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Seeking re-election for a Crane Association of New Zealand (CANZ) Council role at the upcoming 2020 Conference in Hamilton is Paul Berriman.

And he encourages everyone and anyone keen on seeing the industry raised to greater heights to do the same – or at least seek election, then re-election later.

Why? Because he lives and breathes cranes; from being on the ground and operating the big machines, to assessing training.

"I've always been around cranes, it's my passion. And I joined the CANZ Council to give something back to an industry that's given so much to me," Paul says.

Growing up and attending school in England, Paul landed a gig operating and maintaining a crane and piling rigs at Bachy Soletanche Group Limited.

Since first cutting his teeth with the engineering contractor that's been involved in many major private developments and public infrastructure projects, Paul has racked up a quarter of a century in the crane industry.

It was also the leaders throughout those 25 years who gave Paul guidance and advice that has inspired his other industry-related passion – upskilling and training.

"There was always someone willing to lend a hand or offer their expertise. Now it's my turn."

He later moved to Brian Perry Civil – where one of his current responsibilities as a Technical Advisor involves working closely with crane operators around continuing professional development.

He's applied that knowledge and passion to his role within the CANZ Council, where he helps moderate assessments. But there's currently no career pathway for crane operators in New Zealand.

So, it's safe to say that he's both concerned and excited about playing a role in this particular educational future.

"I like to see these guys grow, which is also my role at Brian Perry, and I like to see that as my role too within the CANZ Council.

“And since Sally [Dunbar] has come aboard as CANZ Chief Executive, she’s been pushing quite heavily for a career pathway.

“We’re heavily involved with that, and I’m grateful to be able to add my input towards developing a more robust system, I suppose, to upskill the whole industry.”

When asked how that new system will affect the industry, Paul simply says the results will speak for themselves.

“But basically, it will mean the industry’s skillset will be more directly aligned with what people have got to do.

“So, with the Association being in such a strong position with a diverse range of people, and all the infrastructure work going on throughout the country, it’s imperative we ensure the industry futureproofs itself with a set pathway towards being the best it can be.”

Paul Berriman  
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