



# Queensland Branch News



17<sup>th</sup> January 2013

## VALE KELI MOI MOI

It is with sadness that the Queensland Branch relays to the broader membership of the passing of Keli Moi Moi, who lost her long battle with Breast Cancer. Keli was one of the first women engaged at Patrick as an Operational Watersider Worker coming in the industry in October 1998.

Keli was an active member of the Union and represented the Branch at the 2004 National Women's Conference.

Anyone who had personal dealings with Keli would appreciate that she was certainly forthright and made no bones about coming straight to the point. An attribute that many admired.

Keli was certainly a very strong woman and many would be aware that during her Cancer battle, that Keli was more worried about the plight of others in the workplace, rather than harbouring on or being downcast about her own situation.

The funeral service will be held at 10.00am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at the Great Southern memorial Park, 1774 Mt Cotton Road, Carbrook. The Branch expresses our condolences to family and friends. There is a request for donations to "Chicks in Pink" [www.materchicksinpink.org.au](http://www.materchicksinpink.org.au) - in lieu of flowers.

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## MARITIME SUPER

The MUA website contains an article that Maritime Super is in the top performers inside the top ten at position eight. Maritime Super and predecessors SERF/SRF are the longest running industry Fund established in 1967. We have a Fund that has a Board of Directors that involves MUA Officials.

Waterside Workers and Seafarers fought hard for blue-collar workers to have access to retirement benefits. In fact, the WWF film unit in its heyday produced a film called "Pensions for Veterans".

In recent times, Enterprise Agreement claims have been for improvements to the employers contributions towards members' retirement and all Agreements with major Stevedoring Companies agreed to increase contributions (although at varying levels). This is important for our member's future, with the terms of the Trust Deed already outstripping Government Legislation; in that participating employees pay contributions based on all earnings, rather than ordinary time earnings.

Members are reminded that Maritime Super engages Financial Advisors with Jim Atley situated within the Brisbane Union Rooms. Jim can be contacted on – 3399 3775 or mobile 0488 072 369.

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## BRANCH MONTHLY MEETING

### BRISBANE

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January to commence at 0900hours  
MUA meeting room, 73 Southgate Avenue, Cannon Hill

### GLADSTONE

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January to commence at 1830hours  
Venue – Seamen's Mission Alf O' Rourke and Bryan Jordan Drive,  
The Marina, Gladstone

### TOWNSVILLE

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January to commence at 0800hours  
MUA Union Hall, Mcllwraith Street, Townsville

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## AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January is the gazetted public holiday in Queensland for Australia Day on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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# HUTCHINSON PORTS AUSTRALIA

The Branch has been involved in negotiations, some seven meetings in all, to establish a Greenfields Agreement. We have been contacted by HPA, given that they are expecting a vessel to be stevedored next month. Dates have been tentatively set for next week.

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## DP WORLD

The Branch, in conjunction with the Committee, have engaged with DP World management on several occasions in relation to the semi-automation of the DP World Terminal which is expected to be operational in the last quarter of this year (at least the first phase).

There is much for our members to consider in relation to the changed operation. That is, do they avail themselves for voluntary redundancy based on the outcomes as known i.e. the amount of redundancy to be paid. For many members the decision will be at the commencement of the new operation.

The Committee and Branch/National Office will be pursuing rosters that ensure quality of life for members and their families. A further round of meetings has been set for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

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## GLADSTONE NEWS

Maritime Union members arrived at Rosella Park School last week, bringing with them good tidings of great joy. Their initial meeting with principal Kate Russ was to hand over \$1,000 worth of gift vouchers. Maritime Union Australia spokesperson Mark Charlton said their members had received the vouchers as Christmas gifts and wanted to on-gift them. "We wanted to give them to 10 struggling families from the school," he said. "Kate asked if they could be donated to their library project instead, which would benefit the whole school." Mark said they looked at the project and took the idea to their next meeting. "We all voted on it and everyone wanted to get involved.

Our Union has been in Gladstone for 140 years and we have a long history of helping the local community. Some of our members have an association with Rosella school." Work has already started, with MUA Member Shane Nicholls, a licensed builder, project managing the new library. "We'll take out all the existing stuff in the room, put in shelving, paint the walls, provide seating, chairs and so on – and hopefully fill it with books for the kids." Mark said with additional support from other business and industry, they expected to have the project finished before school resumes next year.

### Real Blokes in Pink for Good Cause

They have a reputation for being tough, but Maritime Union members donned pink hard hats for a good cause last week. And the cause was the McGrath Foundation, who received a donation of almost \$9,000 from the men (and women) in pink. Supported by the MUA and PB Sea Tow, MUA Queensland organiser Jason Miners said the initiative was driven by the employees.

"The MUA has a rolling fund our members pay into – it's a fighting fund, but we also use those funds to support charities. We have a long history of helping out at a local level," he said. "Kellie came to us with the idea and no one even hesitated. The workers chipped in 25%, the Queensland branch of the MUA 25%, and PB Sea Tow the remaining 50%."

Employee Kellie Northfield said, as a woman, she was breast care aware and wanted to help the McGrath Foundation. "And I knew the guys would love the chance to wear pink," she said. "I'm stoked with the support the members have shown; I never thought we'd raise that much money." Gaylene Weir, breast care nurse and McGrath Foundation representative was on hand to receive the cheque. Gaylene was thrilled with the donation.

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