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*To be truly radical is to make hope possible, rather than despair convincing - Raymond Williams* No. 159 – 7 December 2018

## Transdev Brisbane Ferries - Canberra Fuel Security Report – Time to Change the Rules Yet Another Loss of Life on the Job - Raffle Winners – Cartoon Corner

### Transdev Brisbane Ferries Protected Action

by Bob Carnegie

On 6 and 7 December MUA and AMOU members on the Brisbane Ferries have taken protected action in our collective efforts to get a fair EBA for Brisbane Ferry Workers.

The dispute is over these issues:

- 1 A decent pay rise
- 2 Prevent attempts by Transdev to cut crews on the City Cats from 3 to 2
- 3 Stop company roster manipulation
- 4 Prevent and reverse Transdev's attempts to casualise the workforce
- 5 Safe parking for ferry workers particularly on night shifts.

Transdev are attempting to break union solidarity by using 'cease and desist letters' on union activists who protest against the company. The union will be backing these members 100%.

The work Deputy Branch Secretary, Jason Miners has done has been **exceptional**.

Currently members are standing strong but we need continued support from all members and unionists.

On this note we would like to thank all unions who have supported us in this battle. In particular the support of the ETU which has been simply outstanding. The photos speak 1000 words.

**Dare to struggle dare to win.**

The following is part of a letter Transdev is sending to various employees whose only 'offence' is fighting for a better working life for all. Shame on Transdev.

***We therefore request that you cease all communication of the Allegations immediately and seek legal advice. Transdev reserves its rights at law to take legal action in relation to the publication of the Allegations.***

The Branch would rather operate out of a phone box than submit to Transdev's tyranny.



*Bob Carnegie and Jason Miners addressing ferry members and supporters*



*Members and community supporters at the rally*



*More support from on the water*



### **MUA Women's Committee Rally Transdev**

WHILST THE MEMBERS were making their stand for a fair EBA for ferry workers in Brisbane, the National Women's Committee (who were together in Melbourne) protested the National Office of Transdev. They were met by three managers who spoke with them for 10 minutes. Solidarity comrades!



*Old member Ann Gray (National Women's Committee) outside Transdev*



*Mich-Elle Myers with the National Women's Committee outside Transdev*

### **MUA Fuel Security Canberra Report** by Jez Kibble

ON SUNDAY 2 December 2018 the Queensland Branch sent a delegation of three to Canberra for the fuel security announcement.

John Lee from Mackay, Benno Niemann and Jez Kibble from Brisbane attended with members from WA, SA, Newcastle, Melbourne, Sydney and the Embassy Matriarchs, Port Kembla Branch.

Sunday Night we all met at the Tradies Hotel for a briefing by Mich-Elle Myers and Garry Keane to discuss how we want to approach this Campaign.

After the meeting there was a bit of a catch up, with a few new friends to be acquainted with and some old

shipmates reliving some old war stories after they worked out where they sailed with each other.

### **Monday**

Monday morning was an early rise to set up the Job Embassy tent. We were met with some typical Canberra wind chill but an awesome day to hit the campaign trail. In full view of the arriving politicians we gave them a few of our favourite chants and the 'toot for jobs score card' was well and truly notching up some good numbers. After visits from some Senators and MPs in the morning we headed up to Parliament House for the Fuel Security Report to be read out and delivered to the Labor Party.

Will Tracey, Garry Kean and Warren Smith from National Office along with the CFMEU National Secretary, Michael O'Connor and about 10 delegates were present.

The report was well received and showed how we can get this Campaign to work, for not just us in the form of jobs, but for all Australians.

After the report Will Tracey and Garry Keane had a few other meetings in the House with some very positive feedback which will be highlighted from National Office in their report.

We packed up for the day around 1500 and went back for a de-briefing at the Tradies Hotel followed by a great meal at the Vietnamese restaurant over the road, with the Jellyfish Salad a huge hit.

