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Brisbane Ferries: Vote YES for protected action

THE MUA QLD Branch is stepping up its campaign in support of our members at Transdev Brisbane Ferries. The company's intimidation and stalling tactics over the past eighteen months have left us with no option but to apply to the Fair Work Commission for a Protected Action Ballot (PAB).

Transdev's current offer is simply not good enough. A four percent pay rise over the life of the agreement is not good enough. Overtime starting after 40 hours of work a week instead of kicking in after a 7.6 hour shift is not good enough. An unfair tiered system is not good enough.

“All we want is a fair go for Ferry workers. We urge all MUA members at Brisbane Ferries to vote YES for legal, protected industrial action”.

The MUA's application for a PAB is now in the process of being approved by the Commission. All current financial MUA members at Brisbane Ferries will receive their ballots in the mail in the next week or two [if you are unsure of your financial status, check with the Branch - (07) 3395 7215].

The industrial action currently planned by the union includes no collection of fares and not turning ticket machines on; no wearing of uniforms; no training of new employees; no working of dual duties and bans on shift extensions and overtime.

It is important to stress that the planned action will not cause any disruption to commuters. All current services will continue. The target of this action is Transdev's revenue – not the public.

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**EDUCATE
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MUA Queensland Branch Conference
Thursday December 3rd - Friday December 4th
QCU Building - 16 Peel Street, South Brisbane

- Updating members on the Hutchisons dispute
- Organising for safety
- Running effective campaigns on the job
- Debating the way forward for our MUA Branch
- Discussing which policies to take to National Conference

Conference open to all financial MUA members
Telephone: (07) 3395 7215 / Email: muaqlld@mua.org.au

Hutchison dispute hits the 70 day mark

TODAY (October 15) marks the 70th day of the long-running Hutchison dispute. On August 6, at a half an hour before midnight, Hutchison Ports sacked 97 workers by text & email. Hutchison is owned by the Asian billionaire Li Ka-Shing.

The community assembly in Brisbane is still in place. All MUA members are encouraged to make the trip to Curlew Street, Berth 11 Fisherman Island to show your support for our sacked MUA members.

Rally to stop ChAFTA

MUA activists took part in a vibrant morning rally on Tuesday October 13 as part of the ongoing campaign against the China Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA).

The rally took place outside the offices of Teresa Gambaro, the Federal LNP member for Brisbane, located at Waterfront Place in Brisbane.

Organised by the CFMEU Women's Delegate Conference, the rally saw members from a wide range of unions such as the Electrical Trades Union, the Services Union and the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union taking part.

Branch Conference – December 3 & 4

THE MUA QLD Branch Conference is less than two months away. The two day conference will be held on Thursday December 3 and Friday December 4 at the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) Building, Level 2, 16 Peel Street, South Brisbane.

Monthly Meeting – October 27

The Branch's monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday October 27 in the Brisbane union rooms from 9am. All members are encouraged to attend.

Mick Carr - Retirement Function

Long-serving MUA Queensland Branch Secretary will be celebrating his retirement on Saturday October 31 from 7pm at the Story Bridge Hotel, 200 Main Street, Kangaroo Point. Please call Brian Gallagher on 0414 799 134 for RSVP & further info.

MUA Picnic Day – November 3

MUA Picnic Day - Melbourne Cup Day is fast approaching. The day is a wonderful social event for both MUA members and their families.

This year, Picnic Day falls on Tuesday November 3 and will take place at The Plantation, 1204 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale, 9am-4pm.

As always, morning tea and lunch are provided, along with ice creams, lollies and drinks.

There are novelty races and events for all ages. For the kids there will be jumping castles, slides, swings, merry-go-rounds and train rides, as well as swimming pools (with lifeguards on duty), tennis courts and beach volleyball courts.

Any members that can help with set-up for the day are asked to arrive on-site at 6.30am.

Branch Committee meeting – November 6

The first Branch Committee meeting since the 2015 Quadrennial Elections will be held on Friday November 6 in the Brisbane union rooms.

Activist Committee meetings

ACTIVIST Committee meetings are held on the second and last Tuesday of every month. The meeting on the second Tuesday of the month starts at 10am in the union rooms. The meeting on the last Tuesday of the month begins after the Monthly Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.



Protest organised by the CFMEU Women's Delegate Conference against the China Australia Free Trade Agreement.

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