



## Another year - all set for the Annual Conference

When the Council met in May we set the stage for the AGM and Annual Conference. We studied finances, the Crane Safety Manual, and reviewed the qualifications and governance structure of both Crane Training Ltd and the Crane Association. That has led to three remits to address at the AGM.

Both Robert Carden and Tony Gibson have agreed to represent the Association on the NZTA Axle, Weights and Loading Group. This group looks at the transport/mobile crane sectors and seeks industry-based results that regulators will work with. These resolutions eventually become part of the draft consultation documents for comment.



We have entered the Crane Safety Manual into the national Site Safe Awards. A win would be the first for an Association. All registered, full-member, conference delegates will receive a copy of the new Crane Safety Manual so get your registrations in quick, you have only a few weeks.

The Association is working with Transport Specifications Limited on a submission to NZTA on the reduction of RUC for truck cranes. Many members have contributed to this report and for that we thank them.

The Health & Safety in the Workplace legislation has been delayed and may not be passed through Parliament until late this year. This will affect work being done on Approved Codes of Practice and other legislation that hinges on the outcome.

## News from the Crane Association of New Zealand

## Crane Directory

Your Association has published the new Crane Directory.

We have distributed the new directory through the Contractor Magazine to 8,500 contractors throughout New Zealand.

As always, we have extra copies of the directory available to anyone who needs them. Please contact the Executive Office if you need more and we will send them to you.

Remember to promote the Crane Directory. It's a comprehensive list of crane companies, their cranes and organisations that support their business activities. Contact details are, of course, included in it.



## From the President

*The engine room of any industry or trade association (and ours is no exception) is a dedicated group that works for the benefit of its industry. It's called a committee or council. Group members benefit by having their industry promoted, and advances in safety techniques that the association fosters. They also benefit because when they work together they gain influence with lawmakers and the regulators who enforce the laws.*

*This is a roundabout way of encouraging members to consider standing for election when the Crane Association Council renews its mandate at the Annual General Meeting. Return some of your experience so that others benefit and industry stays strong. It won't tie you down and I can tell you straight that it is a most rewarding experience.*

**Grant Moffat**  
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# 2015 Conference - Trinity Wharf, Tauranga 8th July -10th July

The 2015 conference will be held this year at Trinity Wharf in Tauranga.

The programme is finalised and includes a good range of talks that cover your day-to-day work concerns as well as how to run your business more effectively and profitably.

There are talks on succession planning and how to get the best price if you are considering selling your business.

We have planned a visit to Tauranga Port and a manufacturers panel with Liebherr, Manitowoc and Terex.

Our inspirational keynote speaker is Sir Gordon Tietjens.

We also have the regular supporters of our conference presenting, such as WorkSafe NZ, CVIU, CICA and NZTA.

There are 24 exhibitors at the associated trade show. Reporters from three international publications will attend this year.

Overall there is a good turnout this year, with much support from sponsors.

The full programme with speaker biographies and exhibitors is up on the Association's website to view:

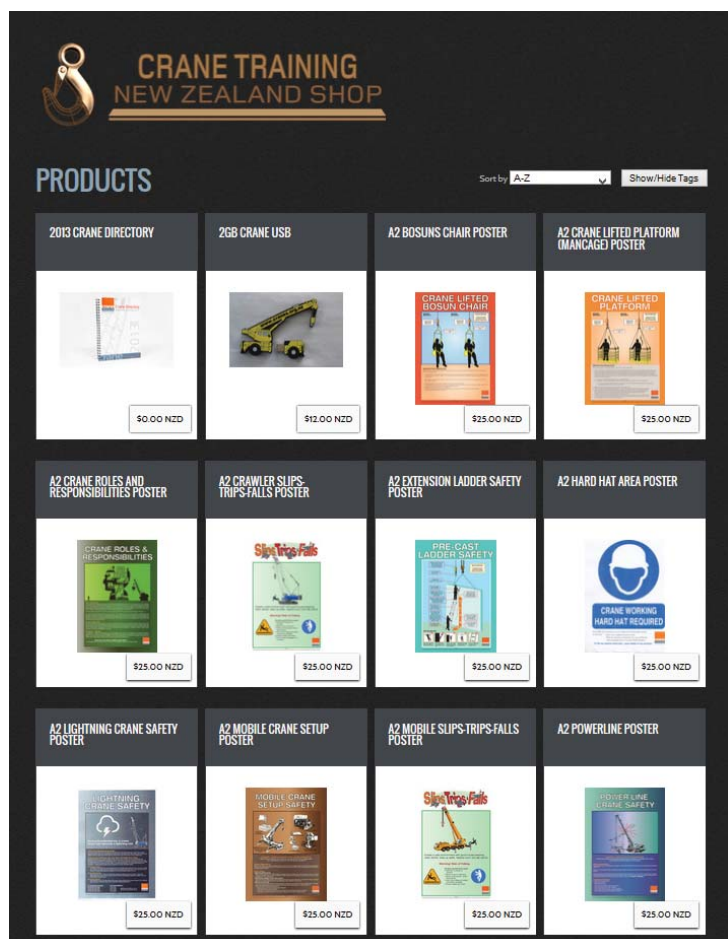
[www.cranes.org.nz/conference.html](http://www.cranes.org.nz/conference.html)



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## Crane Training Shop

The Association has developed a number of resources in the last six months that are now available on its online shop. Buying the resources is a simple click-and-pay process.



