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EWPA Registered Inspector Program

The EWPA Registered Inspector Program is now live and available to all Member Companies. This is a national initiative where potential inspectors are formally assessed and verified to ensure they possess the level of experience and expertise required to undertake periodic (annual) inspections of mobile elevating work platforms as stated in Australian Standard AS2550.10. The Standard indicates a Competent Person is required when completing periodic inspections. The holder of a Registered Inspector card is an individual whose collective training, qualifications and experience has been formally assessed by the EWPA and is deemed competent to perform periodic inspections on mobile elevating work platforms as stated in AS2550.10.

To download an application form and information sheet visit: www.ewpa.com.au/ resources/ewpa-registered-inspectors

EWPA and the Australian Constructors Association (ACA)

The EWPA continues to work with Australia's tier one construction companies to address safety in the workplace. The EWPA was invited to attend the February ACA Board meeting where CEO James Oxenham discussed the latest training, technology, best practice and safety features on MEWPs.

The meeting provided an opportunity to

SafeWork NSW and the EWPA

The EWPA held an informative session with Inspectors from SafeWork NSW earlier this year to discuss safe use of EWPs on worksites and look at the latest developments in machine safety features. Since the major safety incident in Adelaide last year, the EWPA has been making a concerted effort to work with industry regulators to ensure safety remains top of mind for all concerned.

At a recent JLG hosted meeting at JLG's Regents Park facility in Sydney, SafeWork NSW inspectors/regulators were invited to thoroughly inspect JLG machines and were instructed on the safety systems built into the machines, operating issues eg: how the EWPs work, operator input and where operating safety issues lie.

Since that very successful meeting was held, additional meetings have been held in

Victorian Working Group

The EWPA was well represented at a recent EWP Working Group held in Melbourne. The group made up of regulators, unions, associations, hire companies, manufacturers and end users has been formed to address safety concerns involving EWPs in the workplace. Issues discussed included the identification of hazards, operator training, machine selection, technological advancements in safety and promoting best promote the EWPA's agenda of keeping regard for EWPs and access equipment safety front of mind when on construction sites. Attending the meeting also provided the opportunity to promote the benefits of the EWPA's Yellow Card Training Program – how it works and why it is advantageous for ACA member companies to look out for operators with Yellow Cards on site.

Adelaide. One of the EWPA industry Trainers, Frank Hanna, put some WorkSafe Inspectors through the Yellow Card program. By completing Yellow Card training the WorkSafe inspectors gained a first-hand understanding of the risks associated with EWP use and operation and a thorough understanding of the effectiveness of the training program, EWPA CEO James Oxenham said.

"It was a really good session; inspectors saw the machines close up and were able to ask questions of the manufacturers. Manufacturers also were able to return the favour to gain insights from the WorkSafe inspectors."

"The Yellow Card is a thorough training process but it is only the beginning of the education process. All operators need time on the machines to gain a full working knowledge," James said.

practice. Safety campaigns are ongoing and the promotion of training and safe use continues through online publications, videos, newsletters, toolbox talks and industry consultation.

EWPA Operations Manager, Nicolas Chiew said the Working Group is about awareness training and developing materials to help better manage EWPs in the workplace. It is a regular event, and the EWPA is proud to facilitate, Nicolas said



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JLG's latest innovation provides industry-leading vertical reach and horizontal outreach

JLG Industries has introduced the world's tallest and farthest reaching articulating boomlift, the 1500AJP, with a working envelope of more than 74,000m³ of reachable space.

