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To be truly radical is to make hope possible, rather than despair convincing - Raymond Williams No. 127 – 20 April 2018

**Rio Tinto Update – ASP EBA – Patrick’s Programmed EBA – SICTL Accident
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Movement with Rio Tinto *by Bob Carnegie*

On the 12th and 16th of April the Branch, along with Assistant National Secretary, Ian Bray met with senior executives in both the operational and human resources arms of Rio Tinto.

Both meetings were positive. The first meeting on the 12th was with Rio Tinto’s Head of Human Resources and was organised by the National President of the CFMMEU and Miner’s Union Leader, Tony Maher along with the Newcastle Branch leadership.

It was a considered meeting where our right to work in our own country was placed strongly. The 2nd meeting on the Thursday consisted of ASP executives, three Rio Tinto senior management including the head of their shipping division, Peter Manion. Representing the union was Ian Bray, Bob Carnegie, Jason Miners and Paul Petersen. All spokespeople for the union spoke strongly and forcefully about the need for increased Australian participation on their fleet and for Rio Tinto to honour the MOU of 2010.

In what is generally regarded as the most positive meeting in eight years, four sub groups were formed with all tasks to be fulfilled prior to our next agreed meeting date of 31 May 2018 in Gladstone. We have a long way to go but at least there is a tiny light at the end of the tunnel.

ASP EBA

THE ASP EBA has been overwhelming endorsed by the membership. It is now going through the process of being registered in the Fair Work Commission.

Patrick’s Programmed Maintenance EBA

THIS PARTICULAR EBA has had more false starts than a drunken trotter but is finally coming together. The work of our delegates, Shaun Bolton and Brett Stokes has been absolutely outstanding. It should go to a vote next week.

SICTL Accident

THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH has been informed of a serious straddle collision on the above Hutchison site in Sydney. The resultant accident has left one of the straddle

drivers in a very serious condition with multiple fractures.

The Branch stands 100% beside our Sydney Branch comrades.

Trevor Glossop Retires

AFTER 51 YEARS of being in the maritime industry, Trevor Glossop has retired.



Trevor spent eleven years as the Gladstone towage MUA treasurer and multiple years as a delegate. The Gladstone membership thank comrade Glossop for his long time active role as a trade unionist.

In Unity - Gladstone Tugs

Bill Shorten in Townsville *by Bob Carnegie*

BERNIE FARRELLY AND I had a chance to collar the



Leader of the Opposition, Bill Shorten, whilst he was in Townsville. We spoke briefly on industry policy. Bernie has known Bill for quite a period of time.

*Opposition Leader –
Bill Shorten with
Bernie Farrelly –
National Lead
Organiser*

Authorised by Bob Carnegie, Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) Queensland Branch Secretary

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Plastic is Literally Everywhere: The Epidemic Attacking Australia's Oceans

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https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/apr/16/plastic-is-literally-everywhere-the-epidemic-attacking-australias-oceans?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

'IT NEVER BREAKS down and goes away,' say scientists struggling to understand the impact of widespread pollution

While heading down the Brisbane river, Jim Hinds once pulled aboard a drunken half-naked man just seconds from "going down for the last time".

But on this day, like most other days for Hinds, it's back to the horribly predictable as he launches his boat into the Nerang river on Queensland's Gold Coast. Instantly you see it.

Decaying plastic bags hanging from the branches of mangroves like dripping flesh; slicks of plastic water bottles and food containers waiting ashore for the liberation of the next rising tide; the misnamed "disposable" plastic and styrofoam drinking cups; and other plastic paraphernalia in various stages of disintegration.



Rubbish strewn on Chilli beach in Queensland. Photograph: Tangaroa Blue Foundation

"Everyone knows littering's wrong – that's not a secret. But it's just nonsensical," says Jim. His son Patrick, 21, has jumped ashore to pick up a vinyl soccer ball and about a dozen soft drinks bottles.

