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From The Presidents Desk



The Reserve Bank has just decided put April interest rates on hold for the second consecutive month since February. All eyes will now be on what happens in May, one week before Joe Hockey's budget is handed down. For most of us in the crane industry, I suggest we would question the RBA's decision and propose the need to stimulate some construction growth NOW rather than to wait! Despite all this I am very positive about where we are heading as an association.

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In February we held our fourth National Reference Group (NRG). The NRG is a key forum to communicate CICA's progress and to check back with our members to be sure we are working on the issues most important to you. This was well attended by 20 members, representing our 5 state CICA branches and CAWA. To me I was not just impressed by the number of attendees, but more so by the calibre and the robust discussion held. I'm happy to say there was good alignment in the room over the key priorities and we formulated clear actions and responsibilities to move forward with. So let's check back and see how we are progressing with our key initiatives:

- **Cost Analysis Spreadsheet or App**

The pilot spreadsheet was reviewed at the NRG, with some good suggestions which has since been incorporated and vetted. I am pleased to advise by the time this newsletter goes to print the first public release of the CICA cost analysis spreadsheet should be available on the CICA website (members only area). The plan is to run with this version for a period of time and then investigate developing into a web or phone app. Like any software it is only as good as the input & testing. Thank you to those kind enough to help in the first release development and we welcome our wider members feedback after release.

- **Major Inspection Review**

A committee of CICA technical staff, Hirers, OEMs and Repairers has been established. The goal is to reach a position acceptable to OEMs and repairers that is more cost effective for crane owners. Brandon Hitch (CICA CEO), Joachim Schalck (CICA Qld Branch Chair) and myself recently attended a Major Inspection Forum for cranes and concrete pumping equipment which was hosted by Qld WH&S, but also was well attended by NSW and Vic authorities and a representation of Concrete Pumping Association of Australia (CPAA), repairers, engineers and manufacturers. Brandon was fortunate to be able to open the session with CICA's preferred approach to Major Inspections – turning away from an inspection based on a strip down after 10 calendar years, to an assessment of remaining life being based on the duty cycle usage and findings from a quantitative periodic inspection of the crane. CICA is currently seeking member support to help collect crane usage data for various working environments, please contact the CICA office if you can make your crane data available.

- **Traffic Control Costs - Lobby for change**

CICA is proposing to collate the various limits in each state and establish benchmark limits and time frames.

- **Working with Tier 1 Contractors to reduce the burden on crane hirers**

This is definitely a huge issue for industry and an area CICA have had little involvement in the past, hence we still have work to be done to engage with Tier 1 contractors. We see the need to develop an industry standard VOC, but this project is still to be progressed. CICA is also in the early stages of creating electronic templates for use as industry standards.

- **Insurance costs - establish benchmarks for members**

CICA has collated and published an information bulletin on the members only website

- **Industrial Relations - advice to members.**

Last year we launched **CICA Assist** – a free basic IR advice service for our members provided by Holding Redlich.. In addition CICA has published on the website a useful information bulletin which highlights some points for consideration before entering an EBA.

So, whilst it is likely we will continue to experience many challenges in our economy, I am optimistic we are on track as an association, to improve areas that are important to our members and that are largely in our control or influence. We have a strong team in the CICA office and we have very passionate industry experts/volunteers. Thanks to all who are already involved and to those that want to get involved, just drop me a line (0419 384 962), I'd love to hear from you.

Many Thanks,

**Danny Black
CICA President**



Since 1998 the Lift of the Year Awards have been a highlight of the CICA Conference and Gala Awards Dinner. These awards recognize excellence and innovation in the Australian crane industry. The Lift of the Year Awards are divided into two categories:

- **Category A** – Lifts using cranes with lifting capacity above 130 tonne
- **Category B** – Lifts using cranes with lifting capacity below 130 tonne

The CICA Judging Panel selects Category A & B winners and an overall winner for the Bill Shaw Memorial Award.

Year over year the quality of applications has increased with the ease of time-lapse photography, computer aids, and the industry's competitive spirit. This year CICA has retained the two Lift of the Year Award categories and criteria, but added additional guidance to the judging criteria to assist applicants in providing relevant information to obtain full marks.

Lift of the Year Award entrants are also evaluated at the CICA Conference by conference delegates for the People's Choice Award, which is a peer ballot based on the documentation submitted and presentation given by each entrant.

