



# Queensland Branch News



21<sup>st</sup> December 2011

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Branch Executive would like to take this opportunity to wish all Queensland members and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

2011 has been an extremely busy year with the largest number of agreements being negotiated that can be recalled.

There can be little doubt that many of these negotiations have stalled, not because the parties cannot reach a viable outcome but because of political gamesmanship by peak employer groups seeking to take every opportunity to discredit the Fair Work Act. They do so on the basis of seeking to have an Abbott led Coalition re-elected who has been more than superstitiously silent on industrial relations.

The tactics of QANTAS in grounding their entire fleet highlights the political agenda of the “Big end of Town” in the extreme.

The Branch looks forward to working together with the Rank and file in 2012 to finalise agreements that provide satisfactory outcomes to our deserving members.

In closing, we would like to thank our Branch staff for their contributions and commitment to the membership in 2011.

\*\*\*\*\*

## UNION LOGO DATE

At the recent National Council meeting (held in October 2011) the National Council resolved to change the date on the Union’s logo.

This will celebrate 140 years of the Union and, also acknowledge the year that both the Seaman’s Union of Australia and the first Branch of the Waterside Workers’ Federation began.

Accordingly, the Union’s logo’s date will be changed from 1993 (the year of amalgamation) to 1872, the earliest year of formation.

All MUA Branches will be circulated with the new logo, which is to be used henceforth whenever new merchandise, signage, stationery, etc are made.

Current materials in operation (such as business cards or stationery) should remain until requiring change – and then the new logo should be used.

The text of the motion passed at Council is below for your reference.

*“National Council resolved to celebrate the Conference as the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Union and adjust the union logo accordingly. Both the first Waterside Workers and Seafarers Unions in Australia were established in 1872 – the Waterside Workers in Sydney and the Seafarers in Melbourne.”*

\*\*\*\*\*

# OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR

The Queensland Branch and the Credit Union (MMPCU) offices will be open, as follows:

FRIDAY 23 DEC	8.00 – 12.30
MONDAY 26 DEC	CLOSED
TUESDAY 27 DEC	CLOSED
WED. 28 DEC	8.00 – 12.30
THURS. 29 DEC	8.00 – 12.30
FRIDAY 30 DEC	8.00 – 12.30
MONDAY 02 JAN	NORMAL 8.00 – 4.00

All Officials will be contactable during the period between Christmas and New Year on their mobile phones.

Mick Carr 0419 641 463                      Trevor Munday 0417 758 524                      Paul Sheehan 0404 103 090

\*\*\*\*\*

## DP WORLD ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

The Part A Negotiating team met for the whole week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December. The parties remain significantly apart, not only associated with the incremental pay increase, but conditions of employment that would prevail into the future that are fundamental to our members. Many of the claims put forward by the MUA were of no cost to DP World.

A Yard meeting has unanimously supported Protected Action that will include a stoppage at the commencement of day shift on Christmas Eve to be followed by a 24 hour stoppage commencing day shift on Boxing Day.

The Maritime Union of Australia calls on DP World, as a Company, to stop their posturing and political point scoring and to engage in meaningful negotiations that provide for genuine and real outcomes that are in line with the terms and conditions that prevail in other Terminal operations.

\*\*\*\*\*

## POAGS

As members would be aware incoming Workplace Relations Ministers Shorten was interviewed in the POAGS action after Protected Action was instigated in a number of Ports. Further POAGS locked out labour in the Ports of Western Australia, Bunbury and Fremantle for an indefinite period.

An initial Conciliation has been held before Deputy President Sams on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The MUA was represented by Assistant National Secretary Warren Smith and Industrial Officers Aaron Neal and Bill Giddins.

Further Conciliation dates have been set before Deputy President Sams as follows:

3 - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
9 - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Members will be appraised of further outcomes after a telephone hook up on Wednesday to determine the MUA team in the Conciliation process.

\*\*\*\*\*

Authorised by Mick Carr, Branch Secretary and Trevor Munday, Deputy Branch Secretary, Maritime Union of Aust.  
QLD Branch, 73 Southgate Avenue, Cannon Hill Q. 4170 Ph: 3395 7215 Fax: 3395 7688 Email: muaqld@mua.org.au