



Southern Queensland Branch News

28th October 2009



TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Date Tuesday 3rd November 2009 (Melbourne Cup Day)
Time 9.00am onwards
Venue The Plantation, 1204 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale

RACES FOR ALL NOVELTY EVENTS FUN FOR ALL

All sections of the MUA (past and present) are most welcome

Lollies, drinks, ice-cream - morning tea and lunch provided.

Train rides, face painting, jumping castle, giant slide, chuggy choo choo (worm), swimming pools, tennis courts, beach volley ball.

The Picnic Day is one of the social events that MUA members can participate in with their families. Let's make this Picnic Day enjoyable - as always.

The Picnic Committee is always in need of volunteers - please notify the Union office on telephone 3395 7215, of your name and contact details, if you can help on the day.

AGM MUA SQ BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the MUA Southern Queensland Branch will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 24th November 2009
Time: 0700 - 1100 hours
Venue: Wynnum Manly Workers Sports Club, Bognor St. Tingalpa

All Companies have been advised of the meeting which is a paid meeting as per all relative Enterprise Agreements.

Assistant National Secretary Warren Smith will be in attendance.

All available members are urged to attend.

THANKS TO PATRICKS BENEVOLENT FUND MEMBERS

Adam Morgan wishes to express his gratitude to the MUA members of the Fund for the assistance given and kind thoughts expressed with the loss of his father.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The National Council of the Union will meet in Sydney from 2nd to 5th November. It will consider the Financial Report from the Union's external Auditors along with a number of Rule changes relating to National Conference decisions, including the merger of the Northern Queensland and Southern Queensland Branches.

It will also consider the appointment to fill casual vacancies for the Deputy Branch Secretary in Western Australia Branch and the Assistant Branch Secretary in the Southern Queensland Branch following the resignations of Keith McCorriston and Les Rayward.

The meeting will also consider full reports on all the Union's activities, particularly the shipping policy, the Offshore and Hydrocarbon Agreement and Stevedoring National Occupational Health and Safety campaign. The report of the Council will be heard at the Union's Annual General Meetings at the end of November.

The National Council will also be holding a farewell function for retiring Deputy National Secretary Jim Tannock and Assistant National Secretary Rick Newlyn on the evening of 5th November, where there is expected to be a wide group of national and international friends of the Union in attendance with many MUA comrades and the families and friends of Rick and Jim's.

RELIEVING SQ BRANCH OFFICIAL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the rank and file, the Branch and staff for all their help and assistance over the past 5 weeks.

It has certainly been an eye opener to just what goes on in the Branch and how much work needs to be done. From endless phone calls to meetings with companies and other trade Unions, the workload is enormous and never seems to end.

I believe we (rank and file) can do a lot more to help our Union by being activists. Being activists can be from doing the smallest thing to help out, to being on a committee. Activists are what make our union strong. This Union was formed by great activists who stood up and fought for political, social and industrial issues that have shaped our Union. We can all do the same to ensure that this great Union will continue to be a Union of which we are proud to be a part.

It has been a privilege to work in the Branch for the past 5 weeks and serve the rank and file members and I would like to encourage all of you to stand up and support your officials, committees and delegates in the work they do for us all.

Thank you.

In unity - Adam McArthur

IN APPRECIATION

The Branch would like to thank Adam McArthur for assisting in relieving Official capacity during the previous weeks. Adam's efforts have been greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

The family of Danny McDonald wish to than the MUA and in particular the Executive of the MUA Patrick's Benevolent Fund for their expression of sympathy and contribution towards my mother's funeral.

Sincerely, Danny McDonald

