



Queensland Branch News



11th February 2015

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING 2015 QUADRENNIAL ELECTION

In accordance with Sub-Rule 45(i) of the MUA Registered Rules, National Secretary P. Crumlin notifies the membership of the following matters.

The following Officers have given me written notice concerning their intentions for the 2015 Quadrennial Elections:

- Michael Carr, present Queensland Branch Secretary, shall not nominate for any Office of Officer of the Union;
- David Cushion, present Victorian Branch Assistant Secretary, shall not nominate for any Office of Officer of the Union;
- Michael Doleman, present National Deputy Secretary, shall not nominate for any Office of Officer of the Union;
- Paul Sheehan, present Queensland Branch Assistant Secretary, shall not nominate for any Office of Officer of the Union.

Additionally,

- Trevor Munday, present Queensland Branch Deputy Secretary, shall not nominate for that position, but intends to nominate for the Office of Queensland Branch Secretary; and
- Will Tracey, present Western Australian Branch Assistant Secretary, shall not nominate for that position, but intends to nominate for the Office of National Deputy Secretary.

Members should note that in compliance with the Rules, these Notices are irrevocable, and such Notices must be given to the National Secretary at least 28 days before the opening of nominations.

2015 PROVISIONAL ELECTION TIMELINE

A preliminary Roll of Voters shall be prepared by the National Secretary.	Friday 6 February 2015	At least 28 days before the date of the opening of nominations [Rule 46 (a)]
A paper copy and electronic copy of the Roll shall be provided to the National Returning Officer.	Friday 13 February 2015	At least 21 days before the date of the opening of nominations. [Rule 46 (a)]
A final paper copy and electronic copy of the Roll of Voters shall be prepared by the National Secretary.	Tuesday 24 February 2015	10 days before the opening date of nominations. [Rule 46 (b)]
Nominations for Offices to be filled at a Quadrennial Election Of the Union shall open and close. NB Closure of nominations means that all nominations must be in the hands of the Returning Officer by 5:00pm 7 April 2015	Open: 12:00AM Friday 6 March 2015 Close: 5:00PM Tuesday 7 April 2015	Open on March 6 and close at 5:00PM on April 6 in the year of the election [Rule 45 (a)]. NB Easter Monday is on 6 April. [Rule 43 (d)].

More information will be provided in future issues of the *Branch News*. The whole election timetable is available on the MUA website – www.mua.org.au

ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This Conference will be held in Perth, commencing Tuesday 17th until Friday 20th February 2015. The Conference flows on from the work of the MUA National ATSI Committee of which Queensland member, Patrick Neliman, is the Chair. The Branch will be represented by Patrick Stevedoring member, Codey Bruekers and Deputy Branch Secretary Trevor Munday.

There will be Plenary Sessions as well as breakout groups to discuss Social Compacts, community development and how traditional owners and Trade Unions can work together in the political arena.

The Queensland Branch has been heavily involved with traditional owners in this State including partnership in Social Compacts with the North Queensland land Council and *Gurrang Gurrang* people from the Gladstone region.

This Conference is prior to the West Australia Branch Conference to be attended by Rank and File members, Mark Maguire and Dan Gourley; there will be a Women's Conference that will be attended by Sarah Maguire and *Emma Miller Award Winner*, Anne Gray.

Codey Bruekers and Sarah Maguire will also attend a National Youth Conference prior to the West Australia Conference.

Reports from those various Conferences as mentioned will be reported in future *Branch News*.

INDUSTRIAL ROUNDS

DP WORLD

The Part A Negotiating Committee met with management at the Fair Work Commission before Vice-President Watson on 2nd and 3rd February with the MUA being requested to put our Letter of Offer in relation to outstanding matters on adjournment of Day 2. At the time of writing, the MUA awaits responses. Flowing from the Conciliation, drafting will need to be enacted. Three days have been set aside for local negotiations commencing on 25th February. Reports will be delivered at the Terminal.

PATRICK TERMINALS

National Office and Branches held a telephone Conference last week. All Branches have been requested to provide their claims. Brisbane Terminal claims already have been sent, to compile claims into a single document. Deputy National Secretary M. Doleman is seeking dates to meet with the Company to commence negotiations for a replacement Enterprise Agreement with an expiry date of June 30, 2015.

Members will be advised of time lines when they become known.

ATIVO

This Company has maintenance arrangements in the Ports of Fremantle/Melbourne/Brisbane with three separate Agreements. Meetings have been held with the Company regarding commencing negotiations for common matters – Part A, in the near future.

SEASWIFT

Assistant Branch Secretary P. Sheehan together with North Queensland Organiser P. Robson will hold further meetings in Cairns on 19th and 20th February 2015.

TOWAGE

- Mackay Port Practice meeting scheduled
- Weipa Port Practice meeting scheduled
- Bowen – Visit scheduled re: Rosters
- SMIT Towage EA negotiations scheduled for late February, Gladstone
