



Queensland Branch News



26th February 2015

ELECTION TIME TABLE

National Secretary Paddy Crumlin reports that preparations for the conduct of the 2015 Quadrennial Elections are continuing to progress. Following is a partial extract of the Election Timetable which sets out the key dates in the process.

Members should be aware that the following important dates will apply:

- Postal Ballot Opens Tuesday 28 April 2015;
- Nominations for Offices to be filled at a Quadrennial Election shall Open 12.00am Friday 6 March and close 5.00pm Tuesday 7 April 2015
- Application for Absentee Vote Closes 5:00pm Tuesday 9 June 2015;
- Postal Ballot Closes 5:00pm Monday 15 June 2015;
- Counting of Ballot commences Tuesday 16 June 2015;
- Declaration of the Poll before Wednesday 1 July 2015.

Please note some of these dates have had to be changed due to Rule 43(d) of the MUA Rules and the clash of weekends and Public Holidays.

To ensure maximum participation in the postal vote, members should ensure that the relevant Branch Office has -

- **correct residential/postal address, and**
- **should ensure their financiality is current** and will be so during the election process.

If unsure or uncertain, members are urged to contact their Branch Office immediately.

Members will also be advised by notices on the MUA Webpage and by SMS contact concerning the need to ensure they are financial and to ensure correct contact details are advised to their Branch Office.

ACTU NATIONWIDE PROTEST

Australian Unions National Day of Action - **Wednesday, 4 March 2015.**

Our rights at work are again under attack from the Abbott Government and employers. Just last week it became even clearer that the full-scale Productivity Commission Inquiry into our rights at work could deliver cuts to penalty rates, the abolition of the minimum wage, bring back unfair individual contracts and swing even more power to the employers.

Members can meet at 11am on Wednesday 4th March at the MUA (Brisbane) Union Office to travel into the city by bus or car pool.

The time to stand up and fight back is now. Let's march together with thousands of our neighbours, workmates, friends and families at a National Rally on **Wednesday, 4 March.**

BRISBANE - 12.00pm - Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane

TOWNSVILLE - 4.30pm - 340 Ross River Road, Cranbrook

MACKAY - 4.30pm - 2/21 Milton Street, Mackay

ANNUAL LEAVE

Branch Secretary Mick Carr is currently taking annual leave and Brian Gallagher will be the relieving Official during the 6 week period.

Brian can be contacted on mobile 0414 799 134 and Email: brisbane.relief@mua.org.au

MUA DELEGATE'S TRAINING

A successful Level 1 Delegates training course was held in the Union Rooms, Brisbane on 9th and 10th February. 22 Members attended the course which is the largest attendance ever in Queensland. The training was conducted by Queensland Branch Trainers Paul Williams and Brett Membrey.

National Education and Safety Officer, Matt Goodwin was also present on the second day of training.

Retired member and former Deputy Branch Secretary, Col Davies made a contribution associated with the Union's history. Many members will not be aware that Col is still very active as he is Secretary of the Queensland MUA Veterans.

Following the Course, participants completed an evaluation form which indicated a positive feedback.

Further Delegate Courses are listed for Queensland:

Gladstone - 24th and 25th March 2015 – Delegates 1 and 2

Townsville – 28th and 29th April – Delegates 1 and 2

Brisbane - 3rd and 4th August – Delegates 2

Please contact the Branch to register your interest.



MUA Queensland Branch : Proud Sponsor of
Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia

"All about the Men Event" Fundraiser
Sunday 15th March 2015 - 10am - 4pm

In association with the Wynnum Manly Workers Social Club

35 Bognor Street, Tingalpa

Men only BBQ Cook Off; Motorbike Display; Truck Display; Classic Cars;

Raffles; Hole-in-One Golf Competition; Jumping Castle for Kids;

Fire Truck Display; Police Car on display

Don't miss the Silent Auction for 50M² of Vinyl Floor Covering

Prizes to the Value of \$500 includes:-

\$100 BCF Gift Card

Shakespeare Ugly Stik 6-8 kg;

Shakespeare Ugly Stik;

Straw fishing Hat;

Shimano Stradic 5000FJ reel