The 1500AJP, allows operators to reach more work space - 60% more than the next closest Articulated Boom on the market - and take more materials with them than any other articulating boom lift. That's because the new boom lift features a category-leading work envelope, up-and-over height of 18.3m, a working outreach of 23.5m, and a platform capacity of 270kg unrestricted and 450kg restricted. Visit: www.jlg.com.au

CALENDAR – MEETINGS

MAY

NSW MEETING – EWPA 25 May - TBC

JUNE WA/NT AGM – HRIA/EWPA 21 June – South Perth Yacht Club

VIC MEETING - EWPA 26 June – Venue TBC

JULY WA/NT MEETING - EWPA 13 July – Venue TBC

AUGUST SA MEETING – HRIA/EWPA 3 August – Venue TBC

NSW MEETING – EWPA 17 August – TBC

SEPTEMBER WA/NT MEETING - HRIA/ **EWPA** 6 September – Venue TBC





NOVEMBER NATIONAL AGM – EWPA 2 November – Brisbane

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Lift Guard Contact Alarm System secondary operator protection

The new Genie Lift Guard Contact Alarm system is engineered as an electronic secondary guarding system designed to immediately activate and alert the operator may need help.

Configured as a standard accessory on most new Genie Z (articulated) and S (telescopic) boom lifts, the new alarm system is active whenever the footswitch on the boom is enabled.

"Operator safety is paramount for Genie and we have developed the new Genie Lift Guard Contact Alarm with this in mind. This new configuration is significantly different from its predecessor, the Genie Operator Protective Alarm (OPA)," Mitch Ely, Genie National Operations Manager Australia said.

The new Genie Lift Guard Contact Alarm system features an activation cable fitted above the boom lift's platform control panel. When pressure is applied to the cable, it disconnects and activates the system. When the system is activated, all machine lift and drive functions stop to prevent additional movement in the platform; an alarm sounds and beacons flash, notifying everyone near the boom lift the operator may require assistance.

The system is only functional when the footswitch is depressed and motion does not resume without human intervention. All notifications and function restrictions continue until the system is reset by simply clicking the activation cable back into place; there is no need to restart the engine or cycle e-stop power to resume machine functionality. The machine can be operated from the ground, if necessary.

"This new design includes an additional free-movement zone between the cable and the control panel that may allow for operator mobility once the system is activated. Unlike other devices on the market, the Genie Lift Guard Contact Alarm system could reduce the risk of operators applying unintentional contact pressure on the boom's control panel," Mitch said.

The Genie Lift Guard Contact Alarm system is available installed standard from the factory or as an aftermarket kit, which can be installed (in less than 30 minutes the company said) with only a few fasteners and electrical harness connectors. It fits on platforms in the Genie Z- and S-boom families and can be retrofitted on units dating back to 2003. This accessory is not yet available on Genie Z-33/18 articulated boom lifts or Genie TZ-34 and TZ-50 trailer-mounted booms.

Genie continues to offer its Operator Protective Structure (OPS). Introduced in 2012, the Genie OPS may be attached to boom lifts with 1.8m (6ft) to 2.4m (8ft) platforms. The tubular steel structure is designed to transfer the kinetic energy into surrounding structures while maintaining a protected area for the operator in some circumstances. The Genie Lift Guard Contact Alarm and OPS systems can be used together Mitch said.



The Genie Lift Guard Contact Alarm system will be available

in June 2017 and will be on display at HIRE17. Visit www.genielift.com.au

Vertical mast halves install time

A new self-propelled vertical man lift or electric ladder with a 4m working height is being introduced in Australia by United Forklift and Access Solutions.

According to United Forklift and Access Solutions' General Manager, Sales, Marketing and Distribution, Trent Osborne, the Elevah 40 Move vertical mast will optimise safety and double productivity compared with traditional alternatives such as ladder systems.

"The compact, light and manoeuvrable Elevah 40 Move vertical mast, is one of the first electric ladder products from access and stock picking manufacturer, Elevah. United has been appointed the exclusive Australian distributor."



"The Elevah 40 Move's price point of under \$10,000 makes it highly affordable and cost effective for all businesses and industries," Trent said.

The Elevah 40 Move won Product of the Year at the International Awards for Powered Access, IAPA.

"The new product has unique features focused on enhancing workplace efficiency while preventing accidents and falls from lower heights, which are one of the leading causes of serious injury in workplaces," Trent said.