Hinds works for Queensland environmental conservation group Healthy Land and Water. His job is to travel the coastal waterways and pick up rubbish – he'll often have one of his two sons with him. His father also used to do the job.

In recent years, he has been grabbing about 10,000 items a month. "Consistently we're getting plastic bottles – there are so many of them," Jim says.

Hinds is working at the coalface of an epidemic of plastic pollution which, Guardian Australia has found, is attacking Australia's beaches, waterways and oceans, and the animals that live there.

From the most remote wilderness idylls to city coastlines, scientists and citizens have collected and documented millions of pieces of plastic debris.

Out at sea, expeditions [skimming ocean waters](#), [circumnavigating the continent](#), have found

concentrations of plastics as high as 9,000 pieces for every square kilometre.

Sediment taken from the bottom of estuaries running through busy Australian towns contains tiny microplastic pieces and scientists find the same thing when they examine samples of the ocean floor hundreds of kilometres offshore.



Tangaroa Blue volunteers retrieving ghost nets at a beach in Mapoon, Queensland. Photograph: Tangaroa Blue Foundation

"Plastic is everywhere, all of the time," says Dr Denise Hardesty, a principal research scientist at CSIRO. "It is in the air, the wind, the water and the soil and we find it in as many places as we look."

In late 2012 and 2013, Hardesty experienced a series of "gut-wrenching" research trips by floatplane to some of the most remote parts of Australia – the west coast of Tasmania and the Kimberley region in Western Australia.

"These places are pristine ... quote, unquote," she says. "You walk on to these beaches and no matter where you are there's trash and it's so confronting. Everywhere you go, you see it."

Hardesty is helping to lead a global CSIRO project to understand how and why plastics are escaping the legitimate waste and recycling streams and where and how they travel. Her team's confronting trips to so-called pristine beaches were part of a [study published in late 2016](#) that had eventually counted litter at 175 coastal sites around the continent.

About three of every four items documented were plastic and the study concluded a key cause was, simply, littering. "In general, most of the trash is coming from us," Hardesty says.

The scientific literature is awash with research documenting plastics of all sizes in every environment that's been studied – from the deep ocean to both the [Arctic](#) and [Antarctic](#).

Microplastic is the term used to describe any piece of plastic less than 5mm wide – it's mostly the broken-apart remnants of straws, fishing nets and all manner of other plastic items, creating trillions of tiny pieces.

Dr Jennifer Lavers, a marine biologist at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies at the University of

Tasmania, has spent the past 15 years studying the impacts of plastics.

In 2015 Lavers travelled to one of the most remote spots on the planet – the uninhabited Henderson Island in the middle of the Pacific – to find this world heritage-listed coral atoll’s beaches strewn with an estimated 37m pieces of plastic weighing about 17 tonnes – the equivalent of less than two seconds of global plastic production.

Just one washed-up fishing net, barely a decade old, was disintegrating into trillions of plastic fibres that gave the surrounding sand a lucid green splash. “You can’t prepare yourself for moments like that,” she says.

Northern Australia is a known hotspot for these so-called “ghost nets” that are left to haunt the lives of marine animals. One project, [GhostNets Australia](#), has collected more than 13,000 nets since 2004. A study analysed 9,000 nets found in the north of Australia and estimated that they alone had probably caught between 4,866 and 14,600 turtles.

“Nowhere is safe, and plastic is literally everywhere,” says Lavers. “No location and no species is likely to remain immune for any period of time. It is ubiquitous. We are literally drowning in this stuff.”

Plastic tsunami

Chilli beach is a two-hour drive north from the Aboriginal community of Lockhart River, north of Cairns in Kutini-Payamu national park.

Heidi Taylor, the founder of charity [Tangaroa Blue](#), takes a team of volunteers, school children and traditional owners up to the area each year to clear the beach. In 2013 the first year the group did a full “clean sweep” of the 7km-long beach, they gathered 5.5 tonnes of material.

