



Queensland Branch News



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2013 WAS A FULL ON YEAR FOR ALL – 2014 WILL BE THE SAME

Regional campaigns are on the boil with Organisers and Officials working in designated areas as well as in joint campaigns around growth targets.

The Federal Government has changed, and with that will come confrontation rather than negotiation, tightening of social welfare programs and less opportunities for training and apprenticeships for young Australians.

The misuse of visa programs importing foreign labour while our younger generation seek work is a disgrace. Organised labour already faces extreme measures by the conservative Queensland State Government, and that will be followed by the equally conservative Abbott Liberal National Government in Canberra.

The Branch program of work over 2013 was extensive and that will continue in 2014. We are calling on all members to become more active, because only with political / social conscience and unity will we prevail against the conservative anti-union agenda in both State and Federal areas.

The work of our delegates, activists and committees including Veterans / Youth / Women and ATSI is greatly appreciated and is the fabric of our Branch that will ensure a progressive course continues for 2014.

On another note Branch Secretary, Mick Carr, will be taking some periods of leave this year which is overdue, having accumulated a fair amount. This has been discussed with the National Secretary, Branch Executive, Branch Committee and National Council and they support the situation. It is envisaged to commence leave some time in February with Mick being available to assist during leave if and as required.

The Branch will remain fully resourced to ensure all areas of the State are covered. Given the size of the State, the Branch has been working to a Branch Plan which was first developed in 2007, and which is adjusted and updated on a regular basis. The plan will be further considered and modified in the first quarter of this year to ensure all areas have designated responsibility.

The Branch Executive looks forward to the challenges that face the MUA in 2014. Only by working together with a collective resolve shall we achieve our objectives in the best interests of the membership.

PATRICK TERMINAL BASE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations are called for the following positions in the Patrick Terminal.

- Teamleader x 1
- Operator x 2
- Clerical x 1
- PGE x 1

Members should forward nominations to the Branch Office directly and will close on Friday 24 January 2014. The membership will be informed of the nominations once closed.

PATRICK B & G – COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2014

Nominations are called from Rank and File Members interested in becoming Delegates on the Committee.

In the first instance please nominate to the Branch Office either in person, by phone or email by Friday, 24 January 2014.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Branch staff are currently undertaking an audit of the membership system. In some cases it has been identified that a small number of members may be slightly behind in their dues, however because of the Rules they are not deemed to be un-financial.

In this regard many members will not be aware that their dues "paid to date" is slightly in arrears. Some members may receive correspondence in the near future highlighting arrears. Please contact the Branch on 3395 7215 if clarification is required.

Members are also reminded to keep the Union aware of any changed details, eg – postal address, employment details, email address, phone number.

INDUSTRIAL ROUNDS

The following is a brief overview of Enterprise Agreement negotiations that are set for 2014. The list may in fact not be exhaustive.

- DP WORLD - Negotiations commence first week of February after National Delegates Conference, 22 – 23 January 2014
- SMIT TOWAGE - Gladstone
- PB TOWAGE – Brisbane, Townsville
- POBL – Ken Harvey
- QNI – Townsville negotiations on-going
- TRANSDEV - Brisbane Ferries
- STRADBROKE FERRIES – Brisbane
- CURTIS ISLAND SERVICES – Gladstone
- NSS LINES – Townsville
- SEASWIFT – Cairns, Gladstone, Darwin
- EMERGENCY 1ST RESPONSE VESSEL

Branch Organisers are also actively increasing our membership in regional areas and negotiations commence shortly with a number of marine operators.

MARITIME, MINING & POWER CREDIT UNION

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