Safety and efficiency features include: electric ladder access technology saves time and eliminates fall hazards; operators can step into the safety cage and work at desired heights; easy positioning, with push-button ascent and descent; minimum turning radius for safe operation in crowded or restricted spaces; patented loading trolley and electric remote allows easy loading and transport.

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Accessing strong support crucial

With over 750 JLG machines in its 1500 strong access fleet, NZ based Hirepool said it is pleased to have the reliability and support of JLG machines and the JLG team when it promises 'all the gear for all the jobs'.

Auckland-based Hirepool has 66 branches across New Zealand's north and south islands and the biggest access fleet in the country and has been serving the NZ market for 61 years.

Gary Richardson, Hirepool's General Manager – Sales & Marketing said: "For over 60 years we've built our whole business on the fact we only use premium brands.

"We've bought \$60 million worth of gear in the past two years and the biggest spend we have is in access; a recent purchase was 30 x JLG 3246ES and 2646ES electric scissor lifts," Gary said.

"We choose JLG because it's got an international reputation, the machines have proven to us they keep working and we get excellent support.

"The market is absolutely booming; in the northern regions around Auckland we had some of the busiest months we've ever had in the middle of winter," he said.

"There is a massive amount of infrastructure and building work and in through the central region there is quite a lot of road building involving bridgework; all that's good for access gear.

"JLG are always

quick to answer any issues we've got; they know the importance of keeping things going and are very good to work with."

The major inspection process is another area where the strong working partnership between Hirepool and JLG has been of benefit.



"...JLG knows the importance of keeping things going..."

"We'd actually bought quite a lot of gear about this time 10 or 11 years ago, so we've had a huge amount of major inspection work coming up. We've worked closely with JLG to make sure we can get all the gear inspected and refurbished and back into our fleet."

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Dinolift spider lift debuts in Australia at HIRE17

Finnish aerial work platform manufacturer, Dinolift Oy will make its debut in the Australian market at HIRE17, showcasing its 22m spider lift, DINO 220XTC II, with the 13m trailer mounted DINO 130T.

The DINO 220XTC II – Spider lift is robust but lightweight and perfect for tough and demanding outdoor jobs, Jan Denks, Director of Sales and Business Development for Dinolift said.

"It features gradeability of 43% combined with levelling capability of 16 degrees. Thanks to its 1.8m long tracks it is extremely stable to drive and the cable remote control guarantees easy manouverability and good visibility around the AWP," Jan said.

For indoor operations the XTC II has a 240VAC electric motor. Low ground pressure and non-marking tracks (option) and the compact size of the machine enables narrow access; the minimum width of the unit is 1.18m.

DINO SafeGuard secondary guarding is optionally available and includes both audible and visible warning signals. "The XTC II comes with all the DINO standard features, such as continuous rotation of the boom, 180 degrees hydraulic basket rotation, easy-entry gate



on the aluminium basket and proportional controls for smooth operation. The machine is also equipped with rotating LED beacons on the engine cover and there are two harness points in the basket as standard," Jan said.

"The DINO 130T trailer mounted AWP is lightweight, robust and cost-effective. It is easy to use and maintain and compact. The DINO 130T suits indoor and outdoor use; it has a great access to backyards, through doorways and under bridges. Non-marking outrigger pads are optionally available. The DINO 130T is powered by a Honda petrol power pack but is also available with an electric motor as an option."

The machine has a working height of 12.9m and a sideways outreach of 9.1m. DINO SafeGuard secondary guarding is also optionally available for all the DINO trailers. Visit: www.dinolift.com



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Haulotte delivers on largest single equipment order

Haulotte Australia has taken its largest single order ever from United Forklift and Access Solutions which is renewing its rental fleet of aerial access equipment.

The order, to the value of \$26m, closely follows delivery of United Forklift and Access Solutions' 1000th Haulotte machine and marks a solid and ongoing business partnership between the two companies.

Keith Clarke, Managing Director of Haulotte Australia said the two companies have been working together for the past five to six years and have developed a real collaboration.

