



Life Member Profile:

Laurie Wilson

What was your pathway to enter into the Crane Industry?

My company (Wilson Mobile Cranes Pty. Ltd.) was founded by me and inaugurated on 1st July 1974. This began my long term active membership of the industry association.

What was your role in the industry?

My role was to nurture the business from its very early beginning to finally, a well respected mobile crane service to all types of industries.

How did you become involved as a volunteer with either CICA and / or a State Crane Association?

My involvement with a State Association began on 20th August 1974 when myself and others formed The Mobile Crane Hirers' Association of New South Wales. First President was Greg Ellis.

I was the prime mover in having the name changed to The Crane Industry Association of New South Wales Inc. This occurred on 1st April 1992. This change was to encompass everyone who was involved in the industry, not just crane hirers.

What is / was the most significant change you saw in the industry?

A very significant change was the merger of CICA and ACMA in June 1990. Another significant change was finally the introduction of Heavy Lift All Terrain Mobile Cranes into the industry.

What is / was the most rewarding achievement made by CICA and /or a State Crane Association?

As I see it there were many achievements made by CICA , including CraneSafe and CICA speaking as one voice for the industry.

How did participating as a volunteer with CICA and / or a State Association benefit you through your time in the industry?

Participating for so many years in the Association I was able to associate with good people and learn of others problems. I enjoyed a term as Vice President and chaired many committees including National Conference

What advice would you give to new comers to the industry?

My advice to new comers would be firstly and most importantly "Don't financially over commit your business.

Be respectful to your fellow Members and finally respect your staff and employees as well as being kind but firm".

