



Queensland Branch News



1 June 2015

MUA QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS

All Members are urged to participate in the MUA Quadrennial Elections. Members are reminded that voting closes on the 15 June 2015. Members who have not received their ballot papers can contact the Returning Officer directly on (02) 9267 9134 or Branch office staff for assistance.

Ballot papers have been posted to voters at the address recorded on the Union's records. The voting period is seven weeks, making it essential that as little time as possible is spent getting the ballot material to the voter's correct address. Members are urged to ensure that their Branch has their correct address. There have been a sizeable number of ballot materials returned due to incorrect addresses but each one has been the subject of intensive efforts to locate the member and to redirect the ballot materials. The ballot will close at 5pm on Monday 15 June, however a ballot paper will be included in the count, provided that it is received by 5pm on 19 June, and the prepaid envelope shows a postmark clearly dated not later than 15 June. Voters posting their ballot paper near the end of the ballot period should ensure the prepaid envelope containing the ballot paper is hand stamped at the post office, so that the time of posting is clearly legible.

Replacement Papers

Where the ballot material has not arrived within a reasonable period after the mailout has begun (Tuesday 28 April), members should contact the National Returning Officer to apply for a replacement ballot paper. Members have taken advantage of this procedure, in conjunction with Branch and National Office staff, to obtain their ballot materials. Members are reminded that procedures ensure that no member is able to vote more than once.

Absentee Voting

Rule 47(f) allows a member entitled to vote the right to seek an absentee vote should they not be present at the postal address recorded in the Roll of Voters during the course of the ballot period. In these circumstances, an application in writing should be directed to the National Returning Officer for the voter to collect the ballot material in person or to have it sent to an address nominated by the voter. **Such applications need to be made before 5pm on Tuesday 9 June.**

The Application Forms are available as a download from the MUA Election Page Website or from Branch Offices.

BRANCH FUNCTION

There is to be a change of Officers of the Queensland Branch as a result of the Quadrennial Election. The Ballot process will make the determination.

One of the main reasons for the change is that current Branch Secretary Mick Carr and Assistant Branch Secretary Paul Sheehan have 'thrown their hands in'. In this regard there will be a function to celebrate their respective Office Terms. There will be an informal function as follows:

- DATE:** 26 June 2015
- TIME:** Commence 1300 hours
- WHERE:** Wynnum Manly Workers Sports Club, Bognor Street Tingalpa

The Final Meeting of the 2011 elected Branch Committee will be held on the morning prior to the function.

ILWU CONVENTION

Assistant Branch Secretary Paul Sheehan along with DP World Clerical delegate Troy Clifford will attend the ILWU convention which commences on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Terminal members' tenure of employment is becoming increasingly at risk with more advances in Automation and technology, the Branch executive therefore considered it prudent that a Clerical delegate should attend.

VALE COMRADES

It is certainly a sad occasion when someone you know passes on. However it is gut wrenching to receive news that 2 current members pass away within 2 days of each other.

Greg Sheppard passed away over the weekend of 23 May after a battle with illness. "Shep" was a well respected knock around guy who had been contemplating the enjoyment of his retirement. The respect held for 'Shep' was evident by the attendance of his fellow workmates at his Funeral Service.

Col Brayley from Patrick Terminal passed away on Friday 22 May and a large number of workmates also attended his Funeral Service.

The Branch extends condolences to family and friends.

INDUSTRIAL ROUNDS

DP World

Part A drafting meetings have been held with some further discussions required to have that component of the Agreement completed. A further Part B will be held on Wednesday 3 June.

Patrick Terminals

Part A meetings are set down for 3 – 5 June with a further round of negotiations scheduled for 15 – 17 June. Local Part B discussions will be held on 12 June.

ATIVO

The three remaining Branches whereby ATIVO still have maintenance contractual arrangements with Patrick Terminals met in conjunction with rank and file Delegates last week in Melbourne. This meeting was to consolidate claims and prepare a comprehensive draft document in preparation for further EA meetings after an initial EA meeting was held.

LEAVE DAYS

Deputy Branch Secretary, Trevor Munday, will take a few days leave either side of the weekend. He will be interstate but contactable via mobile or email returning to work on Thursday 11 June.

BRANCH and YOUTH COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The current Branch Committee will discuss with current Branch Officials recommendations associated with the makeup of the Branch Committee at the meeting on 26 June. These will be recommendations and subject to endorsement of the Branch Executive Office after the Quadrennial Elections. Rule 28(b) provides the following:

The elections for the Branch Committee members shall not be part of and shall be conducted separately from the Quadrennial Elections conducted to fill Offices of the Union provided that any person elected to a Branch Committee shall not hold office for greater than 4 years. The Branch Executive shall appoint a returning officer who will conduct the election of Branch Committee members.

Details of the positions will be provided post the Quadrennial Election.

To run alongside the Branch Committee Elections the Queensland Youth Committee elections will also be conducted.

The positions will be:

- Co-Chair x 2
- Secretary x 1
- Committee Positions x 3

Further details will be provided in the Branch News.

MARITIME SUPER SEMINAR

Come and learn more about your Maritime Super from financial planners who can assist with any questions you may have.

DATE: Tuesday 23 June

TIME: 10.30am – 12.00noon

VENUE: MUA Rooms Brisbane, 73 Southgate Avenue, Cannon Hill

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