

Chief Executive's report

At the conference in Queenstown we agreed to keep members informed of what items the council were working on. The incoming council intended to keep members abreast of events following each quarterly council meeting.

This did not get off to a great start prior to Christmas as the last council meeting of the year coincided with the move of the office into Wellington and so we didn't manage to produce a newsletter.

Keep in mind the following, before we get onto Council business:

- The council office is only staffed 2 days a week but messages and Emails are cleared during the balance of the week
- The Association and the ITO, share the same physical and mailing address but have completely separate phone numbers and Email addresses:
- Association 04 473 3558 Email: info@cranes.org.nz
- ITO 04 473 3559 Email: info@opportunitytraining.org.nz

The following are points that have come out of the council meetings held since conference

- Councillors will develop generic hazard id sheets together with lift plans etc, for members to use
- They'll consider how we could offer better market our services to attract new members
- The website will be revamped to reflect current trends and give added information to members and the public and this would include a members-only area which would include items such as the hazard ids etc.
- New labels will be printed relating to working round airports, power lines etc. and that additional items would be produced as required
- Council is considering rewriting the Crane Safety Manual
- We are developing a number of Best Practice Guidelines and have agreed on a priority list
- The Strategic Plan, as approved at the annual general meeting has been amended and agreed to, to ensure that it remains a "living document" - anyone wanting an up-to-date electronic copy should contact the office
- A further change in the rules is required regarding the number of councillors required to form a quorum at a council meeting because we have only 7 councillors at present. The wording of the amendment has been agreed to and will be tabled at the next annual general meeting for membership approval.
- With problems still being experienced in Auckland regarding overweight permits we have asked for a meeting with the Mayor of Auckland City to try to resolve the issues.
- Work has continued on providing the Ministry of Transport with data relating to the new legislation on road user charges and we are hopeful that later this year we may see our own classification for mobile cranes.
- We will discuss with our bankers how to allow members to be able to pay by credit card and we will also investigate internet banking to reduce or eliminate the need to issue cheques.

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