

Crane Company Completes Unique Move: A Giraffe



Membrey Transport and Crane Hire in Melbourne, Australia lifts a rare Rothschild giraffe with a Terex AT-20 pick and carry crane

According to *International Cranes & Transport*, Membrey Transport and Crane Hire in Melbourne, Australia, moved a rare Rothschild giraffe from the Melbourne Zoo in Victoria to the Mogo Zoo on the southern coast of New South Wales. The giraffe named Tanzi, 4.8 meters tall, was relocated as part of the regional breeding program. Prior to the move, Tanzi underwent more than two months of "crate training" Melbourne Zoo said, to minimize stress during her transportation.

A Terex AT-20 pick and carry crane was chosen for its high road speed and pick-and-carry capability without outriggers, the manufacturer said.

"We have moved a variety of large and small exotic zoo animals for around 30 years," said Craig Membrey of Membrey's

Transport. "For this move, we were required to lift and transport the animal in a specially made giraffe crate and selected our Terex AT-20 pick and carry crane as the best equipment for this task."

"Moving animals of this size requires detailed route planning, such as avoiding low bridges, while also ensuring minimum impact on the animal by completing the move in the shortest possible time," Membrey said.

"The Terex AT-20 Pick and Carry crane was ideal for this application. Its smooth controls gave the crane operator the ability to position the crate with gentle, fluid movements throughout the operation."