

Greetings All,

One of the topics that has recently been an item of discussion here in Melbourne is dual lifting, or multiple hoist lifting using one crane with two winches.



Dual lifting using two cranes may be a task that is utilised for a number of reasons. Perhaps the item being lifted may be too heavy, or perhaps the item needs to be rotated in the air. Regardless of the size or mass of the item being lifted, proper planning needs to take place.



Licencing requirements also need to be considered. The person in control of the lifting operation must be an Intermediate Rigger at minimum.

Load share needs to be calculated correctly so both cranes are not placed in an overload situation at any stage of the lift.

Using a single crane to lift an item and rotate it is nothing new. The Concrete Pre-Cast sector of our industry has been doing it for many years and there's no reason why it needs to be unsafe



The weight of the load needs to be known so the correct sized crane can be used. The auxiliary winch needs to be rated to handle the share of the load that will be applied during rotation. If the second winch requires two falls, be sure that the becket point is engineered and approved for the task.

The last bulletin discussed CICA's upcoming shared campaign of "Flying the Flag" – which is a shared campaign with Beyond Blue to raise awareness of anxiety and depression issues in our industry.

We are looking for someone in the 20-30 year old age bracket who might have a related story that they wouldn't mind publically sharing to raise awareness of this important issue – any ideas – please contact me !

Cheers for now and have a safe week!

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