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Protest of Partnerships in Mackay – Protect Aussie Jobs Campaign – Hail Creek Miners

Protest of Partnerships in Mackay

IAN BRAY EXPRESSED his disgust with BMA entering into Partnership Arrangements in Towage at Hay Point outside the office of local MP George Christensen. BMA are attempting to destroy all Fair Work conditions by offering Partnerships eliminating sick leave, superannuation, annual leave, unfair dismissal and personal leave etc - all conditions we currently defend by negotiating as a collective.



Assistant National Secretary – Ian Bray Addressing Members and Community in Mackay

Partnerships do not have the ability to negotiate conditions under the Fair Work Act as they

are not classed as an employee/employer relationship. Branch Secretary - Bob Carnegie, Assistant National Secretary - Ian Bray, Paul Garrett – Sydney Assistant Branch Secretary, Aaron Neale – Lead Legal Counsel and Bob Barnes from Hay point met with Attorney General - Yvette D'ath this week to discuss the current 125 year old legislation.



Members and Community Protesting Partnerships in Mackay

The Attorney General considered the use of the Partnership Act to undermine the employer/employee relationship was unconscionable. The Attorney General and the Department are working hard to be able to find

some remedy to this horrible situation inflicted upon the workforce.

Support for Hay Point is paramount throughout this dispute as the potential for Partnerships to enter other areas of our industry is a serious concern and we must defend our position on Partnerships

MUA Meets Hail Creek Miners

BRANCH SECRETARY BOB Carnegie and Hay Point tug delegate Clive Nobbs met with CFMEU mining division delegates and executive members of the newly formed Hail Creek Lodge.

Both Bob and Clive spoke of our union's struggle against Partnerships and how it is in its most simple form, a type of union busting.

These coal miners are at a Rio Tinto coal mine so they had a deep understanding of the importance of Union organisation as Rio Tinto is a fierce opponent of the rights of organised labour. The meeting ended with the Hail Creek miners lending their support to our battle.

Townsville Members Show Support for the Union Movement

TOWNSVILLE MUA MEMBERS gathered to support the Union Movement to save weekend penalty rates on Wednesday, 22nd June. The group gathered on the corner of Nathan St and Ross River Rd and were met with a positive response from passing motorists who sounded their horns in support of the campaign.



Townsville Members Showing Support of the Union Movement



With only a week and a half to go until Election Day, it's important that we remind the public what's at stake if the Turnbull Government is returned to power. Well done to the Comrades who turned up. Let's do our best to make sure the public puts the LNP last.

Protect Aussie Jobs Community Forums

THE MUA AND ETU held a community forum Thursday June 16th in Brisbane as part of the National Roadshow talking about Protecting Aussie Jobs and the Union's campaign to defeat the Turnbull government. Speakers were Dale Eaton and Warren Hopkins from the MV Portland, Ian Bray - Assistant National Secretary, Peter Ong - Assistant State Secretary ETU, Michael 'Rabbit' Hare - ETU Cairns and Paul Petersen - Queensland Organiser spoke about the Hutchison's dispute. There was discussion from the floor then we heard from Member for Griffith Terri Butler and ALP candidate for Bonner Laura Fraser Hardy. Both Terri and Laura spoke strongly in support of the Union movement and committed themselves to our struggle should they be elected.



Terri Butler MP Addresses the Community Forum

It was an excellent presentation which has been to worksites and community halls all up the Queensland coast through the marginal seats. Round two of the campaign roadshow starts next week. Members would be doing themselves a favour to go along and take their family and friends to hear these speakers. The dates are as follows:

- Cairns Tuesday 28th. Details TBC
- Townsville Wednesday 29th 1800 Vale Hotel Aitkenvale
- Mackay – Thursday 30th 1800 Venue TBC

Also comrades today **Friday 24th at 2.00pm – 3.30pm** we are holding a UNION Jobs Embassy at corner of Port Road and Tanker Street with other unions invited. We will be setting up our PUT THE LNP LAST displays to remind the workers of the port of what to do at this election. Come along and have a BBQ with fellow unionists and show our union strength at the port.

MUA Members Forefront at Julie Bishop's Speech Brisbane



MUA members and other union members proudly protested Julie Bishop and the LNP at Eagle Street Pier this morning Friday June 24th in Brisbane.



Gold Coast Volunteers Meet



THE FIRST ACTIVIST meeting held on the Gold Coast last week. If you would like to be involved please contact Paul Gallagher, Assistant Branch Secretary.

Personal Details Update

MEMBERS, YOUR STATEMENT of dues for tax purposes will be posted out in early July. Please ensure all of your details are up to date with the Branch, including home address, email and mobile number. Contact the Branch on 3395 7215 or muaqld@mua.org.au

Dues Grades

COULD ALL MEMBERS check their dues grade and ensure they are paying the correct amount to avoid the embarrassment of potential back pay. It is the responsibility of all members to inform the Branch if their situation has changed for better or worse and adjust accordingly. Be a proud Union member and display your grade on your MSIC. Please contact the Branch if you are unsure.

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