“But for every one full item, there was probably 100 fragments that were scattered – like colourful confetti through the sand,” Taylor says. “Every time you went to pick something up, it would disintegrate in your hands because it had been there for decades.”

In five years, the group went from grabbing 5.5 tonnes a visit to just 2.3 tonnes. But in 2017, they gathered seven tonnes, probably thanks to cyclones in the Pacific pushing older material on to Australia’s shores.

There is an Aboriginal community at Mapoon, north of Weipa on the west of Cape York. Their 14km beach is another regular location for Tangaroa Blue’s work.

In recent years, an Indonesian government crackdown on illegal fishing in the Arafura Sea has seen a drop in the number of ghost nets hitting the beach.

But in 2017, the group was shocked when they arrived to find 10,601 plastic drink bottles from a 7km stretch – and most of them were the popular Indonesian brand Danone Aqua.

“Plastic is one of the most useful materials we have ever created. Our problem is not with plastic as a material but what we use it for. We make so many things that

don’t require the longevity that plastic has – we don’t need a straw that we will use to sip one drink that will stay in the environment forever,” Taylor says.

As well as running beach cleanups, Tangaroa Blue has coordinated data from cleanups run by other groups around Australia since 2004.

The data covers 2,460 different sites with more than 878 tonnes of material removed over 14 years, and it shows about three-quarters of what is collected is plastic. For comparison, that’s about the same weight as 535 Holden utes. The database has just recorded its 10 millionth piece of debris.

So, while the evidence for the ubiquity of plastics is clear, Lavers says much less is known about the impact of this tsunami of plastics on the habitats and species that are taking it in. “When it comes to wildlife our knowledge is constrained to individual level impacts,” she says.

Even though reports of single whales with stomachs filled with plastic bags and ropes are incredibly graphic and distressing, Lavers says “the scientific question becomes ... so what?”

Understanding the impact of the ingestion of plastics on whole animal populations and habitats is now a major scientific challenge. “Is plastic either now, or likely to be, a driver of population decline for any given species,” she asks.

“The answer to that question is almost invariably ‘we don’t know.’ It isn’t that the plastic doesn’t have the capacity to do that, but it is very difficult to document.”

She says while it’s easier to observe the impact of plastic on a species in a laboratory environment, it is much more difficult to tease apart its impact in the real world when species are already being hit by other impacts such as climate change, coastal developments, disease or overfishing. “We are in a big data gap,” she says.

In 2013 Lavers published a [journal paper looking at Australian flesh-footed shearwater birds](#). She found they were likely more contaminated by plastic than any other known marine vertebrate studied anywhere else in the world.

But Lavers also hypothesised the plastic ingestion could be cutting the survival rates of chicks by about 11% annually.

“The smaller the piece of plastic, the more species consume it. Everything that’s tiny is at the base of the food web, so it’s not just albatross and sperm whales, you literally have microplastics and nanoplastics being eaten by sea cucumbers, corals, clams and muscles, zooplankton and krill – right at the very base of the food web. You have all levels of the food web infiltrated. And where the plastics go, the chemicals follow.”

According to Lavers, research has found that plastics act as a vehicle to transport toxins and metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the tissues of animals.

Her own studies, and those of other scientists, have shown that such metals can be transferred from the plastics eaten by animals into their tissues. Toxic chemicals have also been found to leach into the tissues of animals via the plastics they have eaten.



A dissected flesh-footed shearwater bird taken from Lord Howe Island in 2017, with plastic pieces from its stomach arranged beside it.

Photograph: Jennifer Lavers

“We should not simply wait for or demand more data before we can make a decision,” she says. “We should default to the likely outcome. If danger is possible, we should heed the warning and do something to prevent it.”

Policy response

Campaigners have had some success in persuading governments to introduce container deposit schemes where plastics can be recycled for cash. South Australians have been returning plastics and other items since 1977.

