



Queensland Branch News



22nd February 2013

VACANCY

Long serving Branch staff member, Moira Jones, has decided to take up a position in the Tasmania Branch of the MUA. As a result of her decision please see advertisement overleaf. There will be upcoming contributions in future editions of the *Branch News* in relation to the dedicated services that Moira has provided to the Branch over the years.

DP WORLD

In last week's *Branch News* an article referred to DP World and there was the distribution of a flyer entitled "FACTS NOT MYTHS". It is noted by the MUA that the Director and General Manager of DP World Brisbane, Mark Hulme, has circulated a memo repudiating the content of the flyer.

For the record, DP World is a global company and the MUA is fully aware of this Company's activity in the UK regarding the development of the automated terminal "Gateway Port". In this regard the MUA understands the intent of this Company is to "engage clean skins" and at the same time not providing an opportunity for many long serving Union members/employees work in the new Terminal.

The above is based on fact not fiction and additionally the Company has sought to terminate the employment contracts of 75% of their rostered permanents in Brisbane and at the same time redistribute historical and traditional stevedoring work to a division of management; there can be no doubt that this is for sure and certain – **(a Union busting agenda)**.

Management have approved a Yard Meeting to be held **at 0700 hours on Friday, 8th March 2013**. Members will be advised of the venue on confirmation of same.

GLADSTONE REPORT – JASON MINERS

We have had a few ups and downs recently with PB Sea Tow, our strongest MUA employer, losing one of their contracts (APLNG). 18 MUA redundant members took action and called on PB Sea Tow and Bechtel to declare why they were not required. This case ended up in Fair Work Commission where Commissioner Watson did not rule in our favour. Final payments with PB Sea Tow for those members are under scrutiny by the MUA.

Final stages for a Part B Agreement with NSS Gladstone are underway. We are currently working with members on the ground to have as much input as possible in order to obtain the Agreement they deserve, along with a commitment to have trained Health and Safety Representatives on the job.

Membership is slowly but surely growing in companies such as Sea Swift, Bhagwan Marine and Robb Benn as the message is relayed just what our Union is all about.

Every effort is being made to get onboard the Australian ships that come into Port, so any members on any Australian vessels coming into Gladstone don't hesitate to contact me. (Mobile 0401 211 866)

Peter Robson and myself spent a few days in Hay Point addressing the members at Work Boats Northern Australia; this has to be one of our target areas for growth. Thank you to members who welcomed us and gave some insight into the task at hand. We are developing a roster to ensure members get regular access to MUA representation at the coal face in Hay Point.

Work still continues in the community with a group of our activists refurbishing the reading room at Rosella Park School for children with disabilities. Comrades who are volunteering are to be commended.

POSITION VACANT

Queensland Branch Manager – Bookkeeper

We are seeking a self-starter with solid bookkeeping and office management experience to work within a Branch that is undergoing rapid membership growth. The successful candidate will have a working knowledge of the trade union movement.

Working directly with the Queensland Branch Secretary of The Maritime Union of Australia, the role is interesting and varied with responsibilities including, but not limited to:

- Carrying out bookkeeping functions
- Delivering monthly financial reports
- Managing the Branch audit process
- Managing the membership procedures
- Managing Branch (local and regional) administrative and membership staff
- Ensuring the Branch office is efficiently and effectively managed.

To be considered for this role, it is essential to hold a qualification in Bookkeeping and be able to demonstrate at least 5 years' experience in similar or related role.

Your attention to detail, advanced computer literacy, particularly possessing well-developed database and Excel skills, adaptability and flexibility will be the basis upon which expected outputs are delivered in a timely manner.

Your proactive and organised approach, demonstrating a sound work ethic and ability to prioritise and plan in a busy office environment, will ensure that the Branch is administered efficiently and effectively.

A competitive remuneration package, commensurate with experience, will be offered to the successful candidate.

For additional information contact: **Trisha Hurley – 0419 528 413**

Interested applicants apply to : recruit@mua.org.au or

The Recruitment Officer

National Office

The Maritime Union of Australia

Level 2, 365 – 375 Sussex Street

Sydney NSW 2000

Closing date for applications : Tuesday 12 March 2013

The Maritime Union of Australia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The applicant must be a permanent resident and able to work in Australia.

BRANCH MONTHLY MEETINGS

BRISBANE

Tuesday 26th February 2013 commencing at 9am

MUA conference room, 73 Southgate Avenue, Cannon Hill

GLADSTONE

Wednesday 27th February 2013 commencing at 7pm

Mission to Seafarers Centre, Cnr Alf O'Rourke & Bryan Jordan Drive, Gladstone

TOWNSVILLE

Tuesday 26th February 2013 commencing at 8:30am at

MUA Union Hall, McIlwraith Street, Townsville
