



CICA SA VLC Meeting Minutes

Minutes of CICA SA - VLC Meeting No 4 held on Thursday 13 October 2016 at 5.00pm

At the British Hotel, 13 North Parade, Port Adelaide SA

Present:	Cheryl Woodhart (Chair)	RMB Service Group
	Eddie Koncewicz	Fork N Crane - Edcon
	Pino Simone	City Crane Trucks
	Steve Holmes	GTK Training
	Grahame Mansfield	City of Salisbury
	Hayden Lithgow	Adelaide Crane Maintenance
	Greg Fry	Rock Logistics
	Ken Lundie-Jenkins	Safety Barrier Solutions
	Stephen Marrollo	MHT Services SA - Marrollo Holdings
	Adam Culf	BHP Billiton
	Matt Palmer	ACE Crane Trucks
	Chris Trueman	ACE Crane Trucks
	Brandon Hitch	CICA CEO
	Tim Mee	CICA SA Branch
Apologies	Bob Davis & Peter Mignanelli	Maxilift Australia
	Helen Kolizos	All Class Equip Training
	David Squire	Hiab Australia
	Simon Malyan	RMB Service Group
	John Lensink	RGM Maintenance
	Lester Gare	Wakefield Trucks

Welcome

Cheryl Woodhart welcomed attendees to the CICA SA VLC meeting No 4. & introduced Brandon Hitch.

1.0 VLC High Risk Work Licences Class CV

(VLC Capacity 10 metre tonnes and over)

There was detailed discussion on the 10 metre tonne threshold and whether this was an appropriate level to require a Licence or a Certificate of Competency to operate a VLC. Discussion at the last meeting was noted.

Letter from Maxilift

Brandon Hitch tabled a letter from Maxilift Australia (Bob Davis)

The letter expressed concern at any suggestion in the VLC industry to propose a change to current licencing requirements for VLCs. Various aspects were raised in the letter.

There was broad discussion on:

- Levels of training and operator competency.
- Verification of Competency (VOC) on many construction sites
- Commercial concerns and costs for employee training.
- Duty of Care of employers and employees, Improving safety and competency.
- Overburdening employers with more regulation

ACTION: *This matter was left open for further discussion at a future meeting.*

2.0 CICA – CrewSafe

Brandon Hitch explained the new CrewSafe project being introduced by CICA.

CICA has created **CrewSafe** to document crane operator competency that provides evidence of crane-specific knowledge for Crane owners, construction sites, mine sites etc

- It is a Verification of Competency, (VOC) recorded on video and documenting the Make, Model and details of a crane and operator
- All performed on the job with two levels of sign off, a competent person assessor/supervisor at the place of work to assess another person and verify competence and record on video and documentation.
- This is a piece of evidence that can be accessed by anyone on the internet 24/7.

Questions were raised as to the owner of the data recorded in CrewSafe. This was still to be finalised. Some members suggested the employer should be the owner of the data on CrewSafe.

A link to the CrewSafe video on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQumlq_0XLM

CICA DVDs and CDs

Brandon also explained the training aids available from CICA on VLCs and Cranes. These were available at cost for members.

3.0 Dogging

It was noted that some aspects of Dogging were built in or incorporated into the CV Licence (3 day training course). The meeting discussed various examples of loads, VLC crane use and slinging loads.

1) The meeting noted that copies of the SafeWork Australia Information Sheets on Dogging and VLC licencing had been distributed with the minutes of the last meeting.

2) Some employers had adopted a policy that any employee slinging a load should have a dogging ticket. (complete the 5 day dogging course)

3) The use of Soft Slings, Chains and various load situations were discussed.

Some members questioned whether this was appropriate, given that a Dogging Certificate of Competency is a 5 day course on its own and that a separate dogging certificate should be required in addition to the 3 day CV licence.

It was suggestion that a **Gap Analysis** was required between the CV Licence (Dogging component) and the full dogging ticket training components.

ACTION: This matter was left open for further discussion at a future meeting

Web link to Dogging Information Sheet below.

<http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Documents/947/dogging-hrwl-information-sheet.pdf>

4.0 Australian Standard AS 2550.11

(Cranes, hoists and winches—Safe use Part 11: Vehicle-loading cranes)

Brandon Hitch advised that a new release of the AS 2550.11 would be issued on 21 October mostly relating to crane major inspections.

Brandon explained the policy now being adopted by CICA on **Major Inspections**.

- Not on a fixed period say 10 Years or 15 years (Not Birthday Dates)
- Major Inspection should be determined on a range of factors, including – Operational Life, Type of use, Maintenance record, the general conditions the crane has been working under.

Members were encouraged to document and record all maintenance and use of their cranes.

Further information on CICA Web Site – members Access to Aust Standards – free/no charge

5.0 **National Heavy Vehicle Regulator NHVR**

It was reported that the NHVR is going to perform an audit throughout Australia of a large number of Heavy vehicles in 2017. A road worthiness scheme. Member would be informed by the NHVR.

6.0 **Construction Sites**

Every construction site had a different set of requirements for Cranes . Checking of licences, verification of equipment and safe use. A great deal of time spent checking and explaining documents that site safety officers are not familiar with. Issues such as CraneSafe green stickers and many documents required to prove safe use of equipment and competency of operators. Also an opportunity to remove back yarders from the industry.

Brandon Hitch advised that CICA was in discussion with the major Tier 1 and Tier 2 Builders nationally regarding standardisation of all documentation/requirements on construction sites.

***ACTION:** Progress reports would be provided in future meetings.*

7.0 **Councils and Permits**

Comments were made on the difficulties of dealing with Councils, delivering loads to premises. VLCs not allowed to lift over a foot path, not allowed to operate from Road to a Building site without Traffic Management and Permits..

- Discussion on general council issues and education of staff
- Regulations on the use of VLCs on roads, footpaths, public areas..
- Access to permits in a timely manner.

CICA Web Site – Resources

Brandon explained some of the resources available on the CICA Web site for members

- CICA Guidance Notes and Position Papers
- Engineering Papers and Calculation Tools
- Training Videos and CDs

***ACTION:** A demonstration of the CICA Web site (CICA resources) would be arranged for the next VLC meeting*

8.0 **CICA Membership**

A list of benefits and resources available to CICA members was discussed.

Attendees who were not members of CICA were encouraged to complete a membership applications form. Annual Fees for Crane Owner members was \$220 base fee plus \$33 per crane (Includes GST) . non members would be approach on email to join CICA by Tim Mee the SA Branch Secretary sa@cica.com.au 0418 814 856

***ACTION:** T Mee email to non-members*

9.0 **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the VLC Working Group would be held on
Wednesday 30 November 2016 at 5.30pm
at the Lakes Resort Hotel, West Lakes SA.**