



Queensland Branch News



4th November 2011

AGM MUA QUEENSLAND BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the MUA Queensland Branch will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 29th November 2011
Time: 0700 - 1100 hours
Venue: Wynnum Manly Junior Rugby League Club,
Kitchener Park, Stradbroke Avenue, Wynnum

All Companies have been advised of the meeting which is a paid meeting as per all relative Enterprise Agreements. All available members are urged to attend.

MUA SAFETY

A single email address has been set up with the aim of collating maritime industry safety incidents, accidents and disputes through a single point. The email address is safety@mua.org.au. If Branch officials could forward all safety incidents collated from delegates or incidents you come across, in your daily business, it will be extremely beneficial. Let your OHS committee representatives know the address and encourage them to report serious incidents to this email address.

We will utilise the data for editions of the "Working Safe" leaflet and to act as warnings for members about potential hazards and incidents that have or may occur into the future. The collated information is also extremely valuable in prosecuting arguments in our waterfront safety campaign in forums such as the Safe Work Australia TAG.

The National Office will produce a leaflet and poster highlighting the email address and the need for workers to report serious incidents on the job. We will forward copies of these to Branches for distribution and information of members.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

ENTERPRISE AGREEMENTS

Patrick Terminal drafting committee meets in Sydney on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November. An in principle agreement has been reached. The main outcomes being a 5% per annum wage increase retrospective to the expiry of the current agreement which remains on foot. There will also be a 0.75% increase to employer contributions which will take effect from endorsement of the agreement. There will be scope for a further two increases of 0.75 % in November 2012 & 2013 which will be on performance. Reports will be given on the job after the drafting meetings.

The MUA on a National level is seeking a high level meeting to progress the General stevedoring agreement including the involvement of the National Secretary, Paddy Crumlin. Further advice will be relayed to membership when further advice is received.

DP World National negotiations resume on the 9th November for 3 days. Brisbane Management were advised that Protected Industrial Action would take place for 24 hours from 0700 Wednesday 2nd November. There are also bans in place for 5 days commencing on Friday 4th November. Report back meetings shall be delivered on the job after the next round of National negotiations.

POAGS national negotiations resume on 13th & 14th November. This round of negotiations should give a clear indication of the progression of this enterprise agreement.

SMIT TOWAGE

Initial meeting has been held with Smit IR Consultant re time lining meeting schedule with tentative initial date set for early December in Gladstone in December. It is the intention to form a single bargaining unit subject to the view of the other Maritime Unions.

ASP

The Union will be arranging the attendance in Sydney in the week commencing 21st November to consider log of claims for the Enterprise Agreement negotiations due to commence in mid 2012. It is the intention to have the ASP Delegates attend the Seafarers Conference at the conclusion of their meeting.

SEAFARERS CONFERENCE / NATIONAL COUNCIL

New dates for the Seafarers Conference has been set for 25th and 26th November. Delegates consisting of seven (7) Rank and File members from the Bluewater and one (1) from the Offshore have been selected. The aim of the conference is to bring together Seafarers from various areas and undertake a comprehensive review and discussion around the proposed shipping reform bill.

A special National Council will be conducted in conjunction with the Conference on 24th and 27th November.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

National Conference 2012 will be held at Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday 27th February – Friday 2nd March 2012. The Youth and Women's Conference will be held on Sunday 26th February 2012, also at the Sydney Convention Centre. Resolutions are now open and will be closing on 15th December. All members are urged to provide any resolutions to the Branch Office.

TOWNSVILLE REPORT

Townsville EBA negotiations are on hold at the moment due to the Qantas CEO's pre-empted attack on our brothers and sisters in the TWU. Paul Sheehan and Warren Smith were to arrive Sunday the 30th and are now trying to reschedule for negotiations in the near future.

Members in Townsville have compiled what we think is a fair and achievable log of claims consisting of about 70 points that cover multiple issues associated with day to day core conditions.

Members in Townsville have been subjected to an allocation system that the employers have been abusing and interpreting to suit themselves.

With the help of the committee and volunteers from the rank and file, members now are unified in their campaign strategies and well informed of this company's tactics to erode our conditions.

The members here have had enough of the bastardry imposed upon them from a floored and incompetent management team who consider themselves to be fair and equitable!!!!!!

The Townsville rank and file are now seeing the benefits of the unions presence and membership is on the improve once again.

Picnic day was a great success with members participating in the annual wharfies golf day.

There were about 24 players competing in a four man ambrose event held at the Townsville Golf Club.

The winners were Ralph Kay, Shane Henaway, Col Russell, Alby Fliesher, Paul Maloney and Peter Robson. The team shot a very respectable 63 of the stick.

Festivities were then moved to the Centenary Hotel where members continued to enjoy the day's proceedings. Members are looking forward to a more organised day next year as this year's was a bit rushed.



As previously reported, Maritime Super has determined to place a financial planner in Qld. Arrangements to house a full time Financial planner in the Queensland Branch are complete where Jim Atley has commenced in the Branch Office. Members can make an appointment to meet Jim during office hours Monday to Friday and no longer have to wait for the 6 weekly visits by the Sydney based Planner. Member wanting to arrange a meeting with Jim can contact him on the below details

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