



Victorian Crane Industry Consultative Committee

Minutes of the **Crane Industry Consultative Committee** meeting, held at CFMEU Training Centre, Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne on the **5/7/2013**.

Present

- Rob Graauwmans (Co-Chair) CFMEU
- Tom Smith WCH
- Geoff Fletcher TiltLift
- Brandon Hitch CraneSafe
- Barry Dunn WorkSafe
- Geoff Williams All Crane & Hoist Consulting
- Rob Oldfield ESV
- Barry Heywood ESV
- Brent Stacey VCA
- Andrew Taylor WorkSafe
- Rob McCarthy Bullivants
- Carmine Cambareri VicRoads
- Peter Michell VicRoads

Apologies

- Garry Barker Manitowoc
- Les Kreisfeld WorkSafe
- David Waterfield VCSA/Australand
- Steve Kelly WorkSafe
- Mark Drury WorkSafe
- Andrew Pitt Sergi
- John Stach Liebherr Australia

Welcome/Introduction

Rob Graauwmans as Co-Chair welcomed all to the meeting for at 0805.

Previous Meetings Minutes

Were distributed by email. If attendees could bring along a printed copy, that would be helpful. Rob read through the bullet points from the last meeting.

Design Checks

Nothing to discuss.

No Go Zones

Rob reported some recent ESV concerns;

- Excavators seem to be repeat offenders.
- Questions being asked of ESV of how close scaffold can be to electrical assets.
- 1.5m was discussed, with a note that new guidelines are being developed.
- Service cables – biggest issue on house builds/renovations. Some discussion took place how service cables can also be mounted along a building façade, as seen in some CBD locations, as well as in shopping strips etc.
- Noted that there was some thoughts on new cables being developed which may change some of the NGZ distances, but until further information is available, nothing has changed.

VicRoads

Carmine Cambareri and Peter Michell were in attendance.

- Changes are taking place within Statewide Permit Group and IAP program.
- Two operational policy analysts being engaged.
- Issues approaching with NHVR.
- Local councils are going to be in-undated with requests for access.
- Emergency situations will be dealt with as needed.
- LED lighting issues will be dealt with by NHVR. It was noted that today's cranes are being manufactured to worlds best standards, yet we are removing and replacing high quality lighting to comply with an ADR that may have fallen behind the times.

WorkSafe

Noted by an attendee that open crane tickets seem to be very common, yet holders seem to lack the competency that should be able to be associated with that.

WorkSafe responded that an employer has a duty to provide specific and relevant training.

Also noted that there are a growing number of companies conducting internal training, similar to the VOC concept. WCH was noted as one of those companies that has a good internal system in place.

Rob G raised the recent stunt work where two magicians were suspended by a crane. Noted that it was disappointing that there was no consultation.

Man-box

Noted that there were some plans for an upcoming meeting between industry and VWA.

Victorian Construction Safety Alliance

Dave was an apology.

CraneSafe

CraneSafe General Manager Brandon Hitch noted that CraneSafe assessors across the country should expect shadowed audits to occur, for both mobile and tower crane assessments. Victoria was the first state where these audits will be taking place.

CICA

There was no attendee from CICA to make a report.

Incidents

- An 80t A/T crane unloading steel out of sight of the operator, steel got caught up whilst being hoisted, then released under load. The A2B came adrift and fell to the ground close by to the dogman.
- Rigger choked stillage for lifting, his hand has been caught in the chain, required surgery.

General Business

- Noted that VCA member and Transtech Driven CEO Shawn Owen recently passed away in an aeroplane accident. RIP.
- Rob G now attending VTCCC meetings as his role now encompasses Tower Crane issues.
- PreCast standard public comment period will be re-issued in August for further comments.
- Some lengthy discussion took place on the need to consider refreshing the CICC meetings as attendance is down. Should a different format be considered?
- Noted that there are areas of crossover between tower and mobile meetings with many attendees making the effort to attend both.
- Should relevant speakers be arranged?
- Should minutes only be sent to those attendees and apologies that make an effort?
- It was decided to trial a new format where the meetings will alternate after the August meeting.

So the format for the remainder of the year was agreed to follow this line;

- August 2nd → CICC – (*Mobile Cranes*)
- September → VTCCC – (*Tower Cranes*)
- October 4th → CICC
- November → VTCCC
- December 6th → CICC

The meeting was closed at 1034.

Next Meeting to be held on Friday the 2nd of August, 2013, at CFMEU Training Facility;

- Located at 41 Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne, commencing 0800 sharp.

