

Seafaring 2017 Work Prospects Meeting - Bob Challenged by Ray Hadley - NSS Schadenfreude – Delegates Training - Support Jailed Union Leader

2017 Work Prospects for Seafarers Meeting

Seafaring members are urged to attend a meeting concerning work prospects in 2017 on Friday November 25th at 0830 to be held at the Brisbane union rooms, 73 Southgate Avenue, Cannon Hill.

WA Branch Secretary, Chris Cain will be in attendance to give a comprehensive report as will National Deputy Secretary, Will Tracey who will give a report back on the Offshore EBA.

Bob Carnegie Challenged by Ray Hadley

Recently Branch Secretary, Bob Carnegie was questioned as to why the Queensland Branch is endorsing the Brisbane Rally Against Trump's Inauguration. This is Bob's response:

As the Queensland Branch Secretary, I have endorsed the rally not as a protest to the democratic values of the US people but my real concern at some of the more extreme policies enunciated by Trump in his election campaign. We stand shoulder to shoulder with those in this world against xenophobia, mass deportation of the poorest of the poor and for union rights and a genuine fair society. Peaceful protesting against the ingrained societal wrongs presented by Trump can and should be encouraged. In my opinion, Trump speaks for the strong against the weak. My small and at times lonely voice will always be raised for those who have less against those who have much.

Patrick's EBA Vote



THE PATRICK EBA vote was unanimous at a well attended meeting in the union office last Friday. Both the Patrick's committee and workforce are to be commended in an EBA campaign which saw the most protected action from any group in the last 10 years as it delivered the following.

- \$1500 sign on
- \$500 sign onto income protection
- 2.5% increases on Jan 1st and in July 2017 2018 and 2019 Superannuation increase to 12%
- Contractors deed for the life of the EBA

This is an example of how disciplined militant action can deliver industry best conditions as this EBA now sits as the benchmark and aspiration for the other major terminal operators.

The vote was a unanimous yes which was delivered after some healthy debate amongst members.

Both the workers and committee have now got their sites focused on the implementation and enforcement of the Agreement.

We are also predicting a change in attitude from Patrick management as once the EBA is locked in for a 4 year term workers are crippled in what action they can take to defend themselves as this trend continues with other operations who have the security of long term Agreements which both the union and members have to accommodate.

Schadenfreude

DURING THE 1998 Patrick dispute I was advised of a letter sent by the then Managing Director of the now bankrupt Kleenmaid to Chris Corrigan. In the letter was some of the most disgraceful language, part of which read, in referring to wharfies, "never give in to those underworked, overpaid, underskilled, overrated, unreliable MUA SCUM."

Former Director, Bradley Young was sentenced to nine years jail for fraud. The German's have a word 'schadenfreude' which means taking delight in someone's misfortune.

Delegates Training St George's Basin Report

DAVE LYON AND I were both honoured to represent the Queensland Branch as delegates at St Georges training facility. The Delegates 3 training was a fantastic course. We highly recommend this course to anyone who is aspiring to further their delegate skills and knowledge.

The course was run by Mick Cross who did a fantastic job as our teacher. He was clear and precise in his

teachings. The guest speakers were incredible from Jimmy Donovan, Arthur Rorris to Kieren Crumblin and Mathew Garrett. Every speaker was a wealth of knowledge and had everybody's 100% attention. It was great to hear from other members about their struggles and to find common grounds.

By the end of the week, delegates had formed an extensive network of friendships and contacts that expand the entire country. Both Dave and I realise the struggles and battles with the government and greed driven bosses are common both nationally as well as internationally. We both took a lot of tools out of the course and would love to see more female members as well as younger members do the Delegates 3 course. We both like to thank the Queensland Branch for this opportunity and we look forward to being part of the struggle ahead. *In Unity*
Greg Watson – Queensland Branch Member

Support Jailed Union Leader

All members are urged to take 2 minutes out of their lives and follow the link to protest the jailing of this principled trade unionist in Iran. Bob

ESMAIL ABDI IS a leader of the Iranian Teachers Union who was arrested in June 2015 while attempting to travel to Canada to attend the congress of the Education International.

Our two previous campaigns generated over 19000 messages of protest. But the Iranian authorities haven't been listening. We have learned that Abdi has now been jailed for six years on trumped up charges. His only real crime is his work as an advocate for teachers and for education.

The Education International has asked us once again to flood the inboxes of the Tehran government with messages of protest demanding his release. Please click here to send your message of protest:

https://www.labourstartcampaigns.net/show_campaign.cgi?c=3223

Please forward this message to your friends, family and fellow union members.

NSS Townsville

THINGS ARE HEATING up in Townsville with a very difficult negotiation with a management structure that is not at times consistent.



A negotiating committee was endorsed by 51 NSS wharfies to continue moving forward to achieve a result.

Support Shown for Swedish Dockers



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RE: SUPPORT FOR SWEDISH DOCKWORKERS UNION

Dear Comrades,

It is with great concern that the Queensland Branch of the Maritime Union (Qld Branch of the MUA) has learned from the International Dockworkers Council (IDC) about the APMT Dispute in Gothenburg. We would like you to know that the 2000 members of the Qld Branch of the MUA stand firmly behind the Swedish Dockworker Union (SDU) in their struggle against APMT Terminals (APMT) in the dispute in Gothenburg.

The Qld Branch of the MUA condemns the actions of APMT Gothenburg with regards to personnel policies which adopt an anti-union stance: SDU dockworkers have been excluded from discussions concerning terminal production: Health & Safety regulations, Collective Bargaining Agreements, and Swedish laws were brazenly disregarded. We are aware that APMT has also tried to dictate how many and which specific SDU union representatives were allowed to participate in negotiations, as well as bar elected officials from informing union members of current issues.

In addition to pledging our full support to you in this dispute, the Qld Branch of the MUA will communicate with APMT officials from the port of Brisbane to urge them to intervene with APMT Gothenburg to resolve this matter quickly and for the benefit of the Swedish dockworkers.

Further, we fully endorse the IDC's call that this is a fight for all port workers and further support the expanding of a campaign of protest and action against Maersk locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Qld Branch of the MUA would like all SDU members to know they do not stand alone in this struggle. The Qld Branch of the MUA stands united and wholly with you for as long as it takes to resolve this dispute in your favour.

In Solidarity,

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