



Southern Queensland Branch News

17th June 2010

EUREKA STEVEDORES

A Branch Committee meeting was held at the Union Office on Thursday 10th June with a vast number of matters being discussed and debated. A full report on Branch activities and industrial matters were relayed by Branch officials.

The matter of Eureka Stevedores was reported on and fully discussed by the Branch Committee during the meeting.

The following resolution was adopted:

It was noted that representatives of this Company have not approached the Branch Executive in the normal way to advise of their intentions, or how the Company would operate.

That at least one Director of this Company was seeking out labour at the MUA tent on Labor Day.

That two of the Directors of this Company are current members of the Maritime Union of Australia.

The question of Union principle was at the forefront of the discussions by the Branch Committee when considering the matter.

The matter of Union principle is important to all Unions and, the MUA is absolutely underpinned by working class principles. The MUA is respected both nationally and internationally for its working class position and support for progressive causes.

The Branch Committee does not support in any way the concept of MUA members setting up business as Directors of a stevedoring company.

The Committee condemns the notion that Union members can set up a business and be Directors of that business which is a stevedoring company while maintaining the pretence of having union principles.

Further, Directors of this Company are invited to attend the Union rooms to meet with the Branch Executive to explain the development of Eureka Stevedores and their role in it, in order to allay the concerns of rank and file members in the Branch.

After discussion, the resolution with an amendment was carried unanimously.

PATRICK ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2010

Patrick Enterprise Agreements in the State of Queensland (4) – Brisbane Terminal, Brisbane, Gladstone and Townsville all expire in October this year. The respective areas have participated in the Bulk & General and Stevedoring Terminal Conferences.

National Officials and NSW Branch Officials are meeting with Patrick Senior Management on Wednesday 16th June to establish the process that the negotiations will be conducted.

Branch Officials will be in contact with the Committees of all areas and to that end Management, in order to fully collate claims for the upcoming Agreements.

Members will be advised of the time lines associated with the Enterprise Agreements as soon as possible.

INDUSTRIAL ROUNDS

Branch Secretary Mick Carr is currently in Melbourne in his role as director of Maritime super.

Assistant Branch Secretary Tony Austin is working on the 3 POBC enterprise agreements with further meetings set down for this week.

Deputy Branch Secretary Trevor Munday is meeting with ANS to finalise that agreement in conjunction with National office and other Branches.

The AAT agreement is finalised subject to a resolution on one outstanding clause pertaining to Long Service Leave.

MAY DAY RAFFLE DRAWN

The May Day raffle was drawn at the Branch Committee meeting held on 10th June and congratulations to the two winners –

1 st prize – Gent's Watch	Ticket No 7835	Pacific Wrestler
2 nd prize – Ladies Watch	Ticket No. 4137	Svitzer Tugs, Wynnum

Thank you to all members on vessels, Ports and stevedoring sites for your continued support.

MARITIME WORKERS BENEVOLENT FUND [PATRICKS, CARGO LINK AND AAT]

Fund members are advised the annual election of Trustees is now due, with nominations being called for all five (5) positions. Nominations can be lodged at the Branch Office (phone: 33957215) with Moira or Judy until the close of business on **Friday 2nd July 2010**.

If required, an election will be called in the following monthly statement. Once again we thank Moira and Judy for their assistance in this matter.

UNION SHOPPER OFFER

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