



Queensland Branch News



3 March 2014

RELIEF OFFICIAL

Last week members were advised that Paul Gallagher will be a Relief Official in the Branch. The matter of Relief Officials was discussed in-depth at the most recent Branch Committee meeting on Friday 28 February 2014 and it was identified that other relief Officials will be engaged over the course of the next twelve months, based upon when Branch Secretary, Mick Carr takes extended periods of leave.

The discussion included when relief Officials are going to be in the Branch that a brief overview is provided to the membership of their MUA activity. Paul Gallagher's experience is as follows:

- Delegate, seafarer and member for 27 years shipping out of Port Kembla, Newcastle and now Brisbane; worked in blue water, offshore industries as well as 6 years in towage with Svitzer; worked as a linesman; on dredges, FPSOs and recently 2 years on the construction project on Curtis Island Gladstone. Completed Certificate 4 in Training and Assessment and currently assists delegate courses around Queensland and NSW. A member of the recently formed United Maritime Activist Committee in the Brisbane.

Paul Gallagher can be contacted - mobile 0408494 168 Email: brisbane.relief@mua.org.au

***** COALITION GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE WORKERS IN DESPAIR

Recent media reports have indicated that there is going to be a rocky road ahead for workers and those in society who are reliant on welfare to "attempt" to make ends meet.

On a National level:

- The level of disability support pension is to be reviewed with Minister Andrews stating the best support is **work**.
- Dole benefit recipients having to travel more than 90 minutes per day.
- Senator Abetz ongoing call for a review of anything that means workers get a decent day's pay for a decent day's work – relying on information provided by a Commission of Audit as a means of justification.

On a State level:

- LNP ramping up debate about privatisation of electricity and ports.

The Branch is undertaking a review of what privatisation has meant to workers engaged either directly by POBL or one engaged in employment whereby the lease arrangements are subject to the control of POBL.

***** BRANCH ACTIVIST COMMITTEE

There has been a Branch Activist's Committee set up to provide a catalyst to protest against bad legislation and to provide assistance to the Branch. The next Committee meeting is to be held at **1pm on Friday 14th March** or contact Branch office for further details.

***** WORKING WAVES 2014

MUA Newcastle Branch invites all members, family and friends to the 19th running of the *Working Waves* Surf Contest on Friday 4th April 2014 at Soldiers Beach, Norah Head, NSW Central Coast. Register on the day at 7am. Entry \$40 including T-shirt and BBQ.

Events: Open division; over 40s; Longboard; comrades Cup – Handicap run, swim, run the Rockhead Relay "in memory of Mark Holland; Runner, Swimmer, Board Paddler.

All enquiries- Sean Chaffer – 0402 126 259 – email scmc9999@gmail.com

INDUSTRIAL ROUNDS

Deputy Branch Secretary, Trevor Munday

Patrick Terminal Labour Review 4 March 2014

Patrick Gladstone Labour Review 5 March 2014

DP Word National EA Negotiations 12-14 March 2014.

This will be followed by a delegation of Officials and Rank and File delegates to a Global Network Terminals meeting in London. DP World long term delegate, Michael McLennan will accompany Deputy Branch Secretary, Trevor Munday. Every DP World Terminal will be represented.

Trevor Munday interstate for personal reasons 22-25 March 2014.

Assistant Branch Secretary, Paul Sheehan

Current EA's in discussion:

- Brisbane Ferries, Stradbroke Ferries, Meklek, Integrated Stevedoring Services, Eastcoast Stevedores, Svitzer Traffic Officers, Ken Harvey & Support Craft (Port of Brisbane), Ausport Lines & Moorings. Patrick Cargolink.

Upcoming EA's:

- Southern Cross Lines and Moorings

Legal issues:

- Patrick B&G FWC pending in relation to PGE zeroing out.
- Cruise Whitsundays FWC Insert of Ports Harbours and Enclosed Waters Award to their EA. Other matters.
- Stradbroke Ferries FWC Bargaining Order
- Patrick Cargolink FWC Protected Action Ballot
- Ken Harvey & Support Craft FWC Protected Action Ballot
- There are some other issues pending for Fair Work Commission and / or another possible jurisdiction. Can't be published until lodged.

DELEGATES TRAINING COURSES 2014

The Branch needs members to register their interest in the Delegates 1 course (27-28th March) **URGENTLY prior to Friday 7th March** as it is necessary to make application for Trade Union Training leave at the members applicable enterprise.

Course dates are as follows:

COURSE	DATE
DELEGATES 1	27 TH -28 TH MARCH
DELEGATES 2	19 TH -20 TH JUNE
DELEGATES 1	26 TH -27 TH NOVEMBER

MARCH IN MARCH

March 16, 2014, 11:30am This is part of the national March in March movement.

Brisbane - Queens Park, Corner Elizabeth and George Streets, Brisbane, QLD

March 15 – Caboolture, Cairns, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville

March 16 – Townsville and Fraser Coast

See MUA website: <http://mua.org.au/events> for full details.

