

RIG WORKERS VOICE

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New Alliance Organiser

The Australian Workers Union has recruited a new organiser for the Offshore Alliance.

Mahmut Melkic, or “Hammer”, as he is affectionately called replaces Rebecca Malysz in the position and will be dedicated to work on the campaign to represent workers in the offshore oil and gas industry.

Hammer has come from the East, previously working as a regional organiser in Victoria and brings a wealth of experience with him.

Before becoming an organiser he was a union delegate for 7 years in the aviation industry at Qantas’s heavy maintenance facility at Avalon, Geelong.

He was also an OH&S rep in the aviation industry.

Hammer has vast experience in the aviation industry working here and abroad mainly in Singapore and UAE (Dubai).

Before working in the aviation industry he worked in the construction industry doing his apprenticeship as a steel fabricator.

Hammer will be based in Perth but will not be barracking for the Eagles or Dockers (might have soft spot for Dockers). His blood runs black and white.

Hammer looks forward to working with the MUA and the delegates and members in getting a greater presence on the negotiating table for the membership.

Rig Workers Meeting

Together with Glen Williams who’s the Alliance organiser based in Darwin, Hammer will be contacting all members on rigs and FPSO’s in an effort to meet up and hear your views and learn the issues of workers across the industry.

A meeting will be held on Thursday 24 September at 1pm at the MUA office 2 - 4 Kwong Alley Nth Fremantle (across the road from the Swan Hotel) to meet Hammer and discuss your rights under the new IR laws for collective bargain your conditions at work. Glen Williams will also be in attendance.

If Thursday is inconvenient or you’re not on leave workers living or travelling through WA are encouraged to contact Hammer on the below email address or mobile number and arrange a time to meet up.

The MUA-AWU Offshore Alliance is YOUR voice!!

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