



Southern Queensland Branch News

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QUEENSLAND NOT FOR SALE

After a short recess the QNFS campaign process is in full swing. Branch Secretary Mick Carr attended a Co-ordinator's meeting with other affected affiliated Unions at the QCU on Thursday 28th January 2010. A further working party meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February 2010.

The main activity adopted from yesterday's meeting is a rally on 9th March at Roma Street Forum, followed by a street march to Parliament House when Parliament is sitting. Please enter this date in your diary.

Members are also reminded of the website – www.qldnotforsale.org.au

Veteran's Secretary Col Davies has also advised that a small protest will be held outside Kerry Rea's office (Federal Member for Bonner) 69 Clara Street Wynnum, at 2:45pm tomorrow Saturday 30th January.

Members will be appraised of further activity associated with the QNFS campaign in upcoming editions of the *Branch News*.

PATRICK TERMINAL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations are called for the following positions for the Base Committee and Safety Committee.

The Enterprise Agreement will be renegotiated this year and delegates to represent the members will be drawn directly from the elected Committee.

Base Committee	Representative	Alternate
Team Leader	1	1
Operational	2	2
Clerical	1	1
PGE	1	1
Safety		
OH&S Representatives	2	2

BRANCH TRAINING RESCHEDULED FROM 2009

Any members interested in participating in training, please advise the Branch. It is the intention to run a course in March and it is necessary to finalise the numbers in advance to allow the Tutor to be booked. Members who had registered for the course which had to be postponed late last year, will be given preference, if still wanting to participate. All those members have been sent correspondence from the Branch in this regard.

NATIONAL STEVEDORING CONFERENCES

National Council in November last year determined that Stevedoring Conferences would be convened in the first half of 2010 calendar year. AGM's held around the country endorsed the process of holding a Bulk and General Stevedoring Conference and a separate Terminal Conference.

The Bulk and General Conference will be held from 11th – 13th May with Patrick delegates staying behind to meet on 14th May to discuss specific bargaining issues relating to the Patrick Bulk and General Enterprise Agreement. The Conference is proposed to be held in Melbourne at the Victorian Branch.

A draft agenda has been prepared that will cover all aspects, some of which include Company reports, workplace reports, Enterprise bargaining workshops, National Stevedoring code of practice, development of committees, delegates, women, youth and training. Drug and alcohol issues and organisational aspects will also be covered in work shop sessions.

Numbers for the conference have been proposed and for Queensland the following will apply:

Brisbane:	Patrick 2	POAGS 2
Gladstone:	Patrick 1	
Townsville:	Patrick 1	NSS 1

A Conference for terminals will also be held in the first half of June with details still being worked out. The branch has been advised that each terminal around the country will have 4 delegates. Patrick Delegates will stay on for an additional day as per the Bulk and General Conference. Further advice will be documented in coming editions of *Branch News*.

All Conference delegates will be drawn from the elected committees in the first instance.

FINANCIALITY

Members are again requested to check to ensure that your details as recorded with the Branch are correct and up to date and that arrears are attended to. There is a big program of Conferences and EA negotiations coming up which all have to be funded and as members well remember Patrick paid virtually nothing in the last round.

Your Union dues are sent to National Office in the first instance with a redistribution of contributions made to the Branch. Long serving members will recall that the Branch funds contribution was adjusted to the current amounts of \$4 for permanents, \$3 for VSE/GWE/PGE and \$2 for supplementary employees at the 2002 AGM.

These contribution levels were adjusted on the basis that all Conferences (as well as a range of other activities) are funded from the Branch funds to circumvent levies being imposed on members at individual workplaces.

Members who are un-financial are not making their contribution to the Branch funds.

MAY DAY 2010

May Day is fast approaching with planning meetings well under way, members are invited to forward any ideas for this year's T-shirt design. It is necessary to place our order early to ensure delivery in time for distribution prior to the march.

This year's theme will be *Australian Unions Working for a Better Life*.

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