"United Forklift and Access Solutions is one of Australia's largest privately owned forklift and access equipment companies with operations in all states," Mr Clarke said.

"United has the complete range of Haulotte products over eight ranges of products spanning 60 different models. United also do a lot of retail sales of Haulotte machines via a substantial branch network extending across all of the major metropolitan centres as well as regional areas in Victoria and WA."

The order features the full range of Haulotte's equipment line up and will roll out over a 12 month period across United Equipment's branches nationally as the company replaces some of its existing fleet and utilises the new equipment to grow and expand into new markets.

According to United Forklift and Access Solutions' General Manager Trent Osborne, Haulotte equipment is the company's preferred choice following customer demand.

"Haulotte equipment is innovative and offers great safety features and new technologies customers are demanding. All of that is backed by excellent services and support," Mr Osborne said.

Among the new delivery to United Forklift and Access Solutions will be Haulotte's market leading products: articulating booms, the HA16RTJ, and HA20RTJ; electric scissor lift, the Optimum 8ac; and telescopic boom, the HT23RTJ.

"Haulotte is proud to be part of United's quality equation. We are committed to the access equipment after-market with 24/7 emergency back-up, scheduled maintenance programs and readily available genuine replacement parts. As well as our vast service network, we also provide and maintain a large spare parts division across Australia together with a dedicated major rebuild centre. Another of our world class facilities, Haulotte Finance Services (HFS) offers a wide range of financial solutions to help businesses keep their capital while acquiring the equipment they need," Keith Clarke said.

Haulotte markets a self-propelled access equipment, ranging from 6m to 43m. Haulotte Group is a quality accredited company (ISO 9001) and has developed a reputation for producing quality units. All products not only meet or exceed the requirements of Australian Standards AS1418.10 they also carry the European CE compliance stamp.

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(left) with Damien Gautier, Managing Director, United Equipment (left) with Damien Gautier, Managing Director Asia-Pacific, <u>Haulotte</u> Group

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TSHA president's message

The TSHA is getting down to business

The TSHA had its first association meeting for the year on 7 February, which was well attended by members.

This first meeting of the year was also the Annual General Meeting.

As a result, office bearer elections were held. The nominations resulted in the following Executive Committee being formed:

President: Chris Taylor – Cobra Training;

Vice President: Peter Davis – Coates Hire (we welcome Peter Davis to his new role); Technical Director: Robbie Wilkinson – Wenn Wilkinson & Associates; Incident Officer: Ross Bowden – Equipment Safety Systems.

Committee Members: Shane Marcusson – Dieci Australia; John Glover – Onsite Rentals; Chris Crane – GTH Equipment; Arron Cooper – JLG Industries; Paul Biondo – Biondo Rentals; Geordie Nolland – Merlo Group Australia Stuart Walker - Manitou.

This will be a busy year again for the TSHA. Initiatives being progressed by the dedicated committee are:

- the Telescopic Handlers Buyers Guide;
- a Safe Use Manual for operators; and
- the Registered Inspector Program for service technicians.

A new guidance note has been published highlighting the importance of monitoring tyre pressure and inflating tyres without risk of injury.

The much improved Gold Card operator training DVD was completed and launched in December. This involved new footage, commentary and additional sections for attachments. A big thanks to Jon Burke at Creative Digital, Andrew and Paul at YG Lifting Solutions in Sydney,



Jean-Philippe Gilbert at Manitou, Jason Gaskin and the team at Onsite Rentals Adelaide, Tony Millsted and the team at NTP Forklifts Adelaide and Chris Crane from GTH Equipment Rentals for all their help in getting this video completed.

The Unit of Competency on which the Gold Card is based was also superseded last year (RIIHAN309D to RIIHAN309E) and a Professional Development Program for Accredited Trainers to upgrade is underway. There was also a lot of time spent last year on reformatting the content, delivery and assessment of the Gold Card operator training program. This has also been launched now and is receiving positive feedback. Thank you to the Accredited Trainers involved in the development and evaluation.