In early 2013, the beverage giants Coca-Cola Amatil, Lion Nathan and Schweppes successfully fought the Northern Territory’s then-new container deposit scheme in the courts. The government changed the rules but reintroduced the scheme, which has been running since August 2013.

The New South Wales scheme has been running since December 2017, while the Australian Capital Territory’s scheme is due to start at the end of June 2018. Queensland says its scheme will start in November 2018 and in Western Australia, a program will start in 2019. Tasmania and Victoria have no concrete plans.

These schemes do work. A [CSIRO study](#) in Australia and the US looked at the numbers of drinks containers found in coastal areas where container deposit laws were in place. The study found that by financially incentivising members of the public to recycle, there were about 40% fewer plastic drinks containers recorded in litter surveys.

Bans on single-use plastic bags will roll out this year in Victoria, WA and Queensland, joining existing bans in NT, SA, the ACT and Tasmania.

There is a lot of evidence that these schemes have a significant impact on litter,” Hardesty says. “Cash for containers works,” she says. “But what I keep coming

back to is the thought that all the stuff we find out there was once in a person’s hand. That means you can make a change.”



Plastic draping plants in the Torres Strait. Photograph: Tangaroa Blue Foundation

Lavers agrees that the bans are welcome but says governments have been far too slow to introduce schemes that have been shown to work.

“If we want change and we want the quantity of plastics going into the ocean to go down, then the rate of change in our society needs to exceed the rate of plastics going into the ocean,” she says. “And right now we are not even close.”

While the new legislation is likely to slow down the wave of plastic pollution hitting Australia’s coastal waters, there’s little that could be done about the mountains of plastic that’s already out there. “I don’t think going out there and cleaning it all up is a super viable proposition,” she says.

Both Lavers and Hardesty think what’s needed is a societal shift in how communities and businesses use and recycle plastics.

“Plastics never really go away ... where is this magical mystical place we call ‘away’,” asks Lavers. “We know plastics take anywhere between 100 and 10,000 years to break up ... and I don’t use the term ‘break down’. It never breaks down and goes away.”

Back on the Nerang river and the collection bin on Jim Hinds’s boat is full with plastic strips, balls, bags, bottles and food wrappers. He is feeling philosophical but not hopeless.

“I think people are careless,” he says. “I don’t think there are a lot of villains. “I always hope that it’s generational – that the next generation will be better than ours. I guess that’s the great hope.”

All Italian Ports to Strike Today

Sourced from: <https://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/249756/all-italian-ports-to-strike-today/>

A NATION-WIDE strike has been announced for today in Italian ports following a fatal accident at the Port of San Giorgio di Nogaro.

The strike will last for one hour after the end of each shift across Italian ports, the country’s labor union federation [Filt Cgil](#) and Uiltrasporti union said.

The move is being announced after a 62-year-old worker, an employee of a shipping agency, lost his life due to injuries sustained in a forklift accident.

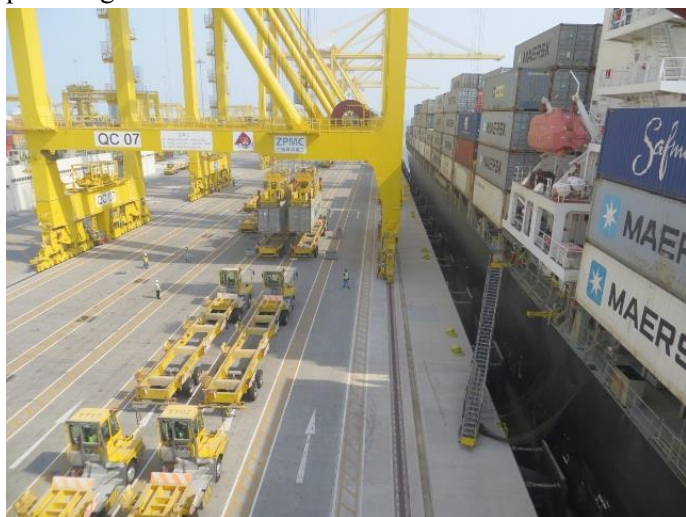
The strike action is being pursued as a means of urging the relevant authorities to upgrade workplace security for maritime labor force and comes in the wake of a string of fatalities.