### **Tuesday**

Another early start around 0530 and today was a total turnaround in the weather, scorching hot by 0800 and a full day of campaigning with Senators and MPs from the Labor party to Bob Katter and LOOKOUT! Jim Molan who came to give us his full support before as he said, "lets push this through as bipartisan before they asshole me out." Sounds good to us Jim! Not a happy man.

Was a great day meeting with some of these people and some of our own didn't hold back in taking over the speaker roles for other protest parties on the lawn. Tim Ribergard, we found out, loves an audience, (who would have thought??) giving them the rhetoric on fuel security and how much it affects their own Campaigns.

We even got a visit from the AFP who said they needed to hide from the sun under the shade, only to work out they were there monitoring us while Morrison and Little Johnny Howard were making a speech at Old Parliament House. They didn't want us going anywhere near it.

All in all, it was a great few days with some very passionate members. I for one was very proud to be in attendance and represent the Queensland Branch for what may become a very historical day in the revitalisation of our tanker fleet. Please do yourself a favour and read the detailed report on fuel security and take some copies to your ship. This is the link to the full report.

[http://www.mua.org.au/australia\\_s\\_fuel\\_supply\\_running\\_on\\_empty](http://www.mua.org.au/australia_s_fuel_supply_running_on_empty)



**Justine Keay - Labor MP for Braddon** is with Jez Kibb and 5 others.

December 3 at 6:00 PM · 🌐

Today at Parliament we heard that under Coalition government, there is no longer a single Australian owned, Australian crewed ship transporting our fuel.

We also heard Australia, as a nation, at any one time, has only 3 weeks' supply of fuel.

Our fuel supply is in the hands of foreign owned ships and foreign crews. I believe we need an Australian strategic fleet, Australian ships with Australian crews to guarantee our fuel security. Do you agree?

Thank you to the Maritime Union of Australia - MUA for all your hard work on this campaign.



Justine Keay - Labor MP for Braddon

Politician

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### Time to Change the Rules by Bob Carnegie

THE COLLAPSE IN militant trade unionism in this country is best exemplified in these figures. Successive governments, both LNP and the ALP have initiated laws that have made taking industrial action outside very narrow areas almost impossible.

Paul Keating and the then (1992) ACTU's leadership tumbled into Enterprise Bargaining. It has been an unreserved disaster for this country's working class and we need to 'CHANGE THE RULES' and get started on industry and sector wide bargaining to get decent and fair conditions for this country's workers.

### Strike Days Remain Historically Low

Source: [www.workplaceexpress.com.au](http://www.workplaceexpress.com.au)

THE NUMBER OF days lost to industrial disputes leapt fourfold quarter-on-quarter but still declined by 25% on an annual basis, according to ABS data released today.

Driven by a 52-day strike by 1600 AWU members at five Alcoa sites in Western Australia (see [Related Article](#)), the September quarter's 47,400 working days lost represented a large jump from the 12,500 lost in the June quarter.

The historically-low 12-month total of 111,600 working days lost, however, was a quarter down on the year ending September 2017 (148,900).

Three decades ago 1,390,700 days were lost, a figure that fell to 928,700 in 1996 and 132,600 in 2006.

While the annual total of 172 disputes was 16 more than in the year ending September 2017, they involved 40,000 fewer employees.

[Industrial Disputes, Australia, September 2018, 6321.0.55.001](#)

### Another Loss of Life on the Job

LATE ARRIVING REPORTS coming to Blueoceana Company indicate that a port worker experienced an approximately two metre fall while engaged in an activity within a waterfront wood pulp facility at Port Coronel, Chile.

Notwithstanding the height of the fall, he suffered severe head injuries as a consequence.

He was rushed to hospital, where medical personnel performed emergency surgery. Sadly, Sr Josue Nixon Gajardo died within 24 hours of hospital admittance.



### Rolls-Royce, Finferries Present World's 1st Fully Autonomous Ferry

Source: <https://worldmaritimeneeds.com/archives/265905/rolls-royce-finferries-present-worlds-1st-fully-autonomous-ferry/#.XAXWL4BSleQ.mailto>

TECHNOLOGY COMPANY ROLLS-ROYCE and Finnish state-owned ferry operator Finferries have demonstrated the world's first fully autonomous ferry in the archipelago south of the city of Turku, Finland.