In 2015 CICA will be introducing a new award in parallel to the Category A & B Lift of the Year Awards, the **Innovation Award.**

Innovation is currently a component of the Lift of the Year Award, but the Innovation Award will recognize innovation that may be separate from a particular lift. The Innovation Award seeks to acknowledge unique lifting techniques, devices, manufacturer designs, software, etc. This award is eligible to all members – hirers, associate members, and national marketing members.



2014 Bill Shaw Award Winner - John Holland Group, accepted by John Potts and presented by Danny Black, CICA President.

Criteria for the Innovation Award are based on:

- Originality, creativity and level of innovation
- Need for your innovation
- Measurable or demonstrated benefits achieved

There is not a shortage of creative and innovative genes in the crane industry. As economic slowdown occurs the need to increase the effectiveness of the industry without compromising safety can spark further innovation. Necessity is the mother of our invention.



Looking through past Lift of the Year Award applicants shows innovation:

In 2013, Universal Cranes used their Enerpac Synchronised Hoisting System to adjust the loading into each corner of a common lifting frame based on the load centre of gravity of blocks on the Australian Navy's Landing Helicopter Dock Vessel – HMAS Canberra. Adjustment was also achievable to compensate for the heel of the vessel while landing the blocks onto the vessel.



In 2012, Theiss used a launching nose attached to the first 70m long, 234 tonne steel girder because of site restrictions on Aboriginal heritage land. The remaining three steel girders were then moved into position using a rail system on top of the first girder.

Manufacturers are eligible to enter the Innovation Award category. At last year's conference we heard about Liebherr's Variobase system, Manitowoc's use of synthetic fibre rope, and Terex's side slope derivation in a Robway LMI. Recently, Tadano has released pictures of their "Triple Boom" system.

If you have a unique lift in the near future or are completing work on a project now consider it for the Lift of the Year Award. If your company has an innovative lifting technique, device, or product design consider it for the Innovation Award. Let's continue to raise the bar on the calibre of work that is being done by CICA members and showcase that work at the CICA Conference.

Brandon Hitch,
CICA CEO

Traineeship Update

As most of you are aware, CICA has been working to develop and implement a Traineeship for the Crane Industry.

It's no secret that it has been a slow process, but now I am happy to report that here in New South Wales we have finally started to sign up Trainees, both privately and with a Group Training Organisation (GTO). This is great because the processes have been tried and tested, and both of the processes for signing up Trainees have gone smoothly. It is my hope that we can try and get more members to consider taking on a Trainee. We are now expanding our focus to include other states.

To be clear, the Traineeship (Certification III in Construction Crane Operations) is a national qualification, however it has only been endorsed in NSW and the NT, so a trainee can sign up to it in the other states, but they would be paying full student fees and not have access to state government funding. To source government funding CICA, will work with the relevant industry groups to gauge feedback from the local crane industry that will actually support the Traineeship to be adopted in each state. The process is a little easier if the Traineeship has already been endorsed by other states, but industry support will be mandatory.

In NSW, members who do decide to take on a trainee have access to state government funding, which depending on eligibility, can be a payment 6 months into the Traineeship (to the employer) of up to \$1,500 and a payment upon completion of the course (also to the employer) of up to \$2,500*. CICA's focus is now to provide equivalent incentives at a state level in each state.

So, over the coming months we will be working with the state industries for their support and feedback as well as working with the state government agencies to get the Traineeship endorsed in other states. Simultaneously we will be working with the relevant Registered Training Organisations (RTO) to start to create pathways for training.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you, at the November Board meeting, the Board agreed to further support the participation in the Traineeship, by way of reimbursement for the first high risk license for trainees. A payment of up to \$300 will be available either directly to the trainee or to the employer, depending on who made the initial outlay for the cost of the high risk license. The trainee has to be employed by a CICA member, and there will be up to a maximum of 50 per state (a potential investment of \$15,000 per state/\$90,000 nationally). To be able to claim this incentive, all you need to do is be a CICA member, send a copy of the receipt for the license to CICA for reimbursement, together with confirmation that your Trainee is enrolled in the Cert III Traineeship (this can be a letter from State Training Services, which you get automatically once your Trainee has signed up, or from your GTO).

I ask you to take a moment and see the impact having a trainee will have for the industry. I can't help but think it would be fantastic to have the veterans of the industry teaching and mentoring new people coming through, the knowledge and teachings passed on to the students would be invaluable. In the meantime, we will keep progressing with this project.

