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## 2008/2009 Council

The following are the councilors for 2008/9:

M McWhannell (President)  
T Gibson (Vice president)  
R Carden (Immediate past president)  
R Brown (Associate member representative)  
B George (Associate member representative)  
D Parsons (ITO nominee)  
T Williams  
D Sargeant  
G Moffat  
M Clayton

## 2008 Conference - a great success

The 2008 conference was a great success. It began well with a most enlightening and interesting address from Daniel Smith of Daniel Smith Industries Ltd. He gave the audience an insight into the work of his business, some of the pitfalls to watch out for and many things that he and Annette have learnt from running their business. Daniel also talked about he and Annette bought back part of the business that they'd sold to Verticon in 2005.

Using slides he showed numerous jobs that he has been involved in. This address set the tone of the conference and council were hopeful that the balance of the programme could be up to the standard of the keynote address.

There were many other good sessions including causes of accidents, an intellectual challenge, details of progress on the history of cranes book from John Carter, new developments in chains and riggings and an address on Generation X, to name but a few.

A big thank you must be extended to all of the sponsors and display stand holders – we had a record number of display stands and the amount of sponsorship was the greatest received yet. Last and certainly not least, were the presenters without whom there would not have been a conference. One thing that appears to have been better accepted than in past years was the industry regulators panel and while we would like to get what we ask for we do not live in the "ideal" world. However it was refreshingly different especially in regard to some of the presentations from the government representatives to know that our submissions over the past 12 months have been listened to and that the Association is taken seriously.



## Project of the Year Award

Although having just 2 entries was disappointing, their calibre was certainly not. Daniel Smith Industries' entry involved lifting and placing digester lids in Christchurch using a large capacity crawler crane. Smith Crane & Construction entered their tandem lift of a forecourt canopy for a Rolleston service station. The job for the judges was not easy as each lift had its special characteristics and technical difficulties. Eventually they favoured Smith Crane & Construction Ltd. We congratulate Tim Smith and his team and also Daniel Smith and his team for another high quality entry.

## From the President

*My first year as President has certainly been eventful and we have just held what I believe to have been a successful conference. The year has seen a lot of work at times but it's also had its lighter moments. I would like to extend my thanks to all the members who have helped the council achieve most of what was approved in the business plan. It was with a certain amount of apprehension that I came into the presidency but I have learnt a lot. I must also pay tribute to the 3 outgoing councilors: Gordon Stone, Giff Linder and Craig McIntosh. They have made good contributions and shared their experience for the benefit of all. In each case this was not the first time that they have been on council so it must have some attractions – thank you.*

**Malcolm McWhannell,**  
President

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# Codes of Practice Conference 2009 - Australia

The Codes of Practice that we have been involved with in recent years are under review. The council and the Chief Executive will study the proposed changes closely but we shouldn't be the only set of eyes to look them over.

Individual member companies must also read these and comment on them. They are crucial to our industry and we must ensure the changes contain no adverse effects.

As you will all be aware from publicity – and from the address at the conference – the Crane Code of Practice has been reviewed and you will all be given a chance to comment on it once it is released shortly.

Our office will ensure that members each receive a copy so please make sure that you meet any deadlines for return of comments because an absence of comment on any part will be taken as full agreement.

Similarly we have just sent the Code of Practice for Load Lifting Rigging out for member comments. Please add your comments and knowledge now - it's too late after the changes have been approved by the Minister.

## From the Chief Executive

To the whole of the outgoing council thank you for all your help and support during the past 12 months and especially for your work leading up to the conference. I think it could be considered a success.

To the incoming council there will be a new business plan to work to and this will present its own set of challenges.

I look forward to these, especially with another enthusiastic council setting the pace.

There was a clear mandate at the AGM for next year's conference to be held offshore and we've arranged to hold it at the Holiday Inn, Surfers Paradise on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July 2009. We're planning some optional events including a dinner on the Tuesday evening and a visit to a local crane company and a crane manufacturing facility on Friday 17th.

Australian hotels accept bookings differently ours. For example, in New Zealand we "block book" 100 + rooms and have them allocated against registrations. However, the Australian hotel will **require delegates to book direct with them AND PAY A DEPOSIT.**



The room will, however, be allocated against our block booking. We're setting up the booking system and will shortly advise you of the types and costs of rooms available, and how to make your bookings. Suggestions already received for the programme include:

- another "accident" session but highlighting NZ accidents (if possible) and dealing with causes, effects & outcomes
- working at heights and safety including rescue if needed
- regulatory body roles including inspection bodies
- truck loader cranes; uses, advantages and disadvantages
- intellectual challenge
- inspectors panel with open discussion on problems, expectations, concerns, future direction etc
- maintenance records, detail expected, systems, standards etc
- operator/erector qualifications – is it working, what changes are required?
- photograph competition – must include members' cranes
- summary of latest changes of Codes of Practice, Land Transport rules etc
- options for pre-emptive actions to enforce safe practice, before accidents occur

Already there is almost enough to fill the programme for 2 days without anything more but we would like your suggestions so that we can develop the best programme for delegates – after all you will only get out of it what you put into it.

## New Members

Since the last newsletter was published we have had a number of companies join and we welcome the following to the Association:

### Full Members:

- Murtagh & Lymburn Crane Hire Ltd
- Morris & Bailey Ltd
- Lewis Equipment Co Ltd
- Doug Hood Mining Ltd

### Associate Members:

- Bridgestone NZ Ltd

- Accessman Ltd
- NZH Ltd
- Haulotte Group Ltd
- CablePrice (NZ) Ltd

### Resigned Members

The following companies have ceased to be members as they have either sold their cranes or had a change of direction within their business:

- Jireh Management Ltd
- Beeby Construction Ltd
- Hynds Pipe Systems Ltd

