



# Southern Queensland Branch News

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

## BRANCH MONTHLY MEETING

Members are reminded that the Branch Monthly meeting is held on the last Tuesday of the month, commencing at 0900 hours at the Branch office.

The **next meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. This meeting will be inclusive of a report from Special National Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April.

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## MAY DAY

May Day this year is on us **AGAIN** and will be as important as ever. Workers are facing uncertain times due to the capitalist system breaking down and the worst economic downturn since the Depression.

The Branch will once again require assistance of volunteers to:

- Assist in the preparation of the float and banners at the QCU premises, 16 Peel Street South Brisbane at **08.30am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**.
- To assist in preparation of the MUA area at the RNA showgrounds at the conclusion of the march.

Any assistance to make the day a success will be greatly appreciated.

The May Day procession will follow the same route as last year.

- The MUA will once again be in the transport group, which is the second group of the march and will assemble in Wharf Street on the Spring Hill side of Turbot Street.
- Marchers will need to assemble by 0900 hours.

At the conclusion of the march, all members will be able to celebrate May Day in the usual fashion with food and drinks provided.

May Day Shirts with a new slick design will be available from the Branch office from **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** in Adult and Children's sizes.

Adult shirts can be purchased for \$20.00 with Children's at \$10 ea



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## VALE COL BEAKE

It is with regret that we inform the membership of the passing of Col Beake.

Col was a Life Member of the Union and a good unionist. Up until recently his Son, Anthony worked on the waterfront.

Col will be laid to rest on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm, at the Mt. Thompson Memorial Gardens, Mount Gravatt.

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# LONG SERVICE LEAVE

There has been some confusion re – the application, accrual and taking of Long Service Leave. The following are important extracts of the Stevedoring Industry Long Service Leave Award.

## 8 – Period of Leave

- (i) after the completion of a period of fifteen years qualifying service – to long service leave in respect of that period of qualifying service; and
- (ii) after the completion of each subsequent period of ten years qualifying service – to additional long service leave in respect of each such subsequent period of qualifying service.

## 10 – Taking Leave

- (a) (i) When an employee becomes entitled pursuant to this award to long service leave and the entitlement arises prior to the employee attaining the age of 55 years, such leave shall be taken within a period of three years from the date upon which the entitlement arises at such time or times as may be agreed between the employee and his or her employer.
- (ii) If an employee referred to in paragraph (a) hereof fails to take the leave to which he or she is entitled or has only taken a portion thereof prior to the expiration of three years from the date on which such entitlement arises, the employer may, at any time thereafter, give the employee at least 28 days notice of the date from which leave or the balance remaining of such leave is to be taken and the employee shall take such leave in accordance with such notice.
- (iv) Where the entitlement to long service leave pursuant to this award arises after the employee has attained 55 years of age, the employee shall not be obliged to take the leave as provided in paragraph (a) hereof but may allow such entitlement to accumulate until his or her retirement.

Patrick Agreements override the Stevedoring Industry Long Service Leave Award in respect to giving access to pro-rata Long Service Leave after ten years. This does not necessarily mean it has become an entitlement.

Meetings between the Union and the Companies could also modify the Long Service Leave provisions as a result of the economic downturn. If that occurs, it will be subject to member's endorsement.

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## POAGS

A Stop Work meeting will be held at the MUA Union office **on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 0700 hours**, to seek endorsement of the recently negotiated Union Collective Agreement.

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## PATRICK

There will be a Yard meeting for both divisions of Patrick on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm**. The meeting will be held at Wynnum Manly Juniors Leagues Club, Kitchener Park, Wynnum. Work will resume on the evening shift at 4.00pm.

Assistant National Secretaries Mick Doleman and Rick Newlyn will be in attendance.

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## MEMORIAL FOR MICHAEL GLANFORD

There will be a Memorial service for Michael Glandford at 4.00pm on Friday at Pinaroo Lawn Cemetery , Albany Creek.

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