Heidi Hervay
NSW Branch Secretary

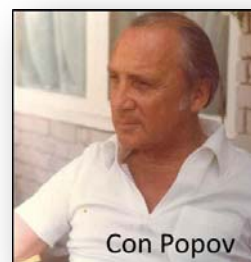
* Information provided by State Training Services – Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program Summary July 2014.

Con Popov Memorial Award

CICA has recently invited State Branches to submit nominees for the Con Popov Memorial Award.

This award may be bestowed on a person who is considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the crane industry over a considerable period of time. Previous recipients of the Con Popov Memorial Award are:

- 1998 Robert Way
- 1999 Bob Parker
- 2000 Allan McPherson
- 2001 Brian Hain
- 2002 John Gillespie
- 2003 Jeff Brundell
- 2006 Hugh Morris
- 2008 Kevin Wheeler
- 2012 Danny Black



Con Popov

Nominees must be approved by a State Committee before forwarding to CICA National Office. If you would like to suggest a nominee, please contact your State Secretariat.

State News



EBA Negotiations:

The Industrial Relations Committee is continuing to work with members in drafting an EBA. The local industry has united to achieve the best possible outcome for members and staff. Negotiations will soon begin with the CFMEU.

Traineeship:

One member has signed and three other members are in the process of signing up a Trainee. It has been a long process in getting this across the line with many people involved and sharing their expertise at many different levels, so it is rewarding to know that the Traineeship is now being picked up by the industry.

There is still a lot of work to be done to try and get more members on board, and to branch out into other states.

This is a fantastic result which already seems to be gathering the much needed momentum required. So congratulations to the industry players that have shown support and the foresight to address the massive skills shortage our industry faces now and into the future. Well done!!!

RMS & NHVR:

The CIWG met with the RMS on the 26th of March 2015. This meeting was the first as we had arranged for Sal Petrocitto (CEO of National Heavy Vehicle Regulator), to be at the meeting with the aim of getting to the truth about why some processes had changed since the NHVR had come onto the scene. It was a great to have the NHVR and the RMS in the same meeting as the truth had to come out when the questions were asked.

It was clear that the dialogue between the RMS and the NHVR had improved over recent times which I think is a credit to both organisations seemingly having "let's get on with it" attitude rather than a "blame each other" attitude.

We have many ongoing issues with the RMS and the NHVR, but we are certainly making progress on most of them with our stand out win of the meeting being a strong possibility of success with pick n carry cranes being able to travel on the states tunnel network, when fitted with either a mechanical device or software to ensure that the crane cannot travel in "road mode" unless the boom is below a certain height, therefore giving the RMS assurance that the tunnel infrastructures are protected from accidental collision.

This meeting highlighted the fantastic relationship the industry's representatives within the CIWG have with the senior management of the RMS and the NHVR, which should keep us in good stead for future ongoing negotiations

Crane Owners Only Meeting:

Following the results from the Stuart Anderson project last year, the NSW Branch held their first Crane Owners Only Meeting.

With respect to the Marketing members and all that they do for our industry, it was useful to have a meeting for owners to network and discuss issues within the industry with other owners. Some very helpful information did come from the meeting of which the attendees asked the CICASW Steering Committee Chairman to please pass on to the various crane manufacturers. This is currently underway via individual meeting with each of the manufacturers mentioned in the meeting. This is being carried out in a confidential manner with only the information pertinent to each manufacturer being discussed at each meeting.

It was clear that this format of meeting was welcomed by crane owners and it was determined by the meeting that a further 2 such meetings will be held in 2015, with the next one scheduled for July and then possibly October or November. The attendees also requested that CICA consider holding a National Crane Owners Only meeting in the days adjacent to an annual CICA conference. This request was passed on to CICA management.

The meeting was well attended with 14 companies represented by 20 attendees and an unprecedented 11 apologies. It's believed that the next meeting in July will be even better attended, which is a fantastic outcome.

Paul Churchill, NSW Branch Chairperson

CAWA has welcomed 2015 with their first general meeting held at the Tradewinds hotel on the 4th of March. It was well received and we had a fantastic membership turnout of both CICA and CAWA members. As part of the ongoing process of keeping members updated on industry matters we had a very informative presentation by Andy Shaw from Western Power about crane access and working areas in regards to power lines and their infrastructures and this is the first part of creating a relationship between Western Power and the crane industry to ensure our members have full access to all the information they require to ensure they can operate safely and efficiently.



