



2008 Conference planning

One of the highlights of the Crane Association's year is the annual meeting and conference at which members gather to talk business and learn from each other about the industry. We honour the best and toast the rest, urging them to enter their best projects for the next year.

In between, there's a lot of time available. That's where members come into the planning. We need your ideas to make it an event that benefits you and your business. We have a venue and a date for next year but little else.

We need your ideas. Tell us (so we can fulfil expectations) what concerns your business, what would help it grow, what events would interest you and what discussion topics would broaden your knowledge of the industry.



From the President

Much work has been going on behind the scenes in the last month on the work time and log book rule for mobile crane operators. The Chief Executive and Tony Gibson met Land Transport New Zealand and New Zealand Police to try to resolve differences over the exemption for crane operators needing to fill out logbooks. They also discussed recording work time for emergency call outs and the subsequent "stand down" period. Our representations are being considered at present.

At the risk of nagging I am concerned at an apparent slack attitude to providing information or making suggestions that could benefit members. In particular there's been a very slow response to the request for data relative to the age of cranes and also for ideas for the next conference.

*Malcolm McWhannell,
President*

2008 Annual conference - we need your ideas

Membership stickers - another chance to show off your membership

It's good to be able to display your membership of the Association on your equipment to show your commitment to the highest standards.

However, stickability has become an issue - a fairly basic failing in an adhesive sticker, so we

are issuing new ones with the membership certificates shortly. There are two sizes and two types, for inside a window or for an outside surface.

Either way, show off your membership with pride, these ones will stick around for a while.

Crane Inspections - latest

The crane inspection issue has continued on its drawn-out way and another meeting with officials is to take place shortly. This is of great importance to members and we'll advise you by posting updates on the members-only section of the web site.

Code of Practice for Cranes - we get response from minister

We have received a response from the Minister to our on-going representation on members' behalf over the Code of Practice for Cranes.

This issue, like crane inspections, is one of extreme importance to members who can learn more on our members-only site. ([more](#))..



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