The unions called for an urgent meeting with the Labour Minister Giuliano Poletti in order to set up a concrete action plan to improve workplace safety.

In Depth: QTerminals Targets 21,000+ TEU Boxships

Sourced from: <https://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/249079/exclusive-interview-qterminals-targets-21000-teu-boxships/?uid=95262>

SINCE ITS OPENING in December 2016, Qatar’s Hamad Port has been on a growth trajectory, with monthly volumes increasing by more than twofold, the port’s figures show.



Namely, within 14 months since the start of operations, Hamad’s monthly volumes grew from an average of just over 41,000 TEUs per month to 105,000 TEUs per month.

The USD 7.4 billion port, located 40 km south of Doha, is the largest of its kind in the Middle East. It has been described as the key element of Qatar National Vision 2030, a roadmap for the country’s economic growth. The very start of the operations saw all container terminal operations from the Port of Doha [transferred](#) to Hamad.

In its first phase, the port is capable of handling 2 million TEUs annually, which is scheduled to rise to 7.5 million TEUs upon scheduled completion in 2020.

In his first international interview, Mr. Neville



Bissett, CEO of QTerminals, a company set up by Qatar Navigation (Milaha) and Qatar Ports Management Company (Mwani Qatar) to manage the port, spoke about the main drivers of the port’s growth as well as the goals for its future development.

Bissett was appointed as the company’s first CEO in November 2017, shortly after the port’s official [inauguration](#).

His appointment came in the wake of the [sanctions imposed](#) by the UAE and other Arab states on Qatar, blocking the country’s air, sea, and land border connections.

Impact of the Gulf Crisis

Qatar used the diplomatic fallout to bolster the role of Hamad Port as its maritime hub, helping the country directly import goods from China and Oman instead of transshipping them via Dubai.

What is more, the Gulf crisis also resulted in Hamad strengthening its maritime links to other regional ports, including two [Omani ports](#), Sohar and Salalah, Turkish Derince port, Pakistani Port of Karachi and Indian ports of Mundra and Nhava Sheva.

According to Bissett, the port benefitted from the land blockade, which forced shipments to Qatar to enter via Hamad Port.

“The volumes of all types of cargo being handled at Hamad Port have significantly increased as a result of the blockade, where land borders have been sealed, and the vast majority of imports and exports must come in or go out by sea, and to a much lesser extent by air. At the current monthly throughput rate, QTerminals is set to cross the 2 millionth TEU throughput milestone before the end of 2018, with most of the throughput being gateway cargo,” he explained.

Qatar’s economy was unfazed by the political crisis, with the country’s GDP forecasted to rise to 3.9 pct in 2019, demonstrating increasing market confidence and continuing infrastructure investment, Bissett pointed out.

“The blockade has not affected Qatar’s consumption as all goods and services remain available in the local markets thanks to the fast and effective measures taken by the Qatari Government and the resilience of the business community in Qatar,” he noted.

One-Millionth TEU

Just last month, Hamad Port and QTerminals celebrated handling one [millionth TEU](#) in only 14 months of operations.



“I believe this achievement is not only a reflection of our efforts but also of our ambitions to grow at a fast yet sustainable rate,” Bissett said.

“Our key objectives are to continue to operate safely, improve productivity, offer value-added services, and grow the business in a structured and sustainable way. Investments are planned in the Container Terminal and General Cargo Terminals, the Multi-User Terminal (RORO & Livestock) and the Offshore Supply Terminal. These investments are necessary to ensure Hamad Port is well-positioned for future growth.”

