



CICA SA VLC Meeting Minutes

Minutes of CICA SA - VLC Meeting No 2

held on Thursday 16 June 2016 at 5.00pm
At the Lakes Resort Hotel, West Lakes SA

Present:	Cheryl Woodhart (Chair)	RMB Service Group
	Steve Holmes	GTK Training
	Mark Koncewicz	Fork N Crane - Edcon
	Lester Gare	Wakefield Trucks
	Peter Mignanelli	Maxilift Australia
	Pino Simone	City Crane Trucks
	Colin Holesgrove	Ferrari Cranes
	Grahame Mansfield	City of Salisbury
	Des Clarke	Samaras Crane Hire
	David Squire	Hiab Australia
	John Lensink	RGM Maintenance
	Simon Malyan	RMB Service Group
	Brandon Hitch	CICA CEO
	Tim Mee	CICA SA
Apologies	Peter Osborn	ACM
	Gary Fewins	OGR Trucks
	Helen Kolizos	All Class Equip Training

1.0 Establishing a CICA SA – VLC Group or Committee

Cheryl Woodhart (Board member of CICA) explained the purpose of the meeting. CICA SA branch is looking to establish a VLC Owners Group/Network in SA. This was the second meeting held in Adelaide.

The purpose of this working group would be:

- To establish a local network of VLC crane owners to discuss VLC related issues.
- To hold regular meetings and progress issues identified by the group.
- To represent VLC crane owners in discussions with Government agencies and other Industry bodies.
- To promote Standards, Safety Awareness and Training in the VLC industry

Brandon Hitch (CEO of CICA) provided an overview of the priority issues facing the crane industry. CICA has a 3 year strategic plan, its membership represents over 500 crane businesses in Australia. CICA historically has represented the Mobile Crane industry and is now expanding its involvement and membership into Overhead Cranes, Gantry Cranes and **Vehicle Loading Crane** industry. All crane types.

The CICA Board has a range of objectives with the intent of:

- Improving Safety, Industry standards and Training.
- Improving profitability in the crane industry.

Some of the priority issues are

- Government regulation relating to road use, heavy vehicle permits (State & Local Councils) and the new NHVR. CICA attends regular meetings with the NHVR in preparation for the NHVR takeover of all heavy vehicle matters from state transport departments.

- Crane safety and maintenance, also major inspections. The CICA CraneSafe system (Green Stickers). CICA liaison with crane manufacturers in Aust and Internationally.
- Training and Education – Traineeships, Crane operator, Rigger and Dogman
- Technical and engineering issues within the crane industry (CICA Engineer)
- CICA training and information - products available to members on Training DVDs, CDs and manuals. Also technical guidance papers for crane owners.

There was general discussion on a range of VLC matters.

- **Operator training** for VLCs 10 tonne-metres and above needed to be reviewed. Concern that **no operator training** tickets are required for **VLCs below 10 tonne-metre** capacity
- It was indicated, there was **insufficient Dogman training** in the VLC industry. This was of concern given the increasing use of VLCs in the construction industry.
- **Power Lines** – Many VLC operators had limited knowledge of the correct procedures for working near power lines. A high volume of VLC operations occur near powerlines.
- Employers have a “Duty of Care” to ensure all persons are adequately trained
- **Crane Standards** - There was a lot of misunderstanding and incorrect interpretation of Australian Standards relating to cranes / VLCs
- A range of training and qualification issues were discussed, including Traineeships
- **More VLC Operator Training needed** – hand over training was not competency training.
- Need better VLC Operators – **4-day CV Ticket that includes some dogging or an additional Dogman ticket ??**
- Concern that current training methods and courses available are inadequate and do not prove competency, (**Trainers giving out tickets to incompetent operators**)
- Could use the CV ticket as part of a National Traineeship.
- There was a significant number of untrained VLC operators in the industry.
- Concerns that SafeWork SA was not administering legislation and inspecting sites.
- Question. **When is a Dogman ticket required**, if handling Slings/Loads??
- A clear determination on this is needed.
- **Crane Inspections – Crane Safety** - The CICA CraneSafe system was explained. The need for regular maintenance checks and inspections was advocated. The use of Log books and Crane assessments by a third party assessor was now common in the mobile crane industry.
- CICA – A peak industry body - promoting crane industry - Self Regulation

Sharing of information to VLC Owners/Operators

Brandon Hitch indicated that CICA was well placed to represent VLC Owners with industry knowledge and capacity to improve standards in the industry.

He referred to some “information sheets” on VLC operations issued by Safe work Australia.

Action - Safe Work Australia VLC “Information Sheets” be distributed to all attendees.

- High Risk Work Licensing for VLCs - SafeWork Australia
- Vehicle Loading Cranes – Information Sheet – Safe Work Australia
- Web Link
- <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/news/safety-alerts/whsq/2010/vehicle-loading-cranes>.

Also noted that CICA members have **access to all Australian Standards** relating to cranes free of charge.

The meeting **general outcomes** were noted

- VLC licencing and Operator Competency was of concern.
- VLC training needed to be reviewed
- When is a Dogman Ticket required – need a clear definition in the VLC industry.

- Australian Standards for cranes – again a clear understanding of requirements for VLC Owners
- Annual Inspections – Maintenance records, log books, A CraneSafe system for VLCs could be beneficial.
- Regulations - working with Gov Departments – State Transport departments and Councils would improve access to roads and road use.
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Industry liaison needed to ensure HV and crane road access and conditions are improved.
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At the conclusion of discussion, Cheryl Woodhart thanked those present for their attendance and contribution. It was agreed to schedule another VLC meeting and continue to promote the establishment of a CICA - VLC Group in SA

Next Meeting.

**Proposed for Thursday 11 August 2016 – 6pm meeting,
Lakes Resort Hotel. West Lakes**