

ACTIVE MEMBERS MAKE STRONG UNIONS



2015 WEST COAST STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1

DAY 1 OF THE MUA WEST COAST CONFERENCE IS THE MUA STATE WOMEN AND YOUTH CONFERENCE

PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE PANEL DISCUSSIONS BY WA BRANCH WOMEN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE DELEGATES
SPEAKERS ALSO INCLUDE CHRISTY CAIN, GED KEARNEY AND IAN BRAY

DAY 1 - MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2015

WOMEN AND YOUTH CONFERENCE

Start	Finish	Speaker	Description
0900	0910	Karen Wheatland - MUA (Chair)	Welcome to Country and Opening – Outline of Purpose of the Conference
0910	0940	Ian Bray - MUA	Discussion on the committee movement
0940	1010	Ged Kearney - ACTU	ACTU's Campaign pertaining to Women and Youth
1010	1030	Break	
1030	1050	Rachel Carter and Ryan Furtado MUA	Youth and Women's Report on Ready to Work Campaign
1050	1150	Cassie Rowe – Maritime Super, ALP Marian Leslie MUNZ NZ Mary Prout MUA Women's Committee	Joint Panel on Engage, Educate and Empower
1150	1200	Wrap up Women and Youth	Christy Cain
1230	1300	Lunch	
1245	1600	Bus to Action	Danny Cain
1600	Close	BBQ and Drinks	



DAY 2

DAY 3

WELCOME TO COUNTRY CEREMONY IS COMPLETED BY FAMILY MEMBERS OF MUA MEMBERS THE PICKETT FAMILY

Paddy Crumlin	MUA National Secretary
David Oliver	ACTU Secretary
Chris Cain	MUA WA Branch Secretary, MUA Vice President.
Bob McEllrath	ILWU President, USA
Joe Fleetwood	MUNZ Secretary, NZ

Internationalism: Members need an ability to think beyond their own workplace and garner an international perspective and understanding to be strong activists. Especially because the international arena is also our workplace. The globalisation of capital means that we must be able to campaign as strong internationally as we do locally to win significant disputes.

Political Activism: Without a capacity for strong political activism amongst our membership we fight with one hand behind our back. We cannot afford to vacate the space that determines so many of the laws and policies that govern our rights at work and quality of life at a domestic and societal level.

Active Members, Active Sites, Strong Unions: There is no capacity to campaign internationally and politically without having strong active members, sites and structures. Only the most active Unions will survive in the new environment and membership will only campaign broadly if their Union experience is real and dynamic.

DAY 2 - TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2015

STOP WORK MEETING – CONFERENCE OPENING

CHAIR – ADRIAN EVANS

Start	Finish	Speaker	Description
0900	0910	Adrian Evans - MUA	Open Stop Work Meeting, introduce invited guests and housekeeping
0910	0940	B McGuire – Red spear	Welcome to Country
0940	1000	Paddy Crumlin - MUA	Brief speech and introduction of Dave Oliver.
1000	1020	Dave Oliver - ACTU	Officially opens conference.
1020	1100	MUA DVD	
1100	1115	Break	
1115	1120	DVD – Warren Nugent Speech - MUA Vic Branch member	
1120	1135	Chris Cain - MUA	Introduce, next 2 speakers/speech.
1135	1200	Bob McEllrath – ILWU USA	ILWU.
1200	1230	Joe Fleetwood _ MUNZ NZ	MUNZ
1230	1300	Chris Cain/Paddy Crumlin	Tribute to Bob Crow
		DVD	Bob Crow DVD – RMT UK
1330	1900	BBQ and drinks at MUA Offices	