The car ferry Falco used a combination of Rolls-Royce Ship Intelligence technologies to navigate autonomously during its voyage between Parainen and Nauvo. The return journey was conducted under remote control.

During the demonstration, the Falco, with 80 invited VIP guests aboard, conducted the voyage under fully autonomous control. The vessel detected objects utilizing

sensor fusion and artificial intelligence and conducted collision avoidance. It also demonstrated automatic berthing with a recently developed autonomous navigation system. All this was achieved without any human intervention from the crew, according to Rolls-Royce.

As explained, the Falco is equipped with a range of advanced sensors which allows it to build a detailed picture of its surroundings, in real time and with a level of accuracy beyond that of the human eye. The situational awareness picture is created by fusing sensor data and it is relayed to Finferries' remote operating center on land, some 50 kilometers away in Turku city center. Here, a captain monitors the autonomous operations, and can take control of the vessel if necessary.

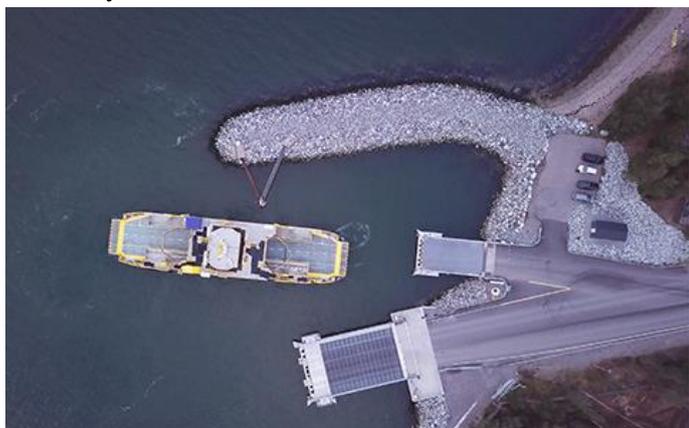


Image: Rolls-Royce

During the autonomous operation tests in Turku archipelago, Rolls-Royce has so far clocked close to 400 hours of sea trials. The Rolls-Royce Autodocking system is among the technologies that have been tested. This feature enables the vessel to automatically alter course and speed when approaching the quay and carry out automatic docking without human intervention. During the sea trials, the collision avoidance solution has also been tested in various conditions for several hours of operation.

Earlier this year, Rolls-Royce and Finferries [began collaborating](#) on a new research project called Safer Vessel with Autonomous Navigation (SVAN) to continue implementing the findings from the earlier Advanced Autonomous Waterborne Applications (AAWA) research project, funded by Business Finland.

*"Today marks a huge step forward in the journey towards autonomous shipping and reaffirms exactly what we have been saying for several years, that autonomous shipping will happen. The SVAN project has been a successful collaboration between Rolls-Royce and Finferries and an ideal opportunity to showcase to the world how Ship Intelligence technology can bring great benefits in the safe and efficient operation of ships,"* Mikael Makinen, Rolls-Royce, President – Commercial Marine, said.

*"Today's demonstration proves that the autonomous ship is not just a concept, but something that will transform shipping as we know it,"* Makinen added.

*"We are very proud that maritime history has been made on the Parainen-Nauvo-route once again... Our main goal in this cooperation has been on increasing safety in marine traffic as this is beneficial for both the environment and our passengers. But we are also equally excited about how this demonstration opens the door to the new possibilities of autonomous shipping and safety,"* Mats Rosin, Finferries' CEO, commented. The Falco is a 53.8-meter double-ended car ferry, which entered service with Finferries in 1993.

### Winning Raffle Tickets

THE WINNING RAFFLE tickets are:

1 <sup>ST</sup> Prize	0674	\$15,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	0854	\$2,000 Travel Voucher
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	0509	\$1,000 Travel Voucher

Thank you for supporting the raffle and congratulations to the winners!

### Cartoon Corner



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