



# Queensland Branch News



25<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## PICNIC

**Date** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 (Melbourne Cup Day)  
**Time** 9.00am onwards  
**Venue** The Plantation, 1204 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale

**RACES FOR ALL**

**NOVELTY EVENTS**

**FUN FOR ALL**

All sections of the MUA (past and present) are most welcome

Lollies, drinks, ice-cream – morning tea and lunch provided.

Train rides, jumping castle, giant slide, cup & saucer ride, swimming pools, tennis courts, beach volley ball, are for your enjoyment.

The Picnic Day is the major social event that MUA members can participate in with their families.

Maurice Blackburn, Maritime Mining and Power Credit Union and Port of Brisbane Limited have provided generous donations towards the prizes for the children's races.



Let's make this Picnic Day enjoyable - as always.

The Picnic Committee is always in need of volunteers to help on the day from 7:00am to set-up in the morning and help organise throughout the day to ensure a great day is had by all - please notify the Union office on telephone 3395 7215, of your name and contact details, if you can help.

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## THANKS

The Branch would like to thank relieving Official, Paul Williams who has been in the office whilst other Officials have been absent and on leave.

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL

Both Mick Carr and Trevor Munday will be attending National Council in Sydney from 24th – 28th October and therefore will not be in the office during this time. However, Paul Sheehan will be in the office if you need to contact an Official.

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## AGM MUA QUEENSLAND BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the MUA Queensland Branch is approaching. Further details will be advertised once finalised. The Queensland Branch and National Office will be contacting employers to arrange time off for members as the AGM is a paid meeting as per all relative Enterprise Agreements.

All available members are urged to attend.

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## **VAN OORD**

Negotiations have been completed and a draft agreement has been forwarded to members for perusal and consideration. The process has been protracted due to changes in senior Management part way through the negotiations with Van Oord projects working in Western Australia, Hay Point and Gladstone. Hay Point has now been completed with much of that plant being relocated to Gladstone. Visits to both Hay point and Gladstone for progress report backs have previously taken place including specific meetings regarding the project. Meetings in both areas were well attended and have ongoing support through the new Queensland Branch Organizers who have a constant presence. They are both working with delegates where current agreements are in place, and continue to organize new areas of maritime related activities. Presence of the Organizers in both areas has had an immediate effect with good support and interest from workers seeking to be represented in line with proper industry standards/agreements including safety.

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## **SMIT TOWAGE**

A meeting is organised this week with Smit Management in order to time line a process to commence Enterprise Agreement Negotiations. As soon as the meeting takes place and dates set, the MUA will contact the other Maritime Unions to coordinate meetings. The MUA will be proposing meetings be held on site in Gladstone. MUA delegates in conjunction with the Branch have been working on claims as part of preparations for the negotiations.

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## **BUNKER BARGE LARCOM**

ASP have forwarded a draft copy of the agreement as a result of the initial meeting held in Gladstone with delegates and Officials of the 3 Maritime Unions. Delegates are currently considering the document.

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## **ASP SHIPPING**

Preliminary discussions have taken place regarding the planning of a workshop for delegates to attend in preparation for the upcoming Enterprise Agreement negotiations. It is proposed that we coordinate the dates for the planning session with the Seafarers Conference where the Governments Shipping Policy will be discussed. This will allow all the ASP Delegates to attend the Conference which will also be good preparation going into negotiations. The dates of the Shipping Conference will most likely be confirmed before the end of National Council later this week.

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## **DP WORLD PAB**

The results of the ballot process for Protected Action are expected to be completed on the 26th October. Members will be advised ASAP once the result is known.

Further, Part A negotiations are scheduled for early November to attempt to progress the negotiations.

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## **PATRICK STEVEDORING**

High level meetings have been ongoing with respect to the Patrick Terminal Agreements. An in principle agreement has been reached in relation to the percentage increases which will, in essence, be 5% per annum with a 0.75% increase to Superannuation contributions to coincide with the first increase. As always, this Agreement will be subject to endorsement by the Membership. The next step will be to bring the National Negotiating Committee together which is expected to occur on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of November, however is subject to the availability of all the parties.

General Stevedoring members around the country received a copy of the offer of settlement that Patrick Senior Management had sent to Assistant National Secretary, Ian Bray. Report back meetings have taken place Nationwide and the offer has been rejected in all ports. There are a number of matters outstanding, however many of the matters have been subject to agreement in the high level terminal deliberations and should merely flow on to the general stevedoring areas. Members will be advised of further negotiations via report back meetings.

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