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### **Information is a crane industry tool to be shared**

Knowledge is power – and no more so than in the crane industry – but so too is sharing that information.

Immediate Past President and Managing Director of McLeod Cranes Ltd, Scott McLeod, says sharing skills throughout the industry is one of the greatest benefits of being a Crane Association member.

It is also a passion of his that, as many might know, grew out of a near miss nearly seven years ago that involved inconsistent lift plans.

Having learned valuable lessons following the incident, Scott and Director Peter McLeod reviewed other industry lift plans and jointly developed a new plan.

That industry standard lift plan went on to win the MSA Safety Leadership award in the 2013 Site Safe Construction Health and Safety awards.

“Isn’t cool that when somebody applies for a job with you, they already know how to do a lift plan, and know how to do the same one you use?” Scott says.

“So, that’s really why the sharing of information and what we’ve learnt is important. Ultimately, I want everyone to go home every day, and health and safety issues and improvements are one of those things that you should always be sharing and learning from others.

“Winning that first award gave us a taste for improving the industry where we could. So, we discovered that as we improve things, that we should tell people about them.

“That’s why I’m so passionate about our main tool – the Crane Safety Manual. I’ve spent countless hours on that tool; either using it to teach our guys or helping the Association to improve it.”

It has been a two-way street for Scott, who says he’s not shy to call other Association members for a second opinion or to run an idea by someone with more experience.

The networking opportunities of the Association is the second-best reason he is a member.

“Over the years I’ve met some incredibly clever people in the world of cranes. And their numbers are on my phone, and when a problem becomes a bit too big for me, then a quick call puts me in touch with life members and experts.

“It makes life easier running a crane company, because no one quite prepares you to run a crane company. There is no training course, but there is the Association and its members, who you can lean on because they’ve done it before.

“I think that ability is incredibly powerful in helping you grow your own business. You need those tools and we need to be sharing knowledge, so that the industry rises together.”

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