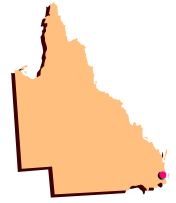


# Queensland Branch News

13<sup>th</sup> April 2011



## QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS 2011-2015 NOMINATIONS

The following advice has been received from the National Returning Officer Phil Byrne. Consistent with the application of the Rules the following nominations have been at close of business 5pm on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011. These were subject to final confirmation regarding the Rule 45(e).

From a perspective of the Queensland Branch, members will vote on a National and Branch level and the following nominations were received.

### NATIONAL OFFICE

National Secretary           Crumlin, Pdraig (Unopposed)  
Deputy National Secretary   Doleman, Michael Thomas  
  Russell, Keith Robert (Buster)  
Assistant National Secretary   Bray, Ian  
  Smith, Warren

### QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Branch Secretary               Carnegie, Robert Michael  
  Carr, Michael John  
  Membrey, Brett Anthony  
Deputy Branch Secretary       Munday, Trevor John  
  Rayward, Leslie Norman (Pig Dog)  
Assistant Branch Secretary     Austin, Anthony Stuart  
  Bruekers, Peter Mathew  
  Doleman, Bruce Stewart  
  Sheehan, Paul

Members will be advised of election procedures via the Maritime Workers Journal. A complete list of candidates of all positions is available on the MUA website along with candidate's election statements as per Rule 45(k).

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## VALE DARREN SMITH

12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

I have been in contact with Kate Smith yesterday morning and again this morning, and on behalf of the Union, Delegates, Officials and his mates passed on our sincere condolences regarding her loss with the sudden and tragic accident which was ultimately fatal.

Darren Smith died on Sunday in the IC unit of Townsville hospital and is survived by his wife Kate and 2 young sons Ryan and Mark, the family he dearly loved and who were always at the centre of his thoughts.

Branch Secretary Mick Carr has been in contact with Kate Smith on behalf of the Union, Delegates, Officials and his mates, and passed on our sincere condolences regarding her loss of the sudden and tragic accident which was ultimately fatal.

Darren was a long serving member of the Union having started in the industry with North Queensland Marine Towage under the Ad Steam banner in Townsville, before that Company was taken over by Svitzer, which itself lost the Port Towage contract to PB Towage recently. Darren played a significant role during the Svitzer take over and was instrumental in the long and protracted negotiations with PB Towage when they won the towage contract in the Port to secure a workable set of Port operations procedures in the lead up to the new Agreement discussions.

Darren joined the Union on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1985 and has been an activist, delegate and great mate to his fellow Tug crew members for the last 26 years. Darren always greeted you with a big broad smile and was keen to help anybody out that needed assistance. It is now our turn to assist Darren's family in their time of loss in any way we can.

There have been many expressions of sympathy and they have been passed on, and will do so more properly when attending the funeral service later this week. Many thanks to our old mate Peter Lamond who has been comforting the family over the weekend and keeping us up to date. Once the funeral arrangements are known we will keep members informed.

Members have been keen to assist Kate with anything that can be done, but understand it is time for privacy and contemplation for the family.

Vale Darren Smith 31/1/1961- 10/4/2011 sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Mick Carr- Branch Secretary

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## **PATRICK EA NEGOTIATIONS**

**PATRICK TERMINAL** - Much has been made in the media regarding the democratic right of the membership to engage in Protected Action commencing Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Negotiations have been prolonged and the membership had decided by way of a ballot conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission to exercise their legal rights.

With all due respect to the right-wing media in this country in order to relay the facts the following is an extract from correspondence from Deputy National Secretary Mick Doleman.

"Patrick made application to seek to remove the member's right to take Protected Action. The matter was heard before Commissioner Anna Lee Cribb on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April in Sydney.

The Union was represented at the Hearing by Deputy National Secretary Doleman, Sydney Branch Secretary McAleer, National Industrial Officer Giddins along with Barrister Tony Stein.

There was the correlation of the two options after an adjournment.

1) Wait for the decision of the Commission

or 2 as follows

2) We make an offer to withdraw Protected Action only on the basis that it be extended for 30 days.

Company to make a revised offer by close of business Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Two scheduled days of meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April."

At the time of writing, these meetings are progressing. Further reports will follow.

**GENERAL STEVEDORING** - The MUA made an application (S.437) for a Protected Action Ballot Order to Fair Work Australia, on behalf of our members engaged by Patrick in the Ports of Brisbane and Gladstone. The matter was heard before Commissioner Cloghan in Perth, with Deputy Branch Secretary Munday via telephone conference on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The decision of the Fair Work Australia was to grant the Orders. Members will be advised of the ballot process in the near future.

## **OTHER AGREEMENTS AND NEGOTIATIONS**

**DP World** - Negotiations commenced on a national level last week (report document distributed).

Members should seek to finalise Logs of Claims for the Brisbane component of the Agreement as Assistant Branch Secretary Tony Austin is in the process of arranging dates for the Committee to meet in order to collate all the Claims into a working document to present to the company on a local level.

**POAGS**- Further national negotiations are scheduled for the following dates:

18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April      28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April      4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May

The Branch will seek to arrange dates where a report back meeting can be held in the Branch office.

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