



# Queensland Branch News



30 April 2015

## MAY DAY - SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY

The MUA requests all Brisbane based members, who are not working, to attend the march and bring their families to enjoy the after march festivities with us. Food, drinks, entertainment and amusement rides will be available for your enjoyment after the march at the RNA Showgrounds until 4.30pm.

Below are details of May Day for Brisbane:

### Brisbane Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Assembly** All floats must enter from the rear of the set-up area via Little Edward Street, Upper Edward Street or Boundary Street (refer to vehicle permit).

Vehicles will not be permitted entry at any other point.

Floats or vehicles must be assembled by 8.30am

No vehicles will be allowed into the assembly area after this time

**9.00am** Marchers must be assembled

**9:30 am** March assembly and start point - Cnr Wharf and Turbot Streets, Brisbane  
MUA to assemble in Wharf Street

**10:00 am** March starts; followed by Family Fun Day at RNA Showgrounds

MUA tent at the RNA Showgrounds will have the usual fare – steak burgers/drinks etc.

Liquor permit will be displayed on the Union tent and the following rules concerning alcohol must be observed:

- No alcohol is to be brought into the grounds
- Can only be served to 18+. ID check must be completed if any doubt
- Wristbands to be worn by all 18+ that are drinking
- Maximum of 2 drinks to be served at any one time
- All drinks must be opened at time of serving
- No alcohol to be supplied if unduly intoxicated or disorderly
- A Marshal must be present in each tent at all times
- Security personnel must be present in each tent at all times
- No glass permitted
- Permit covers alcohol less than 4% and wine (excluding fortified wine)



May Day T-Shirts \$10.00 each are available in the Branch Office and on the day at the march assembly area.

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## BRANCH MEMBERS SUPPORT FOR BRITISH LOYALTY

Thanks to all members who attended the picket on Wednesday in support of the crew of the *British Loyalty*. MUA members aboard were pretty appreciative of the show of support.



We also acknowledge and thank the SUPER BUTCHER for supplying meat for picket BBQ.

MUA members aboard the *British Loyalty* were meeting for most of the day with Assistant National Secretary Warren Smith, Branch Secretary Mick Carr and NATIONAL Office Media Unit regarding report on efforts to meet with BP Management regarding the future of the ship.

# NATIONAL STEVEDORING CODE OF PRACTICE

Against the odds, we have achieved an upset win in our ongoing campaign for a National Stevedoring Code of Practice. Today, the members of Safe Work Australia voted to approve NSCOP as a Code.

## International Workers' Memorial Day

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April was International Workers' Memorial Day – a day where we commemorate workers who have died or have been injured at work. Every year, too many workers are killed in the line of duty. Sadly, the maritime industry is one of the worst affected.

That's why our Union has always taken a militant and uncompromising position when it comes to the safety of members. Nothing is more important than our safety at work.

## Today We Have Some Good News

Finally, after an intensive lobbying effort and a six year campaign, Safe Work Australia has voted to approve the National Stevedoring Code of Practice. All seven mainland states and territories voted for the code. Only Tasmania, two business lobby groups, and the Abbott Government voted against.

As you would be aware, the Union has led a massive campaign to achieve a safety code for this dangerous industry. We have faced massive resistance. Companies have opposed us. Business lobby groups have opposed us. The Abbott Government has opposed us. At last, thanks to your support, we have achieved a major breakthrough.

Together we have fought. Multiple street protests, occupations, hundreds of submissions from MUA members, and two years of work developing the final document. We are now within sight of victory. But the battle is not over yet. The final code must now be approved by a council of all the state industrial relations ministers. Every branch will take part in a lobbying effort to help get us past this final hurdle. We may ask for your support to visit pollies or send messages of support. Be ready. Let's keep up the fight until we get a Code of Practice. Too many families have had to suffer. It has to stop. We will never surrender until we get a Code of Practice.

The Union would like to thank you for your on-going support.

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## APPEAL TO FULL BENCH OF THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION IN MUA -V- QUBE PORTS PTY LTD RE CLOSED PORT DAYS

National Secretary Paddy Crumlin reports that the Union has appealed a decision of Commissioner Hampton relating to the interpretation and application of the Qube Enterprise Agreement in South Australia which found that if a closed port day does not fall on a public holiday, stevedores who do not work on that day are not entitled to have 7 hours credited to their accumulated hours.

The decision also finds that if that interpretation is wrong, and stevedores are entitled to have 7 hours credited for closed ports days that do not fall on a public holiday, regardless of whether they work the day, stevedores must make themselves available by volunteering for work on a closed port day to be credited the 7 hours.

The appeal was heard by a Full Bench on Thursday 23 April 2015 in Sydney. The decision was reserved. Members will be advised of the outcome.

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## MUA 2015 QUADRENNIAL ELECTION

Members, please note that on 28<sup>th</sup> April, ballot papers are being sent to member's homes. The ballot will close on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Any questions regarding conduct of MUA Elections – refer to the Returning Officer and for further details, please visit the MUA website – [www.mua.org.au](http://www.mua.org.au)

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