



# Kelly's Crane Hire Pty Ltd

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Kelly's Crane Hire was awarded a national Lift of the Year award for cranes under 130T at the annual Crane Industry Council of Australia conference held at the Burswood Convention Centre in Perth from 1-3 September. The award is judged by a panel of three industry experts and is sponsored by Cranes and Lifting magazine. A second award, which is the People's Choice award, was also won by Kelly's for the same lift. The people's choice award is voted on by the 370 crane industry delegates present at the conference. Gavin said he is very honoured to be judged by his peers for using some innovative thinking and using the resources available and to actually walk away with a national award is a huge achievement. The entry was for the recovery of a 25T bridge girder from the Rex Range Road in October 2009.

This is the fifth CICA conference Gavin and Alice have attended, but the first time that they have entered the Lift of the Year competition. Each year a different State Crane Association hosts the conference with next year being on the Gold Coast and 2012 possibly being the first year Darwin will host. The conference brings together crane manufacturers from all over the world, crane owners and operators, national marketers as well as other interested parties. Companies such as Boom Logistics, John Holland, Tutt Bryant and Gillespies Crane Services are some of the companies that regularly enter the awards.

Kelly's Crane Hire has been a member of the Crane Industry Association of Queensland since 2004 and the national Crane Industry Council of Australia since 2006. The associations assist in keeping operators aware of any changes and advances in the industry and assist in matters such as training and regulatory requirements.

Gavin and Alice are very proud of the fact that a small, family-run company can win a national award from competition from much larger companies with far greater resources. Thanks must go to the crew on the job of Craig Shaw and Mick Beel for a safe, successful lift. Also, a special thank you to Aaron Thomas from Mossman High for his IT skills in compiling the DVD for the two presentations.

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