“A port community system is under development, which will provide a common, secure platform for port transactions to all port users. We are also positioning Hamad Port as a transshipment hub for the Upper Gulf region.”

On a personal note

When asked about the experiences since he was named QTerminals’ CEO in November 2017, Bissett said “it has been an exciting journey” so far.

“The blockade was just weeks old and the resulting impact on trade had to be confronted and resolved very quickly. At the time, we were taking over operations of the new port and terminal and we were very conscious of the fact that Hamad Port suddenly became the only gateway to Qatar. A management team had to be selected and over 1,000 staff phased in to operate the port 24/7,” he commented.

The team managed to keep the port’s operations uninterrupted in cooperation with the Port Authority and other stakeholders and partners.

The highest number of TEUs handled on a single vessel is 7,761 TEU on Maersk Saroja Tiga “Going forward, our vision and strategy for QTerminals is to position Hamad Port as our flagship port/terminal and our benchmark. With a focus on employing and retaining the brightest talents, QTerminals aims to be, within three years, the best terminal operator in the region in terms of overall quality of service and client satisfaction. Its long term vision is to be recognized internationally as the most reliable terminal operator and an enabler for the economic growth of Qatar,” Bissett said.

Diversifying and expanding trading partner numbers has been identified as a key priority for Qatar’s economy and trade.

QTerminals CEO said this was the reason the company was continuously working to forge new trading partnerships with other regions of the world and secure new sources and supply lines for Qatar.

“On the other hand, Qatar’s growing exports are also finding their way to new markets. This demand and new opportunities are being created through access to new trade lanes, with a much farther reach than ever before.

“The domestic demand for imported goods will remain stable and will keep growing organically. Qatar’s export products (downstream petroleum products) are priced very competitively and will continue to compete well regionally and globally,” he concluded.

Interview conducted by [Jasmina Ovcina Mandra](#), Editor, World Maritime News; Image Courtesy: QTerminals

**M.U.A. Queensland is leading
the 2018 May Day!**

**M.U.A.
Queensland**

Strength in Unity

Monday 7th May 2018 @ 10am.
March from Wharf St to the festival at Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills. Come along and join us for a fun family day. Free T-shirts are available at the start of the march.

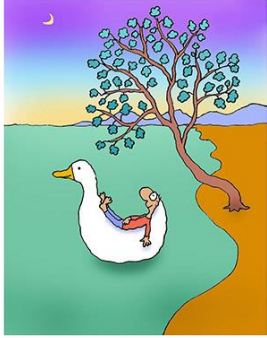
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Cartoon Corner

JOMO (Joy of Missing Out.)

Oh the joy of missing out.
When the world begins to shout
And rush towards that shining thing;
The latest bit of mental bling –
Trying to have it, see it, do it,
You simply know you won't go through it;
The anxious clamouring and need
This restless hungry thing to feed.

Instead, you feel the loveliness;
The pleasure of your emptiness.
You spurn the treasure on the shelf
In favour of your peaceful self;
Without regret, without a doubt.
Oh the joy of missing out.



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In the spotlight! Australian cities as seen by people living in other Australian cities

Greetings from Sydney
The State bird of Sydney is talking about real estate.
Sydney's mascot: A stockbroker on meth at the beach.
Not thinking about Melbourne.
Weirdly, Sydney is locked out of a bar that is trying to look like it's a bar in Melbourne.

WELCOME TO MELBOURNE THE WORLD'S MOST LIVEABLE CITY (UNLESS YOU ACTUALLY LIVE HERE)
Trams also trains. Weather. AFL. My barista.
What school did you go to? What do you think Sydney is doing right now?
Actual politics. Old money.
Has some good cartoonists.

People from Canberra say not everyone who lives there is a public servant but nobody outside Canberra believes them or cares.
Canberra's mascot is a retrenched public servant rehired as a consultant in the same job.
Exciting Canberra: A massive suburb looking for a city!

