

Greetings All,

Our industry is a very dynamic one. The different kinds of work that Crane Crews undertake on a day to day basis can only ever be limited by one's imagination.

For those people involved in general crane hire, there is never a moment where they may be surprised at what the next task may be. From moving machinery in the morning to moving giraffes in the afternoon – who ever could guess what the next day may hold?



For those involved in project work, whilst the job may have a strict set of plans to follow and a state of knowledge on what will happen the next day, there can be difficult periods away from loved ones and friends, which can have a long term debilitating effect on the happy home life.

Whether the crane has tyres, tracks or is even bolted to the ground, there is no doubt that our industry is a mobile industry. We serve the community and industry on an as required basis – in whatever capacity and location they desire our cranes to be.

The mobility of our industry is recognised by the various portable Superannuation, Redundancy and Long Service Leave that our members worked hard to establish such as C+Bus and Incolink. It's a plain and simple fact that sometimes we just don't know where the next job will be, how long it will go for and exactly what it is that we will be doing.

Mobility of all kinds of cranes is important for the community. They need us to be able to get from place to place in an efficient and safe manner – and we need to remember that as an industry, we need to be able to get our heavy cranes and equipment from job to job in a safe manner and with compliance within a raft of rules and regulations. Part of that requires our industry to work within certain guidelines. This applies equally to big companies, small companies, CICA members and those companies that choose not to be CICA members !

So what difference does it make if crane companies choose to be a CICA Branch member in their respective state, and what does being a CICA member have to do with Crane Safety?

CICA has been representing crane companies since the late 1970's in many ways. Getting more modern cranes approved for road travel is nothing new for long term CICA members – the efforts to get 50t truck cranes on the road is part of that history. Now CICA's efforts are focused on working on issues with the NHVR and Local Governments to improve road access for A/T Cranes.

Introducing the Green Sticker scheme in conjunction with WorkSafe and the FEDFA in Victoria back in the early 2000's, which has now grown to be an industry wide safety initiative across the entire country - seeing more than 8000 cranes being inspected annually by an independent person for safety matters.

There can be no doubt that our industry has changed in the last 20 years. Older cranes are now exported by the boat load and new modern road friendly cranes are now very much the standard crane across all crane companies, both big & small and city & regional.



CICA continues to work with various stakeholders on improving the state of our industry, from a wide variety of safety matters to road access issues. It's up to all crane companies (*not just CICA members*) to ensure that we are doing the best we can to not only remain in business and serve the needs of the community, but to also consider that we are conducting our businesses within the scope of various regulations.

Cheers for now and have a safe week!

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