



QUEENSLAND BRANCH NEWS

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Townsville Update – Queensland Towage – Brisbane Ferries Trade Union Activist Freed – International Maritime Day

Townsville Update

PAUL GALLAGHER, GLENN Desmond and Paddy Neliman attended a meeting with other Townsville unionists in Townsville on Sunday, September 4 to celebrate the Federal Election win in Herbert. The gathering also discussed the ACTU campaign to support the CUB 55 and expressed their support for the ongoing boycott campaign against Carlton United Breweries' products.



Townsville Shows Support for the CUB 55

ACTU Organiser, Simon Mitchell has been running stalls at local markets and asking members of the public to sign a petition in support of the sacked workers at CUB. There has also been a petition doing the rounds on social media. We ask all members to lend their support to the campaign by boycotting CUB products and make sure you take the opportunity to sign the petition.

Brisbane Ferries

BRISBANE FERRY NOMINATIONS have closed for a new delegate to replace Beau, who we sincerely thank for his efforts in representing the best interests of his workmates and union. The nominees for the new delegate's position are Gillian

Jackson and Jason Able. I will discuss with the Committee about having a Returning Officer and opening up a vote hopefully next week once I've confirmed both nominees accept their nomination. All members at Brisbane ferries are encouraged to participate in the vote.

The union is also having a delegate and company meeting next week Thursday, September 15 to discuss ongoing issues currently being experienced by our members on the river. A report back will follow the discussion.

Queensland Towage Delegates Meeting

NEXT WEDNESDAY WILL see representatives from the towage ports around Queensland get together to discuss the pressing issues and unrelenting attacks in towage at present.

Delegates will receive an update on what's happening nationally and locally in towage and an outline on what the Branch is doing to combat the issues at hand.

Jason Miners – Deputy Branch Secretary

Trade Union Activist Freed

SOME MEMBERS DOUBT the use of protest. The freeing of this Columbian Trade Unionist is further evidence it works! Please support Labour Start and the good work it does.

Bob Carnegie – Branch Secretary

The best part of my job is to be able to share good news. And this week, we have some great news to share.

Six months ago, I wrote to ask for your support in the fight to free Dr Miguel Ángel Beltrán, a Colombian academic and member of the higher education union ASPU.

Miguel was arrested on charges of rebellion in July 2015 and unjustly sentenced to 8 years'

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imprisonment in a high security prison in Bogota.

When I wrote to you, he had just been on hunger strike.

Today, thanks to a decision of the Colombian Supreme Court, Miguel is free.

The support of 9,377 LabourStart readers made a difference.



We were able to work together with the Education International and Justice for Colombia and the result is the best one possible.

Use the following link to access Labour Start and show support.

<http://www.labourstart.org/2013/country.php?country=Australia&langcode=en>

International Maritime Day

TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER the International Maritime Day luncheon was held at the QCU building in South Brisbane. Comrades enjoyed catching up with each other and a delicious lunch.



Guest speakers addressing past members were Jason Miners, Deputy Branch Secretary and Bernie Farrelly, National Lead Organiser.

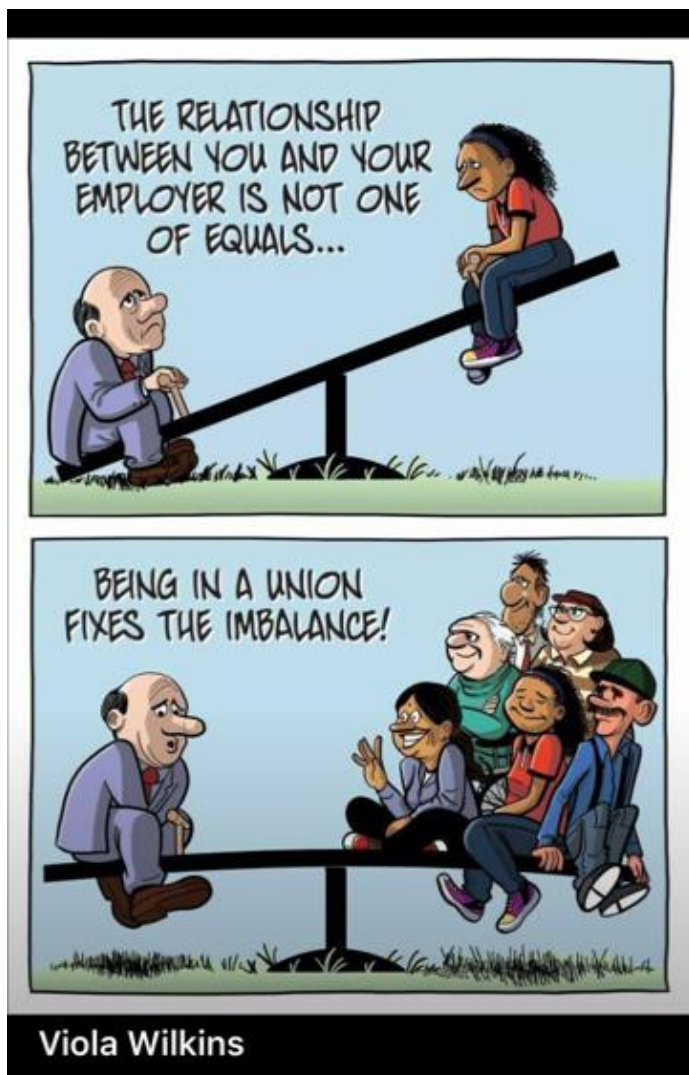
Date Saver

JUST A REMINDER that the annual MUA Queensland Branch Family Picnic Day will be held Tuesday, November 1 2016 (Melbourne Cup Day). All members and their family are welcome. We will be calling for Committee Members shortly.

Details Update

PLEASE DON'T FORGET to contact the Branch staff to update any change in your details: address, email address, mobile number or annual earnings.

Cartoon Corner



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