



...it's good to recognise excellence...

Cranes History

Some companies haven't yet committed to the history of cranes project.

This is a reminder that it's never too late to join in and if you are interested please contact our office. We'd love to include you.

John Carter hasn't made as much progress as he would have liked because he's been heavily involved in the review of the Code of Practice for Cranes.

From the Chief Executive

It's been a busy month at National Office, reissuing scaffolding certificates of competency and making submissions on the review of the work time & logbook rule and the drivers licensing rule.

Following last month's comprehensive report about BESS, we have further clarification from the New Zealand Transport Agency about BESS and have a short story on the following page.

In an industry always striving to do things better it's also good to recognise excellence and achievement and so we have included an item on Mark Clayton who recently won a prestigious award from his employer for a new and innovative bracketed clip-tie fall-restraint – congratulations Mark.

Mark Clayton Fletcher Construction - Building



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Mark Clayton was acutely aware of potential dangers faced by tower crane riggers. Yes, they had a fall-restraint system, but he knew it could be improved. Armed with his proven knack for innovative thinking and fuelled by Kiwi ingenuity, Mark designed and created a new bracketed clip-tie fall-restraint system. It was effective and it was fail-safe. Mark's initiative keeps Fletcher Construction Building's riggers safer and it also has the scope for international application. Mark is in talks with the New Zealand crane industry to bring new heights of safety to tower cranes worldwide.

Judges' comments: "Unique idea, simple, innovative & reduces the risk of injury." ”

Project of the Year Award

It's time again to consider entering the Project of the Year Award. Please start thinking about which of your projects might be suitable to enter. We were fortunate to have such high quality entries this year. However, don't be put off by thinking your particular job is too small – enter it anyway. While not every job can win, each still receives great publicity. Given the criteria that the judges apply even the smallest job is in with a chance.

From the President

I know that there is a lot happening as far as the global economy is concerned and that it does impact on us. Our industry works best in a confident and expanding economy and it doesn't help to hear the Labour government implying that we are going broke rapidly. Those sort of loose statements only serve to cause some alarm amongst the membership. However, life goes on and work will continue and the conference will happen next year. There are real savings to be made by booking early and as very few have taken advantage of the that early bird registration to date I would remind you that you only have 5 weeks to register at the cheapest rate. Look beyond this week's currency and share market flip-flops. And while you're at it, don't forget to make your hotel bookings direct with the hotel, not through our office.

Malcolm McWhannell,
President

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BESS

We've received clarification from the New Zealand Transport Agency, which may help clarify points relating to BESS applications in which the decision comes back that the applicant reappplies in 6 months. This may occur where the previous history may be marginal and not recent and therefore a further period of 6 months without an incident may be sufficient to meet the criteria.



Approval has been given for all CVIU regions in situations where a candidate is declined AND the CVIU advises "reapply", to advise the candidate as follows:

- That he/she has been declined by the CVIU
- An appeal to New Zealand Transport Agency National Office will NOT be available in this case
- The candidate may elect to reapply to NZTA regional office for a further screening by CVIU following 6 months without conviction or traffic offending

Seek detailed information on BESS registration from the New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association, 04 472 0366 or the Overweight Permit Issuing Officer at the New Zealand Transport Agency:

Training & Assessing Is Always Important

The council is becoming increasingly concerned at a perceived drop in standards relating to the training and assessing of some of the crane unit standards.

We will be making further comments on this once we have considered the information we've received.

At times of economic downturns it's inevitable that there's a tightening of the belt and often the area that suffers as a result is training.

However, everyone must remain aware of the implications of Section 13 of the Health and Safety in Employment Act.

Conference 2009

Despite the severe economic downturn affecting us all we believe that we will pull out of it in time to hold another successful conference. Commentators talk of a recession lasting months rather than a full year. With that in mind, conference 2009 sponsorship is still available in a number of areas and we would welcome companies putting forward their names. This presents an opportunity for companies to put their names in front of the industry to good effect. Companies wanting to sponsor slots and/or companies wanting display stands should contact our office.



Don't forget (it's important) that you need to book your accommodation direct with the hotel. You also need to register with our office prior to 30 November 2008 to ensure you are able to take advantage of the early bird registration price.

New Qualifications

We have just submitted revised qualifications to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority for the supervision National Certificates.



We have reviewed these and taken out some of the Unit Standards that are not considered to be relevant to the crane industry. We are also registering two new National Certificates. The first covers Crane Operation (Crawler), which will sit alongside the current Mobile and Tower crane National Certificates.

The second is a revised National Certificate in Advanced Crane Operation which will incorporate Unit Standards for multi-winch operation, tandem lifting, and lifting of both standard and non-standard tilt slabs.

We will inform you once they are formally registered.

