



## Queensland beckons

The final arrangements for this year's annual conference on the Gold Coast are being made.

Bookings through the Association for Dracula's have closed and anyone now wishing to attend on the Tuesday evening will need to contact Dracula's directly for a booking. We have a bus to take members to the venue and this has now been fully booked so late comers will also need to take care of their own travel to and from Dracula's.



With the economic slowdown the numbers travelling to Queensland have dropped off. That was hard to predict when we decided on the venue July 2008. However, as Malcolm says in his President's message, we are trying to reduce costs for 2010, even if we happen to be coming out of the recession at that time.

## 2009 Crane Register

Additional copies of the latest Crane Register are available to members from the National Office.

Since the register was published the following companies have resigned their memberships:

- Bougen Transport (Waikato)
- VT Fitzroy (Auckland)
- EVO Crane Hire (Nelson/Marlborough)
- Manukau Welders (1982) Ltd (Auckland)

We welcome a new member:

- Coastal Services Ltd (Taranaki/Wanganui)

The Crane Register is a snap shot of the Association's membership. An up-to-date record of all changes to members and their equipment may be found on the web site: [www.cranes.org.nz/search/cranes.php](http://www.cranes.org.nz/search/cranes.php)

## From the President

*Only 4 weeks until conference. Numbers have picked up there but there's always room for more. We keep talking about the recession and cost-cutting and that is to be expected.*

*The council has recognised the economic conditions that have set in and will recommend to the Annual General Meeting that the 2010 conference not be held in Queenstown, because it is too expensive. We've been looking elsewhere to ease attendance costs for members. However, we remain really positive about the value of holding an annual conference and believe that it is still a vital event in our year. When we assemble in Queensland mid-next month there will certainly be the tourist things to do but there's also invaluable insights, knowledge and industry smarts to be had. See you there!*

*Malcolm McWhannell,  
President*

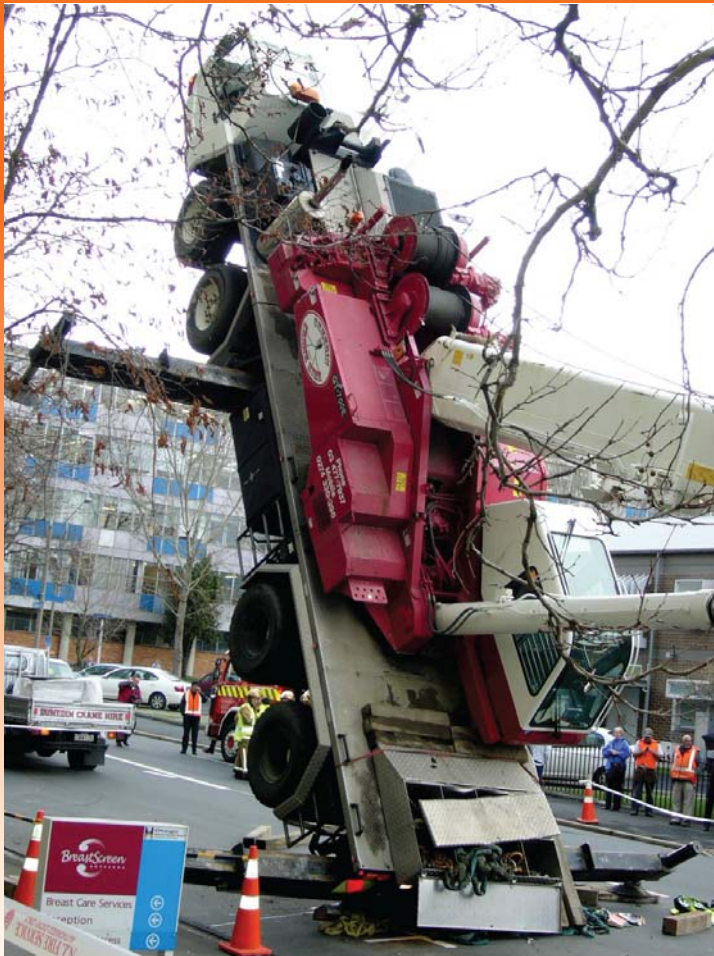
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## Code of Practice for Cranes

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## Crane accident in Dunedin



The arm of a 100m-long crane collapsed at Dunedin Hospital, blocking traffic on Dunedin's one-way system on 19 June. Police said no one was hurt in the accident, which happened about 10.50am when the Dunedin Crane Hire machine was taking items off a hospital roof.

## Lifting Matters - cutting crane accidents

In the last week we sent out a newsletter to our Dispatches subscribers. It was produced by Smith Crane & Construction to publicise crane safety. Both the Association and Smith Crane & Construction are keen to receive relevant contributions from members. 'Lifting Matters', as it's called, will try to give a background to accidents that have happened and provide the benefit of the experience of those who have been involved and discovered the cause. If you have experienced an accident please forward the details and an account of why it hap-

pened and the lessons learned from the event, either to the Association or directly to Smiths.. Unfortunately there seem to be quite a number of accidents and the industry needs to be vigilant in reducing them. The aim of the newsletter is not to publicise the accident and point a finger at companies who have them. Rather, we want to use the opportunity to tell the rest of the industry what went wrong. Reading a newsletter and learning safety tips is a far better experience than finding out by repeating the same mistake yourself.

## One Featherston



It's a great feeling to score a contract to lift on a new building, especially when the anchor tenant is a government department, and even better when the department is Inland Revenue. No-one's going bust on this job, you would think. No. 1 Featherston Street, Wellington, is also a big job: 33,5600 square metres. To cap it off the top-rated news programme on TV1 at 6pm, shows your progress nightly. Crane Association member, Fletcher Construction, is in this happy position. TV One's fixed camera shows conditions in central Wellington in the nightly weather slot and Fletcher's progress gets a national audience. The building's due for completion in 2010 but there's still plenty of development opportunities on a section of waterfront that lies beyond the Fletcher job and which is still in line with TV One's weather camera.

## Code of Practice for Cranes - 3rd edition

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for anyone to comment on the content. On its website, The department acknowledges that this 3rd edition of the Code has come about as a result of the Crane Association's representations on behalf of its members. The previous edition was signed off in 2007. We believe that with the updated edition, we have achieved much to make this industrial safety code work with members, rather than against them. Although it's close now to completion, there is nothing to prevent any member making submissions to the department.