As of March 2015 CICA and CAWA have revised their working relationship going forward and, with the industry in mind, by both parties agreeing on an updated MOU to benefit members of both associations and to ensure we have industry harmonization, as we are all working to a common goal. CAWA has been encouraged by the positive forward thinking of CICA and looks forward to continuing the partnership to improve the industry for all.

The 2015 Conference is coming soon and we have been working with CICA to ensure we deliver another fantastic conference. Everything is coming together well and, with the upgrades completed at the Burswood since the last conference, it will be a fantastic conference of speakers, products and networking set in one of the best locations in Australia. It will be an event not to be missed!

The planning for CAWA's annual dinner is well underway with this year's dinner to be held at the Tawarri centre, situated on the banks of the Swan River in Nedlands, on the 1st of August 2015. Entertainment is booked and, after last years turnout of 150 members and guests, we know this will be a night not to be missed.

The coming year will bring many challenges to the WA crane industry. We are seeing commodity prices at all-time lows and customers demanding better cost savings from our members. On a positive for WA we are seeing a lot more infrastructure projects in the state going ahead - new hotels, the new stadium and apartments approvals are at an all-time high. The traditional backbone of the WA crane industry is suffering, but we are seeing a change in practices from our members to ensure they adapt to the changing environment as WA has done before. Members are proving their resilience in a cyclic economy ensuring they are ready for the positives ahead.

From a CAWA prospective membership is at an all-time high and support is strong. We are looking forward to assisting our members were possible to ensure we remain a strong industry in WA for the coming years.

Anthony Grosser, CAWA President

BAUMA 2016 April 11-17 Munich, Germany

CICA Pre-Bauma Tour commences in Hamburg, Germany on 3rd April, 2016 and includes a weekend spent in Salzburg, Austria.

Expressions of Interest Opening Soon



Member News



Tutt Bryant Group Limited are very pleased to announce the recent appointment of Paul Churchill to the position of NSW State

Manager for their Heavy Lift & Shift Division.

Paul is a well-known and respected member of the Australian crane industry and had previously managed the Tutt Bryant Heavy Lift & Shift business interests in the NSW Hunter Valley, before locating back to Sydney to be with his family in

Coverforce was recently awarded with a Silver Australian Organisational Excellence Award.



Coverforce is the first insurance broker/intermediary in Australia to receive an award of this type from the foundation since the inception of the excellence awards in 1988. Coverforce have positively embraced the business excellence framework as the best way to focus the organisation on achieving its purpose of becoming the leader in the industry. For more product information visit

Maxilift Australia has teamed up with Vic Cranes Sales & Service and Cranetech of WA to make the iconic Effer brand of knuckle boom cranes available across the eastern seaboard.



Bob Davis of Maxilift and Aaron Nicholson of Vic Cranes Sales & Service are both veterans of the industry of more than 30 years each.

Throughout this time both have worked closely with the Effer company and are very excited to be on board with such an excellent brand for the nationwide roll-out.

Terex Cranes Australia, in line with their 2015 strategy to achieve Anything, Anywhere, Anytime 24/7 support, has formed and agreement with AML Equipment as a recommended service and warranty repairer of Terex Mobile Cranes products.



AML Equipment was formed in 2000 and has a strong history of providing service and support in Western Australia. AML supports numerous other brands and has significant resources which are we distributed to provide timely and efficient service.



This agreement will give customers access to more Terex endorsed resources which will ultimately result in improved machine utilisation and lower operating costs. Terex will also continue to support WA customers directly from its Perth operation with sales, service, parts and product support.



ANC Cranes & Rigging's, Jo Conti-Piriz advises, for the benefit of NSW Branch members, that she is a Justice of the Peace and is happy to assist members as needed. Contact Jo on Ph: 0499 979 693.

Photo: Melbourne Airport Project
Provided by John Foster, Leighton's Contractors
Metcalf Crane's Terex TC2800 600T crane used to lift 260T concrete Portal Beam



2015 CICA Conference, Perth 2 – 4 September

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AWARD WINNING PCO!

CICA'S Professional Conference Organisers, Wise Connections, have recently won the Meeting & Events Australia (MEA) Victorian award for excellence and best business practice.

Wise will now compete in the MEA National finals in May, after previously winning the Victorian finals in 2013 and they last took out the National award in 2010.

CICA and the crane industry are extremely fortunate to have such a professional team managing the CICA conference. Wise Connections have managed the CICA conference since 2012 and we look forward to another fantastic event in Perth this year.

