



# Southern Queensland Branch News

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

## AGM AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Annual General and Special Branch Meetings have endorsed the outcomes of the most recent National Council meeting convened on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.

Inclusive in the Special Meeting in accordance with Rule 20, associated with Rule changes is reference to National Conference resolution 5.2.4, amalgamation of the Southern and Northern Queensland Branches.

The Queensland Branch will not be formed until this process has been formally endorsed by the Industrial Registrar along with other Rule changes endorsed by the Rank and File.

With reference to amalgamation, the Rule change includes current Northern Queensland Branch Secretary (Honorary) Laurie Horgan retaining his position as National Council Representative until the next quadrennial election in 2011.

The AGM also included a special resolution to thank retiring Deputy National Secretary Jim Tannock and Assistant National Secretary Rick Newlyn, for the many years of their on-going commitment to our Union on a national and international level.

Further the resolution also congratulated incoming Assistant National Secretary Warren Smith (former Sydney Branch Secretary) and Ian Bray (Western Australia Assistant Branch Secretary) for being promoted to these positions. With the new National Officers now in place, their respective industrial responsibilities will be:

<b>Mick Doleman</b>	<b>Warren Smith</b>	<b>Ian Bray</b>
Offshore	POAGs	Diving
Patricks Terminals	Toll Stevedoring	Hydrocarbon Alliance
TT Line	Toll Shipping	FSOPs
SeaRoad Stevedoring	CSL INCO	Patricks B&G
SeaRoad Shipping	DP World Terminals	Rio Tinto
Trident / Northwest Shipping	AAT	ASP
Port Authorities Co-ordinator	Teekay	Towage
3 <sup>rd</sup> Operator	Darwin (Port Authority/ Perkins Ship/yard)	Dredging
LNG Shipping	Skilled	P&O Maritime
	NSS	Coal
	Port Authority	Port Authority

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## BRANCH CLOSURE

The S.Q. Branch Office and Credit Union will close at 12 noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This coincides with the last Branch Committee meeting of the year and traditional Christmas luncheon.

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# MUA YOUNG WORKERS CONFERENCE

During this week 1<sup>st</sup> – 3rd December, the S.Q. Branch has been the host of the Young Maritime Workers Conference. This Conference has now been held for the third year in succession and the first occasion held outside the Victorian Branch.

A BBQ was held at the Branch on 30<sup>th</sup> November to welcome young maritime workers, rank and file, delegates and activists to the Branch.

A comprehensive agenda has been set with many resolutions to be deliberated at the Conference. There is no doubt that resolutions will include recognition of this Conference and others in our respective collective agreements to encompass paid Union leave.

The Branch would like to thank the Veterans for their commitment and help during the Conference.

A full report regarding the Conference will appear in next week's *Branch News*.

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## QUEENSLAND NOT FOR SALE

Despite this campaign losing some focus in the media in the last couple of weeks, the MUA along with other Unions under the umbrella of the Queensland Council of Unions remain opposed to the Bligh government's agenda to dispose of publicly owned assets.

The QCU website now contains a link in relation to the on-going campaign, as follows:

**[www.qldnotforsale.org.au](http://www.qldnotforsale.org.au)**

The Branch Executive will be outlining further activity in the near future.

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## CRICKET AT THE GABBA

Union Shopper Inc. in conjunction with Queensland Cricket proudly presents a **FREE Family Fun Day** at the Gabba!

**Saturday 20th February 2010**

Enjoy the fun of a day at the cricket for free at the **Ford Ranger Cup**

**XXXX Gold Queensland Bulls**

**vs**

**Victoria Bushrangers.**



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