



# Queensland Branch News



19<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## CHRISTMAS WISHES

The Branch Executive would like to take the opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe festive season.

There can be little doubt that 2013 has been a challenging year with a decline in work opportunity for members in the Bulk and General Stevedoring area and a significant lull in opportunity for Seafarers.

We would like to thank Rank and File Delegates who are the heart and soul of the Maritime Union of Australia for their vigilance and assistance throughout the past year.

Lastly, but definitely not in any specific order, we would like to thank our dedicated Office Staff and wish them all the best for Christmas.

Over the Christmas/New Year period, the Union Office will be open at the following times:

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Closing at 1.00pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Closing at 1.00pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Closing at 1.00pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Closing at 1.00pm

Please note the Maritime, Mining and Power Credit Union will close at 12.30pm on the same days that the Union Office will close at 1.00pm.

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## BEST WISHES FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

I'd like to relay my best wishes for a safe and happy season to all members, officers and staff of the MUA and my hope for a fruitful and successful new year for you. The change in Government this year ushered in a repeated episode of Union bashing and busting that will equal the Howard Years. Maritime workers can expect to be challenged consistently through the newly reconstituted ABCC that will apply to us. For the first time and a long line of Royal Commissions and Inquiries into the Union movement generally that will find their way to the front door not of the Unions that have brought on their own problems through slack administration and financial irregularities, but to our door and the strong militant Unions like us that fight from the front and are proud of it.

We however, are secured in the spirit of the fight for justice and fairness that characterised the life of Nelson Mandela and understand as much as anyone that everything is hard to obtain from decent working conditions to peace and political stability and those things are even harder to defend. However we are strengthened by a long fine history of progressive and militant campaigning. We belong to a national and international network of loyal strong and committed Unions and working women and men of all ages and represent the real present and future opportunities of maritime and other workers to live decent and sustainable lives.

We are secure in knowing the attacks on us, particularly from Governments like Abbott's and companies like Chevron, reflect more our strengths and not our weaknesses. We have seen many off before and we'll do the same again.

Again, Best Wishes and solidarity to you and all your families, and to our many friends and comrades and their families.

**Paddy Crumlin**  
**National Secretary**

## QLD Branch 2014 Member Rates including Branch Contribution where applicable as endorsed by members @ AGMs nationally

Grade		Earnings	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Yearly
A		\$115696 +	38.74	77.48	167.87	2014.43
A40		\$115696 +	42.74	85.48	185.21	2222.43
A20		\$115696 +	40.74	81.48	176.54	2118.43
B		\$92323 - \$115695	35.12	70.24	152.18	1826.19
B40		\$92323 - \$115695	39.12	78.24	169.52	2034.19
B30		\$92323 - \$115695	38.12	76.24	165.19	1982.19
B20		\$92323 - \$115695	37.12	74.24	160.85	1930.19
C		\$71288 - \$92322	27.87	55.73	120.78	1449.08
C40		\$71288 - \$92322	31.87	63.74	138.1	1657.08
C30	Qube VSE	\$71288 - \$92322	30.87	61.74	61.74	1605.08
C20		\$71288 - \$92322	29.87	59.74	59.74	1553.08
D	Pats G'stone PGE	\$49083 - \$71287	20.58	41.16	89.17	1070.06
D40	Hutchinson (BCT)	\$49083 - \$71287	24.58	49.16	106.5	1278.06
D30	DPW - VSE	\$49083 - \$71287	23.58	47.16	102.18	1226.06
	Qube VSE	\$49083 - \$71287	23.58	47.16	102.18	1226.06
	Patrick B&G	\$49083 - \$71287	23.58	47.16	102.18	1226.06
	Patrick Terminal GWE	\$49083 - \$71287	23.58	47.16	102.18	1226.06
D20		\$49083 - \$71287	22.58	45.16	97.85	1174.06
D10		\$49083 - \$71287	21.58	43.16	93.51	1122.06
E		\$29216 - \$49082	15.74	31.49	68.22	818.66
E30	Qube PGE	\$29216 - \$49082	18.74	37.48	81.21	974.66
E20	DPW - Supp	\$29216 - \$49082	17.74	35.48	76.87	922.66
	Cargolink - Supp	\$29216 - \$49082	17.74	35.48	76.87	922.66
E10	NSS Townsville	\$29216 - \$49082	16.74	33.48	72.54	870.66
F		\$14608 - \$29215	9.69	19.39	42.01	504.09
G	Pats B&G Irreg Supp	0 - \$14607	4.48	8.96	19.41	232.90
G20	AAT Supps	0 - \$14607	6.48	12.96	28.08	336.90
G15	TransDev	0 - \$14607	5.98	11.96	25.91	310.90

Permanents + \$4.00 per week Branch Fund

VSE & GWE + \$3.00 per week Branch Fund

Except those members engaged in regional areas, whereby differing Branch contributions are applicable.

Please note the Union can accept payment by any of the following methods:

- \* Maritime Mining and Power Credit Union (MMPCU) deductions (fortnightly/monthly)
  - \* Direct Debit deductions via any Banking Financial Institution (fortnightly/monthly)
  - Credit Cards - Visa; MasterCard – (over the phone to the Branch)
  - Eftpos made in the Branch office
  - Cheque / Money Order
  - Cash payment
- \* Applicable payment forms are available at the MUA office.

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