



## Chief Executive's report

I need to start the year by reminding all members that authorities will not take into account ignorance of, or disregard of, rules and regulations that are in force.

Many of the rules that affect our industry are in place because of hours of negotiation with the relevant authorities and there are companies in the workplace (members & non-members alike) who are jeopardizing all the good work that has been done.

There seems to be confusion about the Work time and log book rule (NZTA number 62001). There is an exemption from the requirement of logbooks for drivers of mobile cranes but there is NO exemption from complying with work time rules – they are separate issues.

If industry companies continue to choose to ignore the work time requirements they are putting not only their own company at risk but the public as well because of the possibility of fatigue. The Association will not defend any company that chooses to ignore the requirements.

## Crane Project of the Year

If you are intending submitting an entry you must notify our office of your intention by 28th February.

## Website redevelopment

Having been made aware that our websites have not kept pace with activities and progress in the crane industry, we are currently talking to a developer regarding the need to bring the website up to date to cater better for the needs of the members. Should any members have suggestions on items that could/should be included, please let our office know by 16 February.

This request is for both the Crane Association and the Opportunity Training websites.



## 2011 Conference

There are still a number of sponsorship slots available and interested companies should contact our office for details. As mentioned above, the programme will be out shortly. Please note the requirements regarding hotel bookings and conference gifts.

## From the President

Another year rolls around and in this first month of 2011 many will be looking back on 2010 as both a tragic and a difficult year.

Let us all hope that 2011 is more settled and that we have come through the worst of the recession.

To those who were lucky enough to enjoy a break at Christmas with family and friends I hope that it was a relaxing time and for those who had to work I hope that it wasn't too strenuous.

We have scheduled a number of meetings to take place this year and have received suggestions for work to be done that will benefit our members.

We have yet to hear from the authorities on our submission for a reduction in road user charges but if we can resolve this we can then concentrate our efforts elsewhere as we pursue the interests of members.

I should remind members in the northern regions that the executive will be meeting the members on 28th February at the Sebel in Tauranga. Even if you are not intending to stay for the meal please advise our office as we need to ensure that we have a room that is large enough to cater for the numbers.

We have finalised the conference programme and in the next week or so you should receive the programme and registration form.

Don't forget that you have to book your accommodation direct with the hotel.

T Williams,  
President

## Membership

The following has joined the Association as an Associate member:

- Groeneveld New Zealand Ltd

The following company has ceased to be a member:

- The Machine Security Co Ltd

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## ■ Crane Operators Responsibilities

It is the crane operator's responsibility not only to operate the crane but carry out regular checks to ensure that the machine is kept in a safe operating condition and report all defects and faults to the appropriate person.

### DAILY CHECKS

The following items should be checked daily in addition to any daily checks that are required by the manufacturer or owner.

- Fuel, oil & water
- Tyres (condition & pressure)
- Gauges & indicator lamps
- Wire rope
- Sheaves
- Upper works & boom
- Safe Loading Indicator (SLI)
- Lubrication – Keep oil, lubricants and fuel clean
- Hydraulic oils
- Lights
- Controls
- Hooks
- Reeving
- Chassis
- Brakes & clutches

It may not be necessary to check all these items at the beginning of each working day, but ensure that they are checked during the course of the day.

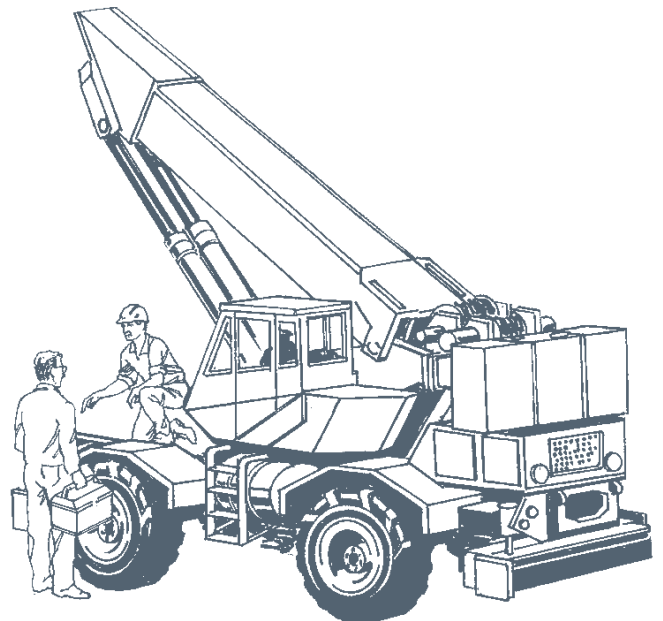
In addition to the above items, the crane should carry up to date documentation, ensuring that it can operate legally whether working on a site or travelling on the road.

### THIS WILL OR MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Vehicle registration
- Current Certificate of Inspection
- Current Certificate of Fitness

### RELEVANT PERMITS SUCH AS:

- Overweight permit
- Overdimension specific permit
- Distance or time licences
- Correct licence for the crane operator to drive the crane on the road.



Where practicable all cranes should be refuelled at the conclusion of the working day.