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Message from the President – March 2011

Greetings to all our members

I hope everyone had a good break over the holiday season and you are all getting stuck into plenty of work by now. I wish our Queensland members in particular, the best of luck for this year after their series of recent natural disasters.

The CPAA has certainly not been standing still. We have been busy preparing our position and response to the new *Safe Work Australia draft 'Model Work Health and Safety Regulations'* and in particular the issue of Design Registration for concrete placing booms which these regulations are trying to force on us. There has been a lot a discussion and meetings over this issue, which will affect every owner of a boom pump if they are allowed to go ahead unmodified. The topic is too complicated to summarise here, so you can find all the details at www.safeworkaustralia.com.au .

Design Registration has sadly has affected the moving forward of my key project which is to finally resolve the six yearly strip down issue. Along with the national implementation of the 'Model WHS Regulations' on January 1, 2012 will be a revised National Code of Practice for Concrete Pumping which will come out for public comment during this year. It is here we will introduce the revised inspection regime. This along with the Model WHS Regulations when introduced will mean that every Australian State and Territory will basically be using the same harmonised regulations and a single Code of Practice which should take away a lot of the confusion that currently exists today.

Please note our change of mailing address: PO Box 326, Horsley Park NSW 2175

The phone numbers and email are still the same:

Phone: 02 9543 7577 fax: 02 9543 7588 Email: info@cpassoc.com.au

Take a look at our new look website. If any of your details are incorrect or you are not on the website members list please send an email to the above address and we will fix it.

Les McLean has now resigned from the CPAA. I wish Les all the very best in the future and thank him very much for his contribution over the last 10 years.

Currently CPE and I are doing all administration work, which is a temporary fill in until our new secretariat is employed. I thank David Bond and his team for the free work they are doing to help the association during this transition period.

If by chance you have not paid your membership (you know who you are!) please do so without further delay. We rely on this quite small financial support from each of our members in order to better our industry for all of us, so if you have a mate who is not a member please encourage them to join. At the moment most of the calls I am receiving are actually from non-members asking for advice. At the moment I'm helping them but when I ask, "would you like to become a member", their answer is, "no I don't need the CPAA!". This response is comical, they just rang for help and they got it!. Isn't that what an association is for?. When you need help on an issue and you get it. My point is at some time or another we all need help. As I have stated before, the more we put in, the more we will get out.

We now have plenty of safety sticker kits and log books in stock, so please order through info@cpassoc.com.au. All orders leave on a Friday, so please keep this in mind when ordering. To keep our admin costs down we ask that you pay for all goods as soon as you receive the invoice, once your payment is received your order will be sent.

Just a quick summary of how our industry is going:

This year looks to be just as tough as the previous year for NSW. Here we will be looking for a rate rise in August as there has been no rate rise for the last 2 years. Victoria is doing a lot better in work and also in rates, so the year looks to be prosperous one there. Queensland has probably taken the biggest hit from the recent natural disasters, though the rebuilding should generate steady work. Western Australia was hit by recent cyclone activity the North West but is recovering. The general market has slowed due to increased competition which has unfortunately affected the rates. If any member from SA, TAS, ACT and NT could email me on the above address about their State I would like to add it in future newsletters.

Thank you all for your contribution so far and especially for being part of our industry association. I will be forwarding more new letters quite soon as we have a big year planned. For the latest news always first check with the CPAA website.

Be safe.

Mario Battistini, President