We designed them to help you in your business.

All products have a special discount for Crane Association members.

The range includes:

- lift plans
- rigging plans
- Crane Safety Manual
- safety posters
- pocket rigging and calculator cards, hand signal cards and posters
- safety stickers
- training CDs
- guidelines
- Codes of Practice in A5 booklet form.

### Featured Product

The Lite Lift Plan has been updated and we have added a section on environmental issues.

The Lite Lift Plan comes with a training sheet on how to get the best use out of the lift plan.

It provides training material to plan lifts and control hazards on site.

<http://shop.cranes.org.nz>



# The Crane Association Council - achievements

The past three years has seen change and great progress in the Crane Association. The Association Council's membership changes but work continues regardless. It seems a good time to reflect on some significant events.

Our industry's future is in the new blood coming through and to that end we established Opportunity, The Training Organisation in 2004-05. Opportunity Training has now moved to the Skills Organisation and the aim remains the same - to bring enthusiastic youth into the industry for the next generation.

Ian Grooby's passing brought an end to his long years of work on behalf of the Association. We established a new CEO. Succession planning may be fine in principle but it is never completed without disruption and sadness.

We have spent many hours re-writing the Crane Safety Manual. We intend to launch this important document at this year's conference.

The Association's Council has tackled many tasks.

Some of the tasks we set re-occur each year and we gain some familiarity with them.

Others are one-offs. All are normal business of the Council:

- Organising and running successful conferences
- Increasing membership by 8%
- Setting up sub-committees to spread the workload
- Creating an online shop and creating resources:
  - Guideline on Crane Lifted Work Platforms
  - Guideline on Crane Attached Inertia Reels
  - Guideline Posters on safety issues
  - Warning stickers to attach to cranes
  - Lite lift plan
  - Industry standard lift plan
  - Complex lift plans
  - Rigging plans
  - Site Plans
  - Post Incident Green Card
  - Post Incident Investigation Kit
  - Crane Inspection pad
  - Crane Association Stop Card
  - Pocket Hand Signal Cards
  - Pocket Riggers Capacity and Calculation Cards
- Renewing the membership database for all members at zero cost
- Creating a new website at zero cost
- Building software to create the Crane Directory from the database at the push of a button



- Creating and publishing a 40th year history booklet
- Establishing Caltex members' benefit that provides funds to the Association
- Providing on the website:
  - Clear guidance on cranes and wind
  - An online calculator for calculating wind forces
  - Clear guidance on cranes and lightning
  - A series of toolbox talks on Crane safety for members
  - Council Members Resource Area
- Starting a members' crane industry-specific insurance package
- Lobbying and achieving a reduction in all terrain crane RUC
- Addressing changes to Unit standards 3789/3801 (New Zealand Certificate for Dogman)



Current issues occupying the Council's minds include::

- Lobbying for reductions of truck crane RUC
- Lobbying for changes to the VDAM Rule
- Lobbying for changes to the Driver Licencing Regulations
- Crane qualifications/Unit Standard Review

As a democratic organisation, the Crane Association elects a new Council at its Annual General Meeting each year.

Members like you stand and contribute to the Council for the benefit of all the Association.

If you have not held office before you are free to try this year or express an interest and perhaps, after some discussion about the work and benefit of contributing to the Association you might be one to step up in future years.

There was a first time for each Council member.



# Targeted Review of Qualifications

The Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ) has begun.

Industry and The Skills Organisation have joined to look in depth at the unit standards and New Zealand Certificate qualifications.

This work is ongoing and it will take some time to complete.

The industry is seeking better worded unit standards that reflect what the industry actually requires. Currently, industry feels that the unit standards are only setting the minimum standard and that they could aim a lot higher.

The Targeted Review of Qualification is reviewing levels 1-6 on New Zealand's ten-level qualifications framework. Work on the review started in 2008. It set out to ensure that New Zealand qualifications are useful and relevant to students, employers and others.

We think it is important that the review should set unit standards to a level that our industry thinks is that best they can be.

# From the Archives

In March 2007 the following article was prominent in the Newsletter Dispatches

## Road User Charges

It's dear to everyone's heart and we make no promises on the outcome but we've arranged a meeting for later this month with officials from the Economic Compliance Unit of Land Transport New Zealand.

All we can do is set out our case and request that officials look into it.

And we are still fighting this battle, however we have had some success and the Technical Sub-Committee has managed to have the RUIC reduce the all-terrain cranes and is currently working with Transport Specifications Limited to have the truck cranes RUC also reduced.

