



Chief Executive's report

New faces on council

There is a healthy interest in the Association for positions on the council. For the third time in 4 years more members than there were vacancies stood for election and a vote was required to decide on the outcome. This year, 7 stood for 6 vacancies. There were 5 clear appointments and an the vote was required to determine the last appointee. Successful members were: T Smith, T Williams, T Gibson, D Sargeant, G Moffat, and M Clayton. Council membership for the next year are the above and M. McWhannell, D Parsons, G Cowan and R Brown. The council subsequently elected T Williams as President and G Moffat as Vice President for the 2010 – 2011 year.

Code of Practice for Cranes

The Code has now been out in the market place since January and there is still confusion over the need for certification for people working with or around cranes. Compliance with the Code is not mandatory but a court may take compliance into account should there be an incident or an accident. So our advice is that if companies do not have a very good, traceable training regime then they best comply with the requirements of Part 4 of the Code.

Approved Codes of Practice REVOKED

The Department of Labour has advised that the 2001 and 2007 versions of the Approved Code of Practice for Cranes have now been revoked and should no longer be used. The third edition of the ACOP was published in January this year, and you should follow the terms of that document from now on. You should also remember that in the event of a mishap, being able to point to following the terms of the 2010 ACOP may give you some legal protections. It is unlikely that such protection would be available if you were relying on what are now revoked codes. The 2010 code is available on the Department's web site at: www.osh.dol.govt.nz/order/catalogue/10.shtml

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From the President

Coming in as president of the Association I know that there have been many before me who have put their "stamp" on the position and I hope that I can serve the membership as well as they did. We thank Malcolm McWhannell for his sterling work during 3 years as president. Robert Carden too, contributed over a long time, as associate members' representative, vice president and president. He's left the council but we will continue to use his expertise. He remains Association representative on the Axle Weights and Loadings Advisory Group (assuming it continues). We welcome back Mark Clayton, a former vice president and president. His expertise will be of benefit to council. I look forward to serving you over the next 12 months. It will be a challenge and hard work, and you may be assured that every effort will be in your best interests.

T Williams
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Membership

Despite the recession the Association's membership had held up well. We have lost some members through closures and sales but have also picked up some new members. The web site carries the up-to-date membership list.

2010 conference a great success (and we'll do it next year)

The 2010 conference was one of the Association's best, attended by more than 170 delegates, their partners and guests.

There were many highlights, including:

- Opening address from the Hon Rodney Hide, Minister of Local Government;
- Daniel Smith from Daniel Smith Industries Ltd on the pitfalls that can be faced when buying and trading cranes;
- Warwick Bell from Tranzcarr Heavy Haulage on moving large loads;
- Neil Dobbs on the rights of employers when dealing with the Department of Labour and so on.

It was all good information for members that proved the worth of actual attendance rather than second-hand accounts.

As is usual at conference there was a lot of renewing of acquaintances, and a considerable number of people attending who have never been to a previous conference and we hope that we see you again in the future.

The numbers attending in 2009 were affected by the recession and numbers had increased for 2010.

The Association extended its thanks to all of the sponsors, display stand holders, speakers and the hotel. We're also grateful to Belinda Burgess who, in her usual manner, looked after the ladies on their day out.

Without all of this support we would not be able to hold this event.

2011 conference

So, with the farewells from departing friends barely over, we plan next year's conference.

Those attending the annual general meeting at the conference decided on Queenstown for the 2011 conference. This will be held on 7th and 8th July with registrations on the 6th (note your diaries now). The choice of venue has been narrowed down and the conference committee will decide on it before the end of August.

Crane Project of the Year - high standards achieved

Entries for the Crane Project of the Year were of a high standard. So much so that the judges had difficulty in deciding on a winner.

Entries were received from:

- Smith Crane & Construction Ltd;
- Fulton Hogan Civil;
- New Zealand Steel Ltd;
- Daniel Smith Industries Ltd and
- Ian Roebuck Crane Hire Ltd.

The judges eventually chose New Zealand Steel as the winner for the replacement of the gas radiation shaft at the slab-making plant at the steel mill.



New Zealand Steel's 25 tonne gas radiation shaft waits to be lifted into place with the help of 3D computer modelling, a purpose-built, twin-hoist overhead crane, careful planning and teamwork. The project won the 2010 Crane Project of the Year.

Improvements to Shingle Fans SH 1 RP 104/6.3 to 7.9

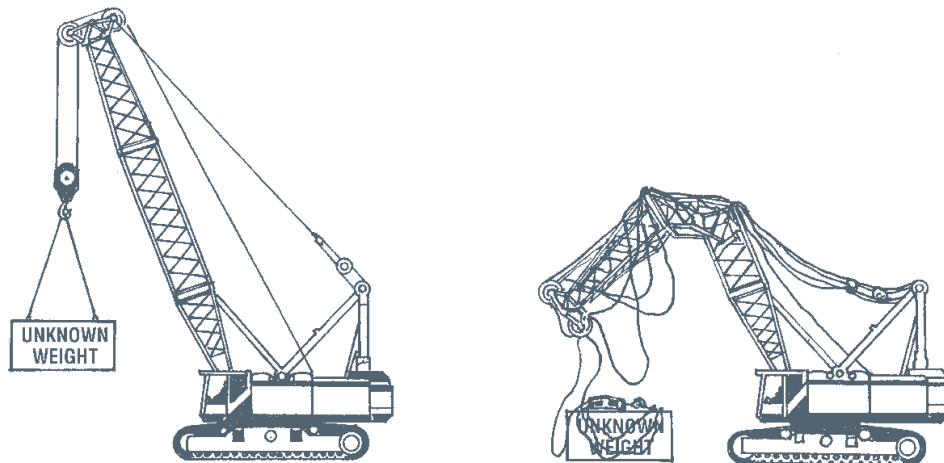
Tenders have been called for a physical works contract for the construction of box culverts to replace the three current concrete fords at the Shingle Fans. These are situated 43 km north of Kaikoura, between Clarence and Kekerengu.

It is expected the contract will be awarded late July to early August. Over the next two months NZTA will release more information on how the construction might affect overweight permitted crane and transport operators.



■ Operating the Crane

EXCEEDING THE RATED CAPACITY OF ANY CRANE IS DANGEROUS



OVERLOADS CAN DAMAGE THE CRANE AND CAUSE ACCIDENTS.

KNOW THE WEIGHT OF ALL LOADS BEFORE THEY ARE LIFTED

Check loads before moving them. First determine the load weight and check against the capacity chart. *The hoist line must be vertical.* When lifting, avoid sudden starts and stops.

USE ADEQUATE PARTS OF LINE FOR HEAVY LIFTS:

To obtain maximum lifting capacities, the hook block must be reeved with sufficient parts of line. (Check Capacity Load Chart).

PRESSURE EQUIPMENT, CRANES AND PASSENGER ROPEWAYS REGULATIONS 1999

Every crane or lifting appliance must have firmly affixed, in a place clearly visible to all who use the machine, an approved manufacturer's rating chart that indicates the safe load rating for all radii.

Mobile cranes must be fitted with an approved automatic safe load indicator giving audible and visible indication of the approach to the maximum safe working load.

Some cranes of a low lifting capacity and type may be specifically exempted under the PECPR Regulations 1999 or the Crane Code of Practice.

Understand the Safe Load Indicator fitted to your crane. Know how it works and keep it in full working order - test it daily.

