



Queensland Branch News



11th October 2012

NATIONAL COUNCIL - SYDNEY

National Council will be held from 15th to 18th October. The Branch Executive has submitted the Queensland Branch Report to council after discussing same at our most recent Branch Committee meeting.

- 5.1 Topic Financiality – Union Dues
- 5.2 Topic Industrial
 - 5.2.1 Queensland Nickel (QNI)
 - 5.2.2 Queensland Bulk Terminals
 - 5.2.3 Update SMIT dispute Mediation/Negotiations
 - 5.2.4 Bechtel – Gladstone dispute Curtis Island
 - 5.2.5 Hutchinson Port Holdings (HPH)- Third Stevedoring Operator
 - 5.2.6 ABI Group Dispute - ABI Group Mater Hospital Dispute
- 5.3 Topic Committees
- 5.4 Topic Youth
- 5.5 Topic Women
- 5.6 Topic ATSI
- 5.7 Topic Trade Union Training
- 5.8 Topic State Politics
- 5.9 Topic Stevedoring Maintenance

As part of the Report, an Audit has been undertaken of the financial status of all members. The Union can only operate to its optimum level if we have a viable and sound financial position. Signing the Oath of Fealty and becoming a member has certain obligations and ensuring that your financial status is up to date, is one such obligation.

RELIEF OFFICIAL - BRISBANE OFFICE

Whilst National Councillors Mick Carr and Trevor Munday are attending National Council, Bruce Doleman will be the relief Official from Monday 15th to Thursday 18th October, inclusive. Bruce can be contacted on mobile – 0413 755 156 – or email – brisbane.relief@mua.org.au

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL OFFICE - GLADSTONE

MUA Organiser Jason Miners has commenced duties in Gladstone. He can be contacted at – 13 Beech Avenue, Kin Kora, Gladstone; email – jason.miners@mua.org.au or mobile 0401 211 866.

The Gladstone Monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month – 7.30pm - at the Mission to Seafarers Centre, Alf O' Rourke and Bryan Jordan Drive, The Marina.

NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL OFFICE

The regular monthly Port meeting will be held in Townsville beginning Tuesday 30th October – all members are invited. Contact the Townsville Regional Office ph 4771 4311 or Peter Robson mobile – 0431 087 754 for time and place of the meeting.

GOLF DAY

Garry Clancy of DP World is endeavouring to organise a Golf Day for members irrespective of their workplaces in early-mid December. The venue will be Gainsborough Greens at Pimpama.



Patrick B&G are interested in participating, therefore could the workplace delegates at AAT, QUBE or any other sites assist by providing the names of any who express an interest in playing a part on this social day by **contacting Garry on mobile 0412 526 568**.

If sufficient numbers register, transport (bus) may be organised.

INDUSTRIAL ROUNDS

Branch Secretary M. Carr is involved with Fair Work Australia Conciliation associated with PB Seatow, Gladstone and sub-contracting arrangements.

Svitzer Towage negotiations have been ongoing at a National/local level with Mick Carr meeting with delegates in relation to local arrangements for Cairns – Weipa.

Smit Towage, Gladstone arrangements have been encompassed in a long and drawn out process of mediation before Commissioner Booth for approximately 22 days which included conciliation in Gladstone, Brisbane and via telephone conference which has led to the Agreement now being finalised and going to a vote.

Deputy Branch Secretary T. Munday – Patricks - Gladstone Agreement is finalised and will be subject to a meeting to endorse the Agreement.

Patricks - Brisbane B&G has outstanding issues in relation to matters associated with planned time off. Hopefully these matters will be finalised in the immediate future.

HPH meetings to establish the Greenfields Agreement are on-going; further discussion will take place during National Council next week.

QUBE Ports Agreement is subject to endorsement on 12th October 2012.

DP World – there will be a further meeting on 19th October associated with semi-automation of that Terminal. The Branch will be seeking a Yard meeting to appraise members on the progress regarding this important issue.

AAT – negotiations will commence shortly to establish a replacement Agreement. Further discussions will be enacted with other Branches during National Council next week regarding timing of meetings.

Assistant Branch Secretary P. Sheehan is continuing to work in liaison with North Queensland Organiser Peter Robson and National Office in relation to the finalisation of the NSS Agreement in Townsville.

Sitting alongside this process is the establishment of a new Agreement for Queensland Nickel Industries (QNI). The Principal of this Company is Clive Palmer; at extremely short notice QNI rendered the operational contract with NSS null and void; meaning the finalisation of the NSS Agreement has become increasingly difficult.

Paul Sheehan is also working in conjunction with National Office; Organiser Jason Miners and Delegates to negotiate an EA for NSS Launch Masters.
