

Industry mourns loss of quarry inspector

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Tributes are flowing in after the sudden passing yesterday of Ivan Morice, one of WorkSafe's small team of quarry inspectors.

Wayne Scott, CEO of MinEx and the Aggregate and Quarry Association says Ivan was well known and widely respected in quarries around New Zealand, particularly the Auckland and Northland regions.



"Ivan had a wealth of experience in the industry both here and in Australia. He had an excellent rapport with people whom he encouraged and supported to pursue good training so as to lift safety in the quarry sector. He leaves a large gap."

Paul Hunt, Chief Inspector Extractives says the WorkSafe High Hazards Unit team is devastated by the loss of Ivan.

"It's a real shock to us all. We will miss Ivan as a friend and colleague. Our thoughts are with his family at this time."

Charlene Donald, WorkSafe's team leader for quarries says Ivan had started his career with NZ Police and became a community constable before going to work in the mines in Western Australia and New South Wales.

"That role as a community constable really came through in his work in quarries. He had a real interest in people and what they were doing. Ivan had an amazing memory for who was who and what was happening in the industry."

She says Ivan had joined the Department of Labour as an inspector about a year before WorkSafe was created, so had worked for the last six or seven years visiting quarries around New Zealand, particularly in Northland but as far away as the Chatham Islands.

Ivan was one of five quarry inspectors employed by WorkSafe. Donald says Ivan, aged 61, is survived by his wife Lianne, three adult children and grandchildren.

There were no immediate details available about funeral arrangements.