



Victorian Crane Industry Consultative Committee

Minutes of the **Crane Industry Consultative Committee** meeting, held at CFMEU Training Centre, Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne on the **6/6/2014**.

Present

- Dave Waterfield – Australand/VCSA
- Mark Drury – VWA
- Alice Edwards – CraneSafe
- Brandon Hitch – CraneSafe
- Jill Earnshaw - VicRoads
- Rob Grauumans – CFMEU
- Rob Oldfield – ESV
- Scott Caldwell – Bullivants
- Scott Nicholls – Alfasi
- Jon Dunn – Twin City Cranes
- Danny Toohey – Komp Cranes
- Garry Barker – Manitowoc Cranes
- Steve Roach – CFMEU
- Brent Stacey – VCA
- Anthony Laras - Transtech

Apologies

- Geoff Hughes – John Holland
- Steve Kelly – VWA
- Nick Morris – Universal Cranes
- Geoff Fletcher – Nexus Construction Systems
- Les Kreisfeld – VWA
- Tom Smith – Williamstown Crane Hire

Welcome/Introduction

Rob Grauumans acting as co-chair welcomed all to the meeting and with a few new faces, a quick once around the room introduction was conducted.

Previous Meetings Minutes

Were distributed by email - if attendees could bring along a printed copy - that would be helpful.

Design Checks

Nothing to report.

VicRoads

Jill Earnshaw was briefly introduced to the group by the VCA LO. The work that Jill and her team at VicRoads have done since the NHVR debacle of February 10th has been fantastic.

Jill noted that it was a fair statement to make that the OS/OM and SPV industry sectors of the new NHVL just didn't work. There was a general agreement from all in the room.

Under a delegation by HNVR and with some input from the Victorian Transport Minister, The Hon. Terry Mulder, VicRoads has now taken back the issuance of intra-state permits. The only permit that needs to be applied to the NHVR directly for by Victorian members is when cross border travel is required.

On the 10th of May, the arterial Road network mapping was released. The addition of new roads to this mapping tool is occurring on a regular basis. Hopefully this will translate to a heavy reduction in permit applications moving forward.

How can crane companies help VicRoads, and also help themselves –

- Put the street address, including numbers.
- Don't apply for the whole trip, just apply for the required sections.

The 4 axle and 5 axle Bulletin is being finalised and should be available by next week. Expect maps to be updated regularly. These maps are not designed for printing – the reason being is they are live maps – they are always changing, so people need to check all of the time. The new Gazette links directly to the maps. There will be 700+ roads on the network at release date.

The 2 axle and 3 axle network is a few weeks away. Basically the 2 axle network is the entire network – minus the tunnels and structures. The 3 axle network is basically HML– minus the tunnels and structures.

Jill noted that Brent and Brandon had been working closely alongside VicRoads at times to assist. Jill also noted that turnaround times for permits were between 1-3 days.

Some councils have given VicRoads permission to issue permits for all of their roads, whilst others have only issued a list of permitted roads.

Crane Owners have been asking VicRoads for mapping like this for years. VicRoads must act in the best interests of the community, and their main focus is Road Safety and Asset Protection – That's the bottom line.

This in place for 2 years. If compliance doesn't happen, it will be taken away. Compliance is now going to be much smarter. IAP is fully tuned up.

Associations very supportive of the work VicRoads has done, and very supportive of compliance being followed through with.

Noted that if you haven't had phone calls from Narelle, be ready - your phone may start ringing. Some very smart technology has been put in place, including Geo-Fencing of structures.

Jill noted that she was listening to feedback and continues to. MAV being supportive of VicRoads.

Rural Network – Concentrate on corridor of major roads – Wodonga, Shepparton, Geelong, Valley, Bendigo and Ballarat.

The issue is that the law changed. The situation in Victoria is viewed by many as the best one of all the states as the Transport Minister acted quickly in response to industry pressure. This was in the initial decision in the third week of February, as well as the May announcements on the new mapping network.

One of the crane owners from a regional area noted that their local council was describing the process as being bombarded. Jill noted that if there is a great amount of repeated roads having permits issued, they should be added to the network by either pre-approval or Gazette.

Anybody with any specific examples of problematic roads, please direct to the VCA LO so they can be sent to VicRoads.

Make sure Annual Scheme permits go in for submission on time. IAP is about to be ramped up and monitoring increased.

An Attendee with a specific interest in IAP asked a question regarding turn by turn navigation.

It was noted by industry attendees that permit issues caused by NHVR failure to successfully launch not only placed a huge financial burden on an industry that is already hurting, but the stress this was putting many people as well was massive.

No Go Zones

- One related incident.
- A Hammerhead crane in Preston suffered an incident where the crane was blocked and the rope fell across power lines.
- Excavators continue to contact power lines.

WorkSafe

The restructure within the department continues. 200 people have left in past 8 months. Steve Kelly is now working in a consultancy business. Lou Kapeller has also left. A great deal of experience has left.

A tower crane supplier to the lower end of the market is now doing full green stickers after some concerns from industry.

WorkSafe attendees noted that 10 / 25 year inspections of cranes were still being looked at – business as usual.

Man-box

Nothing to report.

VCSA

- A number of incidents with panels and bolt tensions were noted.
- In Newcastle NSW, a hoist was damaged during a large wind event and was left hanging precariously.
- Battery operated rattle guns are torquing up bolts too much, causing potentially dangerous damage.
- Loading Zones – The builder is doing a project as an enforceable undertaking.

CraneSafe/CICA

- The VCA Precast Erection document has gone to re-draft to be realised as a CICA document.
- Brandon introduced CraneSafe's new Project Engineer, Alice Edwards.

Incidents

- Incident noted – Where a HSR noted a Pick and Carry Crane that had the telescoping section of a boom chained in as the rams were away being repaired.
- WorkSafe has a dedicated resource scanning You Tube and other social media for incidents which are then followed up on.
- A precast Panel fell on a 50t truck crane. Operator jumped out of top cab with seconds to spare, cabin was crushed.
- A brand new 20t excavator being delivered, fell off truck during delivery unloading, operator hurt, but will be OK.

General Business

- Steve Roach had some information on AS 3850
- Noted lifting by Reo not appropriate
- Suppliers - part one. Pre-casters – Part two.
- Tension inserts were attempted to be removed from the Standard revision. CFMEU noted their opposition to that.
- Part Two is the main part that will affect crane users the most.
- Spring washers discussed – should be placed in comments box.
- Pt 2 Sec 4.4.2 – Bracing should be fixed etc.
- Discussion of panel being photographed before pouring to verify.

- Crane safe now has a new look up tool by Model and Serial Number. It's not being tracked so no internal knowledge if it is being well utilised.

- VCA Scales mentioned. Purchase approval has been funded 50/50 with CICA.

- Mapping work with VicRoads is one of the biggest achievements that the VCA has ever achieved on behalf of its members.

- SRO policy is being revisited.

- AS 1418.1 about to be start revision. Brandon and Brent on committee.

- ESV introducing discussion on QR Codes and Videos.
 - Congrats to CFMEU for getting their training crane for mobile cranes operational.
 - CICA Conference – there will be a discussion panel on Major Inspections.
 - Synthetic Crane ropes briefly discussed.
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- The meeting closed at 0938.

Next Meeting to be held **1st of August, 2014**, at CFMEU Training Facility, located at **41 Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne**, commencing **0800** sharp.