

NEWS UPDATE

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THE MEN FROM MARR'S MOVE UP IN 2020 INTERNATIONAL TOWER CRANE INDEX

The Men From Marr's has moved up the ranks once again to be ranked 12th amongst the world's largest tower crane fleets according to *International Cranes and Specialized Transport (ICST)* magazine's Tower Crane Index for 2020¹.

Marr has moved up for the second year running – from 13th position in 2019 and 15th in 2018 – and remains the only Australian company ranked in the annual international index which calculates rankings based on the total maximum load moment rating, in tonne-metres, of tower cranes in a fleet.

With a total lift capacity of 330 tonnes, Marr's M2480D Heavy Lift Luffer (HLL) also holds onto its position as the world's largest capacity tower crane.

In the past 12 months, The Men From Marr's have completed another two world first lifts leveraging the M2480D. In February 2020, Marr's completed the world's heaviest tower crane lift when it lifted a 255-tonne section of one of the Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) during construction on Australia's largest infrastructure project, the Sydney Metro. In a coup for the John Holland CPB Ghella (JHCPBG) joint venture delivering the tunnel infrastructure for the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project, it's the first time a tower crane has been used to lift a TBM component of this weight.

A few months later in June 2020, Marr's undertook the world's heaviest (155 tonnes) at height (318 metres) craneage lift during construction of what will be the world's longest span suspension bridge, 1915Çanakkale Bridge in Turkey.

The engineering solution that made the world-record lift possible was one of the reasons the Daelim–Limak–SK E&C–Yapi Merkezi (DLSY) Joint Venture awarded the craneage contract to Marr Contracting International in 2017.

Although the M2480D is the power house of Marr's fleet, Managing Director, Simon Marr, highlights that it's not just the sheer lifting capacity of the crane that is revolutionising large-scale, complex construction projects like the Sydney Metro and 1915Çanakkale Bridge.

"We are using the same way of thinking to challenge methodology on the construction of other projects ranging from metro train stations to data centres, large commercial construction, energy construction and working refineries," Mr Marr said.

"Ultimately our approach is about working with our clients to deliver craneage solutions that reduce complexity and can drive the construction program to deliver faster, safer and more cost-efficient outcomes," said Mr Marr.

As the *ICST's* Report highlighted, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sector is yet to be fully understood. But in a year when the industry has been characterised by delayed deliveries, postponed projects and cancelled industry events Marr's is taking a positive approach.

"In Australia, COVID-19 has seen the entire construction industry come together to work out a way out of this crisis. And for us, COVID-19 has had a positive impact on our business in that it has reshaped our order book, and as we are now more focused on infrastructure projects – both in Australia and internationally – our business is more geared to support longer-term, resilient projects like the Sydney Metro and 1915Çanakkale," Simon said.

In addition to Sydney Metro and 1915Çanakkale Bridge, The Men From Marr's are currently working on a number of high-profile projects in Australia, the Middle East and the UK including One Za'beel in Dubai, the UK's Hinkley Point C, and Crown Sydney and Sydney Football Stadium in Australia.

¹[*International Cranes and Specialized Transport. September 2020 \(pages 15 & 16\)*](#)

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