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Do not let it be said that we are not flexible.

I am, of course, referring to the milestone that is the Crane Association of New Zealand's first Special General Meeting and pre-voting Q&A, which was held via Zoom – quite the venue for many of us in recent months.

The Council is pleased to announce that the members have unanimously voted in favour of supporting the items and remits in the Special General Meeting postal vote.

Thank you to all those who voted and to those who attended our online Q&A. I am pleased to say that no issues were raised, which I hope is a sign that everyone has been kept well informed and is content with our comms efforts.

I would like to thank all those members who voted. This enables your association to progress forward dealing with our industries issues.

Additionally, on Thursday 30 July 2020, we successfully held the Crane Training New Zealand Special General meeting. Minutes from this meeting are now available, should you want a copy.

As you are likely already aware, this month's notable update is that CEO, Sally Dunbar, will step down on 27 August.

On behalf of the Association and its members, I would like to thank Sally for her great efforts over the years and wish her the best as she explores new ground.

I would also like to also welcome the Association's new CEO, Sarah Toase, who I am confident will bring a fresh set of eyes to our functions. Sarah begins her journey with us on 10 August. She will attend a full face-to-face council meeting in Auckland on the 13 August.

I am pleased to say that the New Zealand Transport Agency is continuing to hold the Axle Weights and Loadings Advisory Group meeting, where we can voice our industry concerns. The next meeting is being held on Tuesday, 4 August.

I wish to highlight the NZTA Mobile Cranes RUC adjustment communications in this newsletter. We encourage you to attend the NZTA Mobile Cranes RUC adjustment online Q & A meeting on Tuesday

11 August, at 1pm. NZTA welcomes your feedback on this matter, please direct your feedback through to John Freeman, E: [John.Freeman@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:John.Freeman@nzta.govt.nz), before Tuesday 25 August 2020, 9 am.

It is very reassuring for us that the Government is still progressing with working with industry and our members even during these unprecedented times.

Finally, with everything going on, let me remind you that there is nothing more important than your wellbeing, so do make sure you are taking the necessary steps to ensure that the ongoing state of flux is not taking too much of a toll. Please reach out to other members where possible.

As always, if there is anything the Association can do to help your current situation, please do not hesitate to contact us. It really is what we're here for.

Tony Gibson

Crane Association of New Zealand President

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