



Cranking up the web site forum

When the Association's web site was rebuilt last year we included a forum in which members could discuss issues of mutual interest and learn of progress in our attempts to progress the industry against competing claims.

The forum accepts opinion from members only and we're offering updates and a chance for discussion in the forum at present on two important issues.

- Code of Practice for Cranes
As mentioned in the last newsletter (and in just about every one recently) we talk about the Code of Practice... [more »»](#)

- Crane Inspections
The council has looked at this... [more »»](#)



From the President

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun. In the past month the new council's held its first meeting and there's also been a meeting of "industry experts" to consider what needs to be done for members to resolve the ongoing problems of inspections of cranes. As part of this project the Chief Executive has asked members to supply data on the year of manufacture of the cranes in their fleet. I find it ironic that full members at the AGM in Christchurch considered that the Executive needed to get the data so that we would be better informed on the age of the cranes and yet when the membership are asked for this, many (who were at the meeting) do not bother to respond. To date only 30% of the members have responded and I reiterate that should decisions be made that you do not like yet you have not provided the data, don't complain.

*Malcolm McWhannell,
President*

Time to express
your opinion - try
the members'
forum

Conference 2008 - your ideas

The Crane Association is bound by industry but we are a diverse group with many different interests. So it's always difficult for the council to cater for all members' needs when planning a complex event like our annual conference.

However, to get the most out of the meeting we need advice and suggestions from all members on what they would like to see included (if possible) in the programme.

To date we have no idea what you would like for next year – the only decision that has been made is the date and venue. Remember that's Thursday 17th & Friday 18th July at the Duxton Hotel in Wellington. Please contact our office with suggestions and let's get something started.

History of Cranes book

We have received expressions of interest from another two companies wishing to make a financial contribution to the project.

Because of other work loads it has not progressed a lot but this is likely to change in a few months.

Crane Project of the Year award - time to start thinking about it again

A record number of entries in 2007's Crane Project of the Year showed off the best efforts of Association members. It's designed to inspire, impress and motivate all to reach this standard. We are going to nag you again to maintain the momentum – start planning for a 2008 entry now!



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