



# Southern Queensland Branch News

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

## TRADE UNION TRAINING

Another Level 1 Training Course will be held on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> April in the Union rooms.

Members are asked to register their interest, and telephone the Union office on 3395 7215. The maximum attendance for each course is twenty, so it's a case of getting in early or you just may miss out, and miss out on a good opportunity at the same time.

Please advise this office of your intention to join the course as soon as possible. Members who attended the same course in March this year expressed the view that it was both an informative and educational experience which will assist them not only now but in the future.

Chris Doyle from the ACTU has many years of experience in both the Union movement and as an organiser and provides a first class learning environment.

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## RELIEF OFFICIAL

Patricks Bulk and General member Brett Membrey will be relieving in Branch during Deputy Branch Secretary T. Mundy's annual leave period. Brett can be contacted on 0422 336 422, or on the general office number from Monday.

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## MUA WEBSITE SITE UPGRADE

The Safety page on the website is now live and is new tab on top of the page. It includes links to all State Work Cover authorities, AMSA, NOPSA, ATSB and more.

Refer <http://www.mua.org.au/issues/safety/>

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## INDUSTRIAL ROUNDS

Branch Secretary M. Carr:

- attended Svitzers National EA negotiations, meeting in Sydney 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April
  - .National Council - 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April, Sydney.
  - PB Towage - 19<sup>th</sup> April.
  - Svitzer National EA – 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April Sydney.
  - Branch Monthly meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> April.
  - Maritime Super meeting - 29<sup>th</sup> April Melbourne.
  - Labour Day - 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
  - Townsville - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May, NSS and organising.
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# LABOUR DAY 2010

Labour Day is fast approaching, and planning and preparations are well under way for the Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May March to the RNA grounds, hope to see as many members and their families as possible at Labour Day.

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## AROUND THE ASSISTANT BRANCH SECRETARY'S DESK

### AAT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

Tony Austin reports that still no news from AAT Management re outstanding issues for the EA and the wage percentage increase.

### POBC Code of Practice / Enterprise Agreement

Though still not supporting the government's proposed 99 year lease of the Port of Brisbane, in the interest of its members the Union is still negotiating a Code of Practice to enshrine all of the conditions currently enjoyed by the workforce for a period of 3 years after the commencement of the lease. As the Enterprise Agreement is also due to expire (June 30), we have requested that negotiations commence for a replacement EA as soon as possible. The current timeframe sees this beginning late in April.

### CSL

A meeting was held in Sydney to address all the outstanding issues with CSL and significant progress was made - details to follow.

### DP WORLD

An ERC meeting has been called for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April to finally address the major outstanding issues that have been left in dispute for months. Maybe it's time for sensible progress at last.

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## UNION SHOPPER GLASSES

Union Shopper has teamed up with GlassesOnline to provide members with high quality prescription glasses from just \$65, through our exclusive online store 'Union Shopper Glasses'.

Compared with spending hundreds of dollars in the shops, you can now save up to 70% by buying your glasses through the 'Union Shopper Glasses' online store. Each pair is made with the same frames and lenses as in the shops, and are delivered to your door with a 12 month warranty. All you need is a copy of your prescription to buy online or over the phone and you can even claim from your health fund! Simply choose a frame, select your lens options and enter your prescription online.

All the usual lens options are available such as an anti-reflective coating, 'thin' lenses, sunglass tints and Transitions. Standard and fashion glasses start at \$65 including frame, prescription lenses, protective case and lens cloth. Semi-rimless are all \$115, bendable titanium \$165 and rimless titanium \$280.

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