and quarry industry. The winner receives an Educational Award to the Value of \$5,000 donated by MIMICO. As a condition of entry, the winning organisation is required to provide the AQA with a brief report on how the \$5,000 award grant was spent and how that spending benefited the company's ongoing environmental initiatives.

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for their work at the Oparure Quarry, rehabilitation and carbon management plan**

### But Wait ,There's More

It was a most successful night for McDonalds Lime. As well as taking two of the three AQA Awards, they also received the Winstone Aggregates Safety Award, a trophy presented through the Institute of Quarrying by Winstone Aggregates and awarded to the "quarry operation" judged as the operation best meeting a wide range of criteria relating to the industry.

## LIFE MEMBER

The AQA recognised one of the founding members of the Industry during the Conference when it conferred Life Membership on John McCallum of Clevedon. John's exploits on barges, dredges and on dry land are legendary, and the award was greeted with acclamation.

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## *“FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR FUTURE”*

Members will have seen the agenda document above which was launched in Wellington on 1 July and is now on our website.. The launch was part of a co-ordinated communications strategy adopted for the next three years. The aim is raise the profile of the industry and the AQA, to resolve as far as possible ongoing difficulties experienced by members and to achieve a sustainable aggregate and quarrying industry into the future.

A number of announcements by the Government and Opposition in recent weeks indicate heavy investment in infrastructure. While the dollars will be welcome, the aggregates are an essential part of infrastructure development and it is vital for the country that current access and transportation problems are overcome.

Comprehensive communication plans can be a significant cost and the AGM approved a proposal regarding funding and the basis for subscriptions.

From now until the end of the financial year (31 March 2009,) the Association will fund its activities from its reserves.

From 1 April 2009, a new subscription formula takes effect. Subscriptions will be based solely on the tonnage of material produced and the number of sites will no longer be part of the calculation.

The subscription formula based on the tonnage from previous calendar year is as follows (all exclusive of GST):

Annual Tonnes Produced		Members Subscription
From	To	
0	50,000	\$1,000
50,001	250,000	\$1,750
250,000	500,000	\$3,250
500,001	1,000,000	\$6,000
1,000,001	2,000,000	\$10,000
2,000,001	5,000,000	\$25,000

The annual subscription for Associate Membership is \$500 unless the member is an Platinum, Gold or Silver sponsor where AQA membership is complimentary.

### Voting

One question raised at the AGM related to voting under the new subscription regime and its effect on financial membership.

- The Constitution provides for one vote for each financial member.
- In some cases, each site within a large organisation is a separate financial member and therefore would have one vote per site.
- In other cases, one large organisation may have numerous sites, all captured under the one membership.
- The removal of a site component in the subscription now means that the only basis for subscription is tonnage and it will be up to individual members to assess whether they wish their membership status to reflect the organisation (one membership) or the individual sites (multiple memberships).

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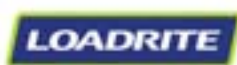


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