

# McKay Drilling Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter from McKay Drilling

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## A New Store Office

A new store office has been built for Shaun O'Flaherty. The office was built in conjunction with the new software program being implemented. The office now acts as an integral part of controlling the stores stock levels.

## A WORD FROM MARK

I would like to welcome back Bronsen Fradd who has been on holiday for the past three weeks, we hope he is well rested and ready to continue his valuable contribution to the company, and all at McKay Drilling would like to wish him a Happy 21st Birthday.

## Fatigue Management

Fatigue management is an essential component of any health and safety management plan within the drilling industry.

Drillers are exposed to a number of environmental and operational extremes and, on occasions, their ability to eliminate exposure is difficult to achieve at best.

Because of this, it is essential that employees are educated on the effects of fatigue, given the appropriate tools and the knowhow in which to combat it. Some of the biggest risks

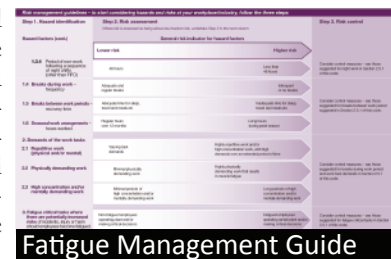
include reduced performance and productivity, increased chance of workplace accidents and road crash. Evidence also suggests that fatigued people are more likely to engage in risk-taking behaviour, this is particularly dangerous if the fatigued employee is in charge of a rig operation.

Given the above mentioned it is then easily assumed that fatigue may affect a person's judgement of his or her own state of fatigue. This means the effective management of fatigue should not be the

responsibility of the employee alone.

Employers, employees and all parties associated within the drilling process have a role in ensuring that any tasks associated with fatigue are eliminated, minimised or controlled through the creation of procedures, policies and best practise guidelines.

Under this "duty of care" companies have a greater chance of reducing the likelihood and the severity potential of having fatigue related incidents.



Fatigue Management Guide

## New Employees

McKay Drilling would like to make welcome Joshua Guliver, Kihoi Te Are and Lucas Harrington as new RC offsidiers who have joined us this month.



Lucas Harrington

## Store Orders

All store order books will soon be phased out and replaced with a Parts Requisition book. The books will be distributed to all rigs promptly.

## Reminders

**Plods:** Make sure you get all your plods in before Mondays of each week. This gives the office time to process them to get your pays completed in time.

**Order Lists:** Just a reminder to put you order lists in and phone the yard to confirm with Les or Shaun

**Pre-Starts:** Try to get your Pre-Starts in on a weekly to fortnightly basis and record the number on your plod

## Who's Drilling Where

Rig One is in Port Hedland in the capable hands of Paul Williams. Adrian Pearse has packed up and headed to Paraburdoo aboard Rig Two. Aric Rex is still drilling just East of Newman on Rig Three. Our track rig is now back on the flats just West of Tom Price with Rhys Davies. Wade Merritt has taken control of Rig Five in Meekatharra. Rig Six is East of Newman with Sidney Whanga at the levers. Our Diamond Rig is still in Newman with Niall Breen and Ben Wilson sharing the duties. Brett Jenkinson is in Tennant Creek aboard Rig Eight. Finally Rig Nine is in Halls Creek with Jai Williams.

## ISO 9001:2008

**T**he development of the McKay Drilling Quality Assurance system is progressing well.

A site visit is planned for this month to ensure the developing QA system requirements extend beyond the office in preparation for the audit later this year.

At this point we are very pleased with the development and are anticipating a smooth, formal transition of this system into our daily operations.



## Workshop Store

**T**he stores department is currently undergoing an audit in preparation for the implementation of a new software program which will control all incoming and outgoing stock associated with all areas of the company's operations.



Workshop Store located in Wangara



Rig Four in the hills

## Rig Four

**R**ig Four, our track rig, has moved out of the hills on their current contract and are back down on the flats after a successful campaign of drilling with all holes being drilled to depth.

## Jai Williams

**C**ongratulations to Jai Williams for completing his third stint as a Relief Driller on our new Rig Nine. Jai is currently drilling just out of Halls Creek aboard Rig Nine.

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