



Conference round-up

Chief Executive's report

Now that the 2009 confidence is over I add my thanks to all involved for making it such a success.

There were many memorable moments, starting with the evening at Dracula's where a number of people bore the brunt of some interesting comments – all given and taken in the spirit intended; a keynote address from the 2nd largest lifting company in the world; a record number of entries in the project of the year, all culminating in a visit to the Gateway project.

There was a tour of the Terex manufacturing facility in Brisbane before all enjoyed a sponsored lunch. Special thanks to Danny Black & Craig Hain of Terex and Peter Lister of Universal Cranes for making us so welcome on Friday.

I would also echo Malcolm's comments that without the fantastic support of the members, sponsors and speakers we would not be able to provide for the needs of all at these conferences. A special thanks also to Belinda Burgess for once again organizing the ladies and looking after them during the time there.

Council election

For the second time in 3 years more people put their names forward for council than were required and this necessitated a vote.

The Associate members had already held their meeting and nominated Ron Brown and Graeme Cowan (he replaced Bryn George) for the executive. The vote resulted in a change in full member representation on the council: Tim Smith replaced Mark Clayton. The full council for 2009/2010 is:

Malcolm McWhannell – President	Tristan Williams – Vice president
Robert Carden – Immediate past president	Ron Brown – Associate members' representative
Graeme Cowan – Associate members' representative	Dick Parsons – ITO nominee
Tony Gibson	Grant Moffat
Doug Sargeant	Tim Smith

On behalf of the members we extend sincere thanks to Mark for the time he devoted working for the industry as a councillor, vice president and president over many years.

Crane Project of the year

The entries in the Crane Project of the year will feature in the Contractor magazine. Following considerable debate and deliberation the winner was Waikato Cranes for the removal and replacement of a silo down a very narrow alley for Fonterra at its Waitoa dairy factory. Congratulations to all entrants and we hope we will see a similar number in 2010.

From the President

Another conference has come and gone and although the numbers were down when compared with previous years I am sure that those who were able to attend enjoyed it and that there was something in it for everyone. For the partners at least the weather stayed fine all week and they were able to get out and about. I extend thanks on behalf of the council and members to all attendees, sponsors, display stand holders, speakers and the hotel staff for making the event a success.

The Crane Project of the Year Award attracted a record number of entries (7) despite the lower turnout and this made life difficult for the judges. Let's hope that we can get as much support for the 2010 conference which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Auckland on 15th & 16th July 2010.

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Membership

In the last month our Association has had another new full member join:

- Ashburton Crane Hire Ltd (Canterbury/West Coast)

The following companies have resigned their membership:

- MB Century (Waikato)
- Youngman Richardson & Co Ltd (Associate)