



ELEVATING WORK PLATFORM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

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I am pleased to introduce you to the Elevating Work Platform Association of Australia Incorporated (EWPAA). The Association is a vital part of the Elevating Work Platform industry in Australia.

How did the EWPAA come to be formed? Well, a concerned group of rental fleet owners, manufacturers and suppliers of Elevating Work Platforms formed the Association in 1987. These people were concerned that the industry was growing rapidly across Australia without adequate co-ordination or support services. There was no forum to discuss issues affecting the industry, no specific operator training programs and no uniform standards of safety, service and ethics of conduct for the industry.

Without a National Association to co-ordinate the growth of EWPs the industry was in danger of being spoilt whilst still in its infancy.

The EWPAA was quickly established on a national basis with membership being drawn from all segments of the industry ensuring that key areas of concern could be effectively addressed and solutions developed to overcome them.

The EWPAA always had a close affiliation with the Hire and Rental Association to the point where it merged with the HRA in 1994. This helped to expand the membership base to include rental fleet owners and major users of EWPs away from the more traditional markets. Membership rapidly grew to over 100. However, with the continuing growth of the elevating work platform market it was decided, by the membership, to once again become an independent, National Association.

So, in January 1998 the Elevating Work Platform Association of Australia was incorporated. Membership is now in excess of 300 and includes the major rental fleet owners, manufacturers, users and supporters of this industry. The Association is run through a National Executive, supported by State Committees, which meet regularly to ensure effective communication between all members on the key issues that affect this industry.

AIMS

The aims and objectives of the EWPAA include the following:

- To set high standards of safety for Elevating Work Platforms and their operation.
- To establish self-regulation in the EWP industry and thereby discourage Government over-regulation.
- To develop and implement national training and instruction programs that meets the Duty of Care requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Acts.
- To have representation on relevant Government and other Committees, so that the industry has input into Regulations, Codes of Practice and Australian Standards during their development.
- To expand the use of Elevating Work Platforms, in the interests of improving safety and productivity in the workplace.
- To ensure the Association has as members people and businesses involved in the EWP industry and establish clear membership standards.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The EWPAA has been successful in progressing and achieving the aims of the Association. These include:

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- The development and implementation of a uniform, nationally recognized EWP operator-training program based on nationally accredited training.
- EWPAA stationery for maintenance, safety and service that meet or exceed Australian standards and plant regulations. These include logbooks, pouches, load restraint guides and maintenance check lists which are available to members at reduced rates.
- Representation on the relevant Australian Standards Committees including AS 2550 & AS1418.
- Input into WorkCover safe working practices and assessment documents.
- A membership base that includes manufacturers, suppliers, rental fleet owners, end users and support services across Australia ensuring that the Association truly represents the Elevating Work Platform Industry.

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

The EWPAA is recognized as representing the Elevating Work Platform industry and the interests of its members. The benefits of membership include:

- Regular updates on key issues effecting the industry via monthly newsletters & state reports.
- Entitled to participate in the EWP operator-training program.
- Access to EWPAA stationery at membership prices.
- Participation in State/National meetings where issues are discussed and resolved.
- Direct access to the national office for immediate advice or assistance on local, state or national EWP problems.

The EWPAA is constantly striving, through its members, to improve safety and service standards. This includes trying to get conformity and consistency on standards throughout Australia, which is for the benefit of all members.

CODE OF ETHICS

In return for the privileges of membership of the EWPAA, the Association expects all members to work within the Code of Ethics, which are:

- To pledge honesty and reliability in all transactions.
- To maintain the high standards of equipment, safety and reliability as stated in AS1418 and AS2550 and the Occupational Health and Safety Acts.
- To encourage the friendly exchange of information between members on practical and technical matters.
- To foster co-operation between manufacturers, renters, suppliers, users and regulatory authorities in the elevating work platforms industry.

If you are at all involved in the EWP industry then you can only benefit from membership of the Elevating Work Platform Association of Australia. The association looks forward to your valued input and support.

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