Hobart: a bit like Melbourne but smaller, colder and whiter with more hills and less reading.
Hobart (and Sydney) are the only capital cities with decent identifiable landmarks (kunanyi) which you have never heard of.
Tasmania is cold and bad. Nobody should come here.

Visit Darwin! We're all massive legends!
Wet season I WAS DACKED BY CROCS!
Dry season ROOS STOLE MY SHOES!
DAVE CAUGHT A BARRA THE SIZE OF THE MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONS.
Darwin's mascot is an enormous saltwater crocodile, that is funny until one kills you.

Brisbane is always the same and it does not care about you.
It's just a massive tropical country town.
Are there other cities?
It is in Queensland yet it has a take beach.
It is nice but weird don't go there unless you have to.

Good evening from Adelaide where...
Summer means FESTIVALS FESTIVALS CULTURE CULTURE CULTURE WINE FOOD MUSIC SANS TROUSERS.
And Winter means A frozen lonely death waiting to cross the road.
Adelaide's mascot is someone waiting patiently to cross the street forever.

Perth! What you'd get if Australia and South Africa had a baby but it's also weirdly like Canberra by the sea
"Eastern Australia is like another country altogether"
Now that the mining boom is over, Perth's hobbies are Murdering sharks and Instagram #perthect
#perthonalities #justanotherdayinWA

Notice of MUA Division QLD Divisional Assistant Branch Secretary 2018 Election

The following information is provided to members to assist in the preparation for the conduct of the 2018 Election for the position of an additional QLD Divisional Assistant Branch Secretary. The additional position has been created in conformity with the Resolution of National Council dated 12th April 2017 which was passed unanimously and proscribed the manner of conducting this Election in accordance with the Divisional Rules and in particular Divisional Sub-Rule 42(d). This Notice includes an explanation of the various steps to be taken by members, the Divisional National Council, existing officials and the Divisional National Returning Officers. The information provided hereunder also refers to a timetable summary, which is on the MUA Division Website to assist members.

Nominations for the Election of Queensland Divisional Assistant Branch Secretary **open on Tuesday 24th April 2018** and **close at 5pm on Monday 28th May 2018**. The election will then be by a postal ballot of all financial members of the Queensland Branch commencing no later than Tuesday 12th June 2018 and closing at 5pm on Tuesday 26 June 2018, in the circumstance where more than one candidate has validly nominated.

In accordance with the rules, the National Secretary advises that National Council has determined that the election shall be for the positions as listed:

Queensland Divisional Assistant Branch Secretary

A preliminary Roll of Voters has been prepared and a Final Roll of Voters will be prepared by the Divisional National Secretary and provided to the Divisional National Returning Officer in accordance with Divisional Rule 46.

The Final Roll of Voters in hard copy form may be provided to candidates who make such a request and who provide written confirmation to comply with the Privacy Act 1988 (as amended) and other requirements in MUA Divisional Sub-Rule 46(d). The provision of this material will require the payment of the nominal cost for printing and postage.

Nomination papers will be available in Branch offices or can be downloaded from the MUA Division Queensland Election page on the MUA Divisional website. Nominations are to be in writing, signed by the nominee and two financial members of The MUA Division of the Union and forwarded by mail or delivered to:

Divisional National Returning Officer

The Maritime Union of Australia Division
Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union
PO Box 20433
World Square Sydney NSW 2002

It is strongly suggested that where the nomination papers are forwarded by mail, it be by Registered or Express Post mail such that the nominee shall retain verification of the date and means of postage through the unique identification number.

A candidate may enclose a 200-word statement and a head and shoulder photograph with their nomination.