Chris Taylor TSHA National President

Scissor cuts costs and boosts efficiency at Tasmanian wind farm

North-western Tasmanian wind-farm operator Woolnorth Wind Farm Holding's recent switch to the Genie SX-180 boom lift for servicing its turbines has significantly reduced maintenance and running costs, as well as machine downtime, according to Genie.

The boom lift will be used at Bluff Point, where Woolnorth Wind Holdings operates 37 Vestas V66 wind turbines mounted on 60m high towers, as well as at nearby Studland Bay, where the company has 25 Vestas V90 wind turbines on 80m high towers.

Woolnorth Wind Holdings has agreed to a long-term lease of the Genie SX-180 boom lift from Genie authorised reseller Specialist Access Equipment in Bell



Bay, and the lift will be operated by contractors commissioned by Woolnorth. "Prior to leasing the Genie SX-180 boom lift, Woolnorth used cranes with baskets to access the blades of the wind turbines. However, this solution didn't prove cost effective," Don Jessup, Manager, Specialist Access Equipment said.

"The Genie SX-180 boom lift can be operated by either of the two blade technicians from the basket. With a crane, you can have two blade technicians in the basket, but you also require a crane operator to be in the cab at ground level always. Moreover, the crane operator may not be called upon to do a single crane operation for hours at a time.

"In addition, there is the tyranny of height, with the two blade technicians operating at anywhere between 130 to 180ft in the air. Given the sheer heights involved, the blade technicians may not have line of sight with the crane operator and have to communicate by two way when they need to move," Don said.

"In a Genie SX-180 boom lift, the technicians in the basket simply tweak the controls to move to a new section of the blade. The fact independent crane operators had to be brought in from Burnie, 90 minutes away, also added to the company's costs," he said.

"With the Genie SX-180 boom lift now stationed onsite it can be moved from one turbine to another, to take advantage of good weather conditions, which helps reduce machine downtime. It is also used for a wider range of activities, including painting and maintenance."

As part of the leasing arrangement, Woolnorth has purchased Genie Lift Pro training. Visit: www.terex.com

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New boom lift goes where no boom has gone before

The Genie SX-135XC self-propelled telescopic boom lift delivers industry-leading outreach and capacity throughout the full working envelope for incredible operational accessibility, Brad Lawrence, Genie General Manager Australia said.

The first model in the new Genie Xtra Capacity (XC) family, the Genie SX-135XC boom lift features 27.43m (90ft) of outreach, 300kg (660lb) unrestricted lift capacity, the ability to work 6m (19ft 8in) below grade and a 3.94m (12ft 11in) x 4.11m (13ft 11in) compact footprint.

"With 3m (10ft) more outreach and 32% more capacity than a typical selfpropelled boom of this size, the Genie SX-135XC boom lift is ideal for rental customers working on challenging job site applications," Brad said.

"Built to safely and quickly lift operators to the full platform height of 41.15m (135ft) in 2.5 minutes and drive enabled at full height, the Genie SX-135XC boom lift will position workers and gear where needed. It is powerful enough to work on most job sites with a Deutz TD2011LO4i 74hp (55kW) diesel engine with fourwheel drive and four-wheel steer.

"The Genie SX-135XC boom's innovative design includes a working envelope for extreme access jobs, with a working height of 43.15m (141ft) and a horizontal reach of 27.43m (90ft)," Brad said.

"The new Genie SX-135XC boom also boasts a 5.48m (18ft) to 9.14m (30ft) Telescoping Jib-Extend jib, which offers operators up and over capabilities as well as 125° of jib articulation, boasting 55° down to 70° up of vertical articulation. The working envelope increased with extended reach out and down capability; 6m (19ft 8in) of reach below grade.

"Genie engineers developed a new hydraulically Telescoping Jib-Extend

design robust enough to handle all of the up, over, out and below tasks rental customers need to do. And when the job is done, the jib is designed to be stowed under the primary boom for ease of transport," Brad said.

