



Victorian Crane Industry Consultative Committee

Minutes of the **Crane Industry Consultative Committee** meeting, held at CFMEU Training Centre, Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne on the **7/6/2013**.

Present

- Alex Tadic – CFMEU
- Geoff Fletcher – TiltLift
- Geoff Williams – All Crane Consulting
- Andrew Taylor – WorkSafe
- John Stach – Liebherr Australia
- Rob McCarthy – Bullivants
- Brent Stacey – VCA
- Barry Dunn – WorkSafe
- Richard Bell - VicRoads
- Steve Kelly - WorkSafe

Apologies

- Rob Grauumans – CFMEU
- David Waterfield – VCSA/Australand
- Barry Heywood – ESV
- Mark Drury – WorkSafe
- Phil Neville – SpanSet
- Rob Oldfield – ESV
- Peter Healy – Tutt Bryant
- Brandon Hitch – CraneSafe
- Garry Barker – Manitowoc Crane Group
- Nick Morris – Universal Cranes
- Terry Cameron - Craneworks

Welcome/Introduction

Brent Stacey as alternative Chair welcomed all to the meeting at 0800 as both Co-Chairs were an apology.

Previous Meetings Minutes

Were distributed by email and some copies on hand for perusal, if attendees could bring along a printed copy, that would be helpful.

Design Checks

No Discussion.

VicRoads

- Permit applications requested to be submitted as early as possible please.
- Richard noted that the permit office was running efficiently.
- Implementation of NHVR imminent, noted to be September 1st, 2013.
- VicRoads has been through a complete re-structure, moving forward there will be two new operational policy officers moving into the permit office.
- That move will hopefully provide some communication improvements with teams being in the same office.
- One new F/T IAP compliance officer also to be appointed. That role will be reviewing IAP non-conformance events.
- One of the attendees noted some issues with new registrations; at times there is a lack of consistency in dealing with same VR personnel, which can delay the process.

No Go Zones

No notes of any reports/incidents.

WorkSafe noted a non-crane related concern with a scaffold permit issued. Steve K to email said permit to Rob O.

WorkSafe

An enquiry was raised into some of the notes from the last minutes discussing open hooks. Some discussion took place. WorkSafe will continue to prohibit the use of open hooks unless there is a justifiable reason for use with a thorough SWMS process in place.

Some discussion took place on a precast issue that has arisen through Pre-Casters meetings... where the use of FSWR embedded in panels as lift points. WorkSafe to follow up.

Man-box

No further developments. Recent meeting between VCA/VWA noted.

Victorian Construction Safety Alliance

- Safety Alert on Structural Collapses
- Standard for Overhead Safety (Melbourne City Council)
- Need for an Industry Standard on Cranes
- Crack testing discussed

CraneSafe

With the CraneSafe representative an apology, there was no official report; however it was noted that in the period since the last meeting, CraneSafe champion and one of the original developers of the program, Mr Jeff Brundell had decided to hang up his hook and had passed his resignation into the CICA board. On behalf of the CICC, it was noted that the CICC officially wanted to thank Jeff for his efforts and wish him all the very best for the future.

Incidents

- Noted there was a non-crane related incident where a person involved in traffic management at a CBD site was hit by a car in an apparent road rage incident. The person was admitted to hospital and the driver was intercepted shortly after.

General Business

- Precast Review – AS 3850, public comment closed 14/5/13; there was a large response to the PC period and it will be re-issued once the committee has cleared some issues.
- Noted that the standard of crane loading areas/loading bays was dropping and will be area followed up by CFMEU.
- In conjunction with industry, the CFMEU has issued an updated precast delivery and erection checklist. It will be distributed to relevant industry persons by the CFMEU in coming weeks.
- The update checklist is a tool for getting people to be able to summarise/re-affirm what is already found in the blue book.
- Noted that there were no crane company representatives in attendance.

The meeting was closed at 0831.

Next Meeting to be held 5th of July, 2013, at CFMEU Training Facility, located at 41 Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne, commencing 0800 sharp.