



QUEENSLAND BRANCH NEWS

NEWSLETTER of the QLD Branch of the MARITIME UNION of AUSTRALIA

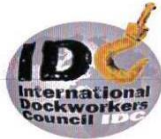
73 SOUTHGATE AVE., CANNON HILL 4170 - Phone: (07) 3395 7215 - Fax: (07) 3395 7688 - Email: muaqlld@mua.org.au

No. 37 - Wednesday April 13, 2016

IDC Support MUA Dockers - Mackay/Bowen Trip - Politics in the Pub Gladstone

IDC Support for MUA Strike

THE LETTER THAT follows is from the International Dockworkers Council (IDC). The Queensland Branch was the first Branch in our Union to affiliate with the IDC at our Branch Conference in December 2015. The Sydney Branch quickly followed in a fine act of solidarity. The IDC is a fighting, militant organisation representing over 100 000 dock workers around the world. The words and 'backing up' of those words with action means this letter will have Patrick's management taking close notice that the entire world is watching.



International Dockworkers Council Consejo Internacional de Estibadores

Coordination Office ■ Oficina de Coordinación
C/Mar, 97 - 4º · 08003 Barcelona · Spain ■ Ph: +34 93 225 25 28 ■ Fax: + 34 93 221 65 88
coordination@idcdockworkers.org



MARITIME UNION OF AUSTRALIA

MARITIME UNION AUSTRALIA (MUA)- SYDNEY BRANCH
Level 2, 365 Sussex Street, Sydney, Australia NSW 2000
Email: muasyd@mua.org.au

ATTN: Paul McAller, Secretary
Paul Keating, Deputy Secretary

IDC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR MUA STRIKE

April 12, 2016, Barcelona

Dear Brothers and Sisters; MUA Dockworkers,

On behalf of the IDC and the +90.000 affiliates we represent around the world, we express solidarity with MUA dockers during the 72-hour strike to be held on April 13th and acknowledge the importance and success of the two previous 72-hour strikes at Patrick's four container terminals. We believe these two strike have, together, made a statement by effectively shutting down critical gateways for imports and exports in Australia.

It has been brought to our attention that, after a year of negotiations, Patrick still believes an agreement is out of reach and remains unwilling to seek a constructive solution to unlock this impasse. Patrick insists on greater work hours at the port during midnight and weekend shifts, but still refuses to meet the demands of dockers for increased job security. This disregard for the rights of workers, and continued inaction of Patrick remains a threat to the livelihood of +260 dockworkers at the Patrick terminal in the Port of Botany.

At the IDC, we believe dockworkers and employers would both benefit by working to unlock this deadlock. We believe MUA dockworkers have mobilized around a company that refuses to both acknowledge and meet their rights to a secure work environment, and we stand united with them against Patrick in this struggle. Such disproportionate action taken by Patrick against dockers illustrates the importance of standing united in solidarity, and serves as an example for all of us, and for labor movements worldwide.

WE WILL NEVER WALK ALONE AGAIN.

Fraternally,

Jordi Aragunde Miguens
IDC General Coordinator

Authorised by Bob Carnegie, Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) Queensland Branch Secretary
73 Southgate Avenue, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Branch Officials Meet with Mackay and Bowen Members

BOB CARNEGIE – Queensland Branch Secretary, Jason Miners – Queensland Branch Deputy Secretary and Glenn Desmond – North Queensland Organiser met with MUA members from the towage industry at the Hay Point Terminal on Monday April 4 2016 to discuss issues affecting their industry and issues directly impacting future tug operations in Mackay.



Bob and Jason outlined to all present the steps that were being taken at various levels in attempts to ensure job security but there may come a time in the near future where the members would need to get actively involved in the fight to maintain jobs. Members resolved to do all they can to assist their Branch Officials in ensuring we maintain local jobs in the towage industry well into the future.

Jason and Glenn also met with towage members in Bowen on Monday afternoon. Jason reported back on towage industry matters and elaborated on what was currently happening in regards to Hay Point.



Bowen members said they understood what was at stake for them if towage jobs were lost in Mackay and expressed their ongoing support for Comrades in Mackay.

Politics in the Pub – Gladstone

ON MONDAY APRIL 11 2016 at the Queens Hotel in Gladstone the MUA ran its first local Politics in the Pub event chaired by MUA Organiser Paul Petersen. Panel members included Jason Miners (Qld Deputy Branch

Secretary), Sarah Maguire (MUA Member and ITF Inspector) and Michael O'Shane (MUA Seafarer and ATSI Community Member).

The panel was asked a series of questions about the key challenges facing our industries, the meaning of solidarity and how we can build power across the movement.

MUA and local community members attended and joined in the discussion providing a lively conversation about the key issues for working people in the Gladstone region, the relationship between local politics and jobs and how we are going to work together to fight off the attacks on our industries. A great night to get together with Comrades, all in attendance committed to holding another similar event in the near future and inviting more of the community to participate next time round.



May Day 2016

LOCK IN THE date May Day back in May! Monday 2 May join fellow workers on the corner of Turbot and Wharf Streets. Be there by 9.30am for 10.00am march then onto the showgrounds for a fun family day and festivities. Please use this link to QCU for all May Day information around Queensland.

<http://www.queenslandunions.org.au/events>

Branch Official's details

QLD Branch Secretary Bob Carnegie
Mob: 0439 478 996.

Email: bob.carnegie@mua.org.au

QLD Deputy Branch Secretary Jason Miners
Mob: 0401 211 866.

Email: jason.miners@mua.org.au

QLD Assistant Branch Secretary Paul Gallagher
Mob: 0408 494 168.

Email: paul.gallagher@mua.org.au

Central QLD Organiser Paul Petersen
Mob: 0404 453 869.

Email: paul.petersen@mua.org.au

North QLD Organiser Glenn Desmond
Mob: 0429 614 536.

Email: glenn.desmond@mua.org.au