The Genie SX-135XC boom features the new Genie mini XChassis axle design, which extends and retracts the axles to and from the stowed position with a more compact footprint: 2.49m (8ft 2in) x 4.11m (13ft 6in) retracted or 3.94m (12ft 11in) x 4.11m (13ft 6in) extended. This provides both stability on the job and a narrow profile for transport.

"Similar in design to the full-size XChassis expanding axle on the Genie SX-150, SX-180 and ZX-135 booms, the mini XChassis system boasts two-thirds the footprint of the full-size version for excellent manoeuvrability," Brad said.

Weighing 21,727kg (47,900lb), with an overall transport length of 13.3m (43ft 7in), a tail swing of 1.14m (3ft 9in) and ground clearance of 0.38m (15in), the Genie SX-135XC boom lift is transportable on a standard trailer; no over-width or overheight permits are required.

The new Genie family of XC boom lifts, including the Genie SX-135XC model, offer a dual lift capacity of an unrestricted 300kg (660lb) and a restricted 454kg (1,000lb). This gives customers the ability to work with up to three people on board while still leaving room for tools and job-site materials. The new XC design includes a standard 2.44m (8ft) tri-entry platform with side-swing gate.



Brad said all Genie XC models include a new low-maintenance load sense cell technology that monitors the weight on the platform and disables function if the load exceeds the platform load limit.

"The overload sense functionalities are compensated for on all Genie XC boom models by increased platform load capacity, increasing these booms' utilisation in heavy-load applications compared to units with more restrictive platform load limits," he said.

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Global Access Alliance to drive industry safety is coming

Following on from the success of recent meetings with the ACA and the combined effort to drive safety issues for EWP operation, the EWPA will be hosting a Global Access Alliance immediately following HIRE17, the industry's national industry conference to be held at Rosehill Gardens on 10-11 May.

During HIRE17, an ISO Committee will be meeting to discuss access industry

Standards and how International Standards will have a flow on effect in the Australian market. HIRE17 will also host a breakout seminar session to update the Australian market on worldwide Standards and inform and educate on the latest events and technology and safety features from around the world.

On 12 May, immediately following HIRE17, the EWPA will host international

guests, ISDO representatives, manufacturers from North America and Europe, regulators, members of the construction industry in Australia, access rental industry members and end users in a major industry forum about worldwide events and how the industry can work together across a global platform to improve safety for the industry overall.

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Simplifying service and statutory compliance

JLG's Comprehensive Preventative Maintenance Program (CPMP) assists hire companies in maintaining JLG fleets and offers exceptional benefits to customers who don't employ maintenance divisions.

Rob Branch, Director – Customer Care Australia & New Zealand said: "The program has been designed so each month the customer pays a calculated, agreed amount on each machine and then we look after the statutory and maintenance requirements. We visit each machine every three months to do an inspection and then at the end of the year we do the more comprehensive annual inspection in which engine servicing is also incorporated if required.

"Also, if at any time between these services, a part fails due to fair wear and tear, we go to site and replace it at no additional cost as this is covered in the monthly charge."

Rob believes the CPMP is beneficial for both large and small fleet owners.

"It takes away their need for inspection planning because we co-ordinate it,

we plan it, we schedule it and we send out reminders and make it happen, which saves the fleet owner substantial administrative hours," Rob said.

"Another key advantage is we're addressing the statutory requirements and helping them maintain their compliance. It's about the fleet owner being able to budget for their maintenance; they can lock away that monthly amount."

While Rob notes there are some conditions around the program relating to geographical availability and the fact batteries, tyres and accidental damage to the machine are not covered, he said customers are extremely satisfied.

"This is a tried and tested program that's been in place for eight years on an existing large national fleet, so it's certainly proven its value. We're also



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finding fleet owners are moving away from in-house maintenance, realising it's not their core business, or using this as an option to supplement their maintenance functions, and that's where the benefits of our CPMP can really come into play."

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