



Southern Queensland Branch News

1st July 2009

QUEENSLAND NOT FOR SALE

- Selling our Rail, Roads, Ports and Forests is a big mistake.
- Why repeat a flawed approach when privatisation has already failed?
- Why risk regional jobs and regional economies?
- Why further destabilise regional towns where services have already been cut?
- Why give away future income for a one-off fire sale.

All MUA members are requested to attend the Rally on –

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| Time | 12 noon |
| Date | Friday 3 rd July 2009 |
| Place | Roma Street Forum cnr Roma & Turbot Streets, Brisbane |

How to get there – Catch the train from Cannon Hill Railway Station at **11am (sharp)** arriving at Roma Street in time for the Rally.

Members, it is important to ensure we have maximum attendance as the media and government will grasp hold of anything that does not display our opposition to the sale of public assets.

The Rally will be followed by a march to Parliament House.

BRANCH UPDATE

Branch Secretary Mick Carr is on annual leave and will return on 13th July 2009.

DP World Delegate and Branch Committee member, Tony Austin, is relieving as a Union Official during this period. Tony can be contacted on 0403 422 605.

ACTU CONGRESS 2009 - REPORT

National Secretary Paddy Crumlin reports that the Union alone and, working with its alliance partners in the form of the Australian Transport Unions Federation (ATUF), MUA/AWU Alliance and our strong relationship with the Miners Union, was able to make a significant contribution to the policies of the ACTU at the recent Congress.

Comrade Crumlin reports that he was able to win support for a significant strengthening of the ACTU superannuation and workers capital policy, reinforcing the importance of industry superannuation as a part of national savings and the need for these savings to be better integrated into the capital requirements of Government for national infrastructure and nation building objectives, while at the same time delivering effective returns for workers. One outcome of the policy change is that the ACTU is now committed to see compulsory super contributions gradually increased to 15% over time.

Comrade Crumlin reports that the Union, working with the other transport Unions, achieved a very strong transport policy. Other areas of policy that were won with alliance support included procurement policy, there the TWU led the debate and greenhouse policy where the Miners Union led the debate. In addition, the Union strongly endorsed ACTU policy on the abolition of the ABCC and Union opposition to transference of the coercive powers to the Fair Work Act.

Comrade Crumlin reports also that Paddy Neliman, the Union's representative on the ACTU Indigenous Committee, was heavily involved in development of a progressive Indigenous policy. Mich-Elle Myers, a member of the ACTU Women's Committee added to the debate on work and family policy.

National Secretary Paddy Crumlin was re-elected to the ACTU Executive Board and in line with new Executive Board rules we were entitled to an additional position to which Mich-Elle Myers was subsequently elected.

PATRICK GENERAL STEVEDORING BASE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations are open to elect a new Base Committee at Patrick's General Stevedoring.

Nominations are called for the following:

- 1 x Team leader
- 2 x Permanent Operations
- 2 x P.G.E.
- 1 x B-Supplementary

Nominations will **remain open until Friday 17th July 2009** and should be made by contacting the Branch Office staff directly.

Further to the above, two (2) nominations are required for replacement Branch Committee members. Please indicate your intention to the Branch office.

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