Conference Program

Wednesday 2nd September	
8.30am	CICA Board Meeting (Board Only)
1.00pm	CICA National Reference Group (Nominated State Representatives Only)
3.00pm	Crane Display Open Session
3.00pm	Registration
3.15pm	CICA AGM (CICA Members Only)
4.30pm	First Timers Briefing
5.00pm	Welcome Reception Exhibition, Crown Burswood
7.00pm - 11.00pm	Networking Dinner Frasers, Botanic Gardens

Thursday 3rd September	
Speaker Program	
8.30am	MC Introduction—Warwick Merry Presidents Welcome
8.55am	Keynote Address Mick Collis—Sudoku Champion
9.40am	Platinum Sponsor Presentation Australian Crane & Machinery
10.00am	Morning Tea
10.30am	Jeff Kennett Beyond Blue, Mental Health
11.00am	Gold Sponsor Presentation Terex
11.10am	Technical Presentation—Metal Fatigue Hans-Dieter Willim, Liebherr
11.50am	Lunch
1.00pm	Lift of the Year Award Entries
2.00pm	Standards Update / Explanation of Recent Changes CICA
2.20pm	To be confirmed
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm	Crane Display Session
5.00pm	Day Close (Free Night)

Master of Ceremonies



CICA is pleased to have secured the services of Warwick Merry to be our MC again in 2015. The combination of Warwick's business back ground and his creative flair makes him an excellent choice for MC.

Warwick is frequently sought after for his facilitation and hosting skills. His MC experience, as well as his theatrical background (he has been on stage, screen and radio), give him the skill set to keep the audience engaged and the speakers welcomed, while keeping the sessions flowing.

Friday 4th September	
Speaker Program	
8.00am	Registration
8.30am	MC Introduction, Warwick Merry
8.35am	WA Industry Update Speaker to be confirmed
9.00am	NRG Update Danny Black, CICA
9.15am	Crane Owner/Hirer Panel
10.00am	Morning Tea
10.30am	PPSR Lessons Learned Mark O'Donoghue, Finlease
10.30am	Concurrent Break Out Session Multi Hook Lifts CICA Technical Committee
11.00am	Technical Presentation, Mobile Crane Safety Functions and Related Men Machine Interfaces Klaus Meissner, Terex
11.40am	CICA CEO/CraneSafe Update Brandon Hitch
12.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm	Chain of Responsibility Mike Wood, LATUS Risk Solutions
1.00pm	Concurrent Break Out Session Technical Aspects of Lift Planning for Safety, Efficiency and Success Stuart Edward, Edwards Heavy Lift
1.30pm	Gold Sponsor Presentation ZF Services
1.40pm	International Associations Updates CANZ, SC&RA, ESTA
2.30pm	Afternoon Tea Exhibition Close
3.00pm	Manufacturers' Panel facilitated by John Gillespie
4.00pm	MC Announcement of Minor Awards
4.15pm	Closing Keynote Address
5.00pm	Conference Wrap Up CICA President, Danny Black
5.15pm	Day Close
7.00pm	Pre Dinner Drinks, Crown Burswood
7.30pm	Gala Awards Dinner, Crown Burswood
Midnight	Dinner Close

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CICA offers a range of products to assist in areas fundamental to the safe operation of your cranes.

- Crane Log Book - Operator Safety Checks available to cover the following crane types - Mobile Crane, Vehicle Loading Crane and Self Erecting, Electric Hammerhead, Electric Luffing Jib and Diesel Luffing Jib Tower Cranes and Transport.
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- Training DVDs – to assist with staff training including Safe Use of Vehicle Loading Cranes, Crane Pre-Start Checks / CICA Log Book Use

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Event & Meeting Dates

Conferences & Events	CICA Board Meeting Dates
23/4/15 ESTA Awards Dinner (Paris, France)	21st May, 2015 - Brisbane
28-30/4/15 HRIA Conference (Adelaide, SA)	16th July, 2015 - Melbourne
8 -10/7/15 CANZ Conference (Tauranga, NZ)	2nd September, 2015 - Perth
15/7/15 CICA NRG (Melbourne, VIC)	12th November, 2015 - Sydney
1/9/15 ICSA Meetings (Perth, WA)	
2-4/9/15 CICA 2015 Conference (Perth, WA)	
2/9/15 CICA NRG (Perth, WA)	
11-17/4/16 Bauma (Munich, Germany)	

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To be the authority for the crane industry, developing and promoting a safe and effective industry in Australia.

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