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2015

STATE CONFERENCE – PANEL DISCUSSIONS

CHAIR – WILL TRACEY

Start	Finish	Panel	Description
0900	1000	Keynote Speakers	
		Shannon O’Keefe - ITF AUS	Local activism
		Ged Kearney ACTU	Political Activism
		Jacqueline Smith - ITF Norway	Internationalism
1000	1100	Chris Cain Ray Familathe - ILWU USA Hanafi Rustandi - KPI Indonesia Steve Todd - RMT UK Daniel Tan - SOS Singapore	Internationalism Members need an ability to think beyond their own workplace and garner an international perspective and understanding to be strong activists. Especially because the international arena is also our workplace. The globalisation of capital means that we must be able to campaign as strong internationally as we do locally to win significant disputes.
1100	1130	Smoko Break	
1130	1330	Willie Adams - ILWU USA Tony Sheldon - TWU Nat Sec Scott McDine - AWU Nat Sec Bronwyn Halfpenny - ALP Victoria Peter Simpson - ETU QLD Sec	Political Activism Campaigning politically is as important as campaigning industrially. We need to change the laws that have so much impact on our working life.
1330	1430	Lunch Break	
1430	1630	Wesley Furtado – ILWU Hawaii John Setka - CFMEU Vic Sec Paul Bastian - AMWU Nat Sec	Local Activism We have nothing without a strong active membership and Union. Only a strong active local union can create the space to campaign politically and internationally and allow us to positively impact and enrich our lives both inside and outside of work.
1630			Close Day 3

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DAY 4

International guests have the 'day off' and will be enjoying a boat cruise and day trip to Rottnest Island.

Delegates will be giving an update of their areas and any issues they have had over the last 12 to 24 months.

Delegates will be asked to put any resolutions from their workplaces to the conference for debate and ballot.

DAY 5

Active members need resources: It is becoming very apparent in today's environment that if unions are to campaign effectively they need to be properly resourced. Well-resourced unions win campaigns.

Energising apathetic unions: One of the greatest challenges unions' face is to activate their membership and get the rank and file genuinely involved in the running of their union.

DAY 4 - THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2015

STATE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: DOUG HEATH

Start	Finish	Speaker	Description
0900	1000	Keynote Speakers	Chris Cain and Adrian Evans
1000	1010	Safety	Warren Nugent video and discussion of members key role in safety on the job
1010	1030	ALP	Adrian Evans
1030	1050	Industrial Agenda	Doug Heath
1050	1110	Overview	Will Tracey
1110	1125	Smoko Break	
1125	1240		Regional Port Reports Esperance Albany Bunbury Geraldton Dampier Port Hedland Broome Fremantle – FPA/ Stevedoring
1240	1315	Lunch Break	
1315	1330	Protect Presentation	
1330	1515		Delegates Reports Towage Inshore Offshore Dredging FPSO's Women Diving Youth ATSI
1515	1530	Smoko Break	
1530	1700		General Business & Resolutions
1700			Close Day 4

DAY 5 - FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

CHAIR – ADRIAN EVANS

Start	Finish	Panel	Description
0900	0930	Keynote Speakers	Paddy Crumlin
0930	1030	Dave Noonan - CFMEU Nat Sec Mick Buchan - CFMEU WA Sec Les McLaughlan - ETU WA Sec	Active members need resources Active members need to be well resourced to run effective campaigns and get the necessary results.
1030	1045	Smoko Break	
1045	1145	Dean McGrath - ILWU Local 23 USA Brian Bintley - Plumbers Union Vic Sec Steve McCartney - AMWU WA Sec	Energising apathetic members How do we get apathetic members on site active.
1145	1315		Final report: Strong active Unions are inclusive Unions. Danny Cain Youth Karen Wheatley Women Roger Pickett Indigenous
1315	1345	Lunch Break	
1345	1500	Chris Cain Paddy Crumlin	Closing of State Conference including presentations
1500			Close Day 5
1830	0100	MUA Ball	Crown Casino Burswood

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WEST COAST STATE CONFERENCE 2015



Gala Ball 2015

Join us for

PRE-DINNER CHAMPAGNE & OYSTERS
FOLLOWED BY A THREE-COURSE MEAL
WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT – BAND, DJ AND MAGICIAN

DATE:	27 FEBRUARY 2015
TIME:	7PM-1AM
VENUE:	CROWN PERTH, GRAND BALLROOM
COST:	\$150/TICKET

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