The union will publish candidates' statements and photos on The MUA Division Website and in the MUA Election Booklet to be mailed out to financial members and provided to Branches. Candidates who fail to provide their statement and photo **with their nomination [see Divisional Sub-Rule 45(j)] and prior to 5:00pm 28th May 2018** will miss out on publication in the Booklet and on the Website.

Statements shall require the approval of the Divisional National Returning Officer and shall meet requirements of the law. Scandalous or defamatory matter will not be published. Words in excess of the 200-word limit will be deleted from the end of the statement in conformity with Divisional Sub-Rule 45(j).

An electronic copy of the 200 word Statement (MS Word format) and the head and shoulder photograph (jpeg format 600 pixels high by 300 pixels wide) of the Candidate may be provided to the Divisional National Returning Officer prior to the close of nominations (5:00pm 28th May 2018).

Only financial members who have been a member for at least one year at the close of nominations and have been engaged or have been reasonably seeking

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Nomination papers will be available in Branch offices or can be downloaded from the MUA Division Queensland Election page on the MUA Divisional website. Nominations are to be in writing, signed by the nominee and two financial members of The MUA Division of the Union and forwarded by mail or delivered to:

Divisional National Returning Officer

The Maritime Union of Australia Division
Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union
PO Box 20433
World Square Sydney NSW 2002

It is strongly suggested that where the nomination papers are forwarded by mail, it be by Registered or Express Post mail such that the nominee shall retain verification of the date and means of postage through the unique identification number.

A candidate may enclose a 200-word statement and a head and shoulder photograph with their nomination.

The union will publish candidates' statements and photos on The MUA Division Website and in the MUA Election Booklet to be mailed out to financial members and provided to Branches. Candidates who fail to provide their statement and photo **with their nomination [see Divisional Sub-Rule 45(j)] and prior to 5:00pm 28th May 2018** will miss out on publication in the Booklet and on the Website.

Statements shall require the approval of the Divisional National Returning Officer and shall meet requirements of the law. Scandalous or defamatory matter will not be published. Words in excess of the 200-word limit will be deleted from the end of the statement in conformity with Divisional Sub-Rule 45(j).

An electronic copy of the 200 word Statement (MS Word format) and the head and shoulder photograph (jpeg format 600 pixels high by 300 pixels wide) of the Candidate may be provided to the Divisional National Returning Officer prior to the close of nominations (5:00pm 28th May 2018).

Only financial members who have been a member for at least one year at the close of nominations and have been engaged or have been reasonably seeking to be engaged in an occupation covered by the Divisional Eligibility Rule are eligible to nominate as required by Divisional Rule 45 (g).

No member shall be eligible to nominate for more than one office as prescribed in Divisional Sub-Rule 45 (h). If a member nominates for more than one such office, both nominations shall be void.

In the event of two or more candidates being nominated for any office, the Divisional National Returning Officer [as prescribed in Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (b)(i)] shall, seven days following the closure of nominations, arrange for the printing of ballot papers. These ballot papers shall contain the names of the candidates in alphabetical order.

The Divisional National Returning Officer will then cause each ballot paper to be initialled before **dispatching ballot papers and the Election Statement (if any) to voters no later than 12th June 2018, or earlier if possible, such day being the day the ballot opens.**

Members must check with their Branch to ensure their current mailing/postal address is correct on the union's records.

The method of validly casting a vote is provided for in Divisional Sub-Rules 47(c) to (f) inclusive, but as amended by disregarding the timelines set out therein in accordance with the resolution of National Council of 12th April 2017. The ballot material provided will contain voting instructions from the Divisional National Returning Officer. Absentee Voting is provided for where a member will not be present at the postal address provided in the Roll of Voters during the ballot period. In these circumstances a member may apply in writing to the Divisional National Returning Officer to personally collect the ballot materials or to have them sent to an address nominated by the member. Such applications must be made **before 5pm on Tuesday 19th June 2018.**

Each candidate shall have the right to appoint not more than two scrutineers being financial members of The MUA Division who shall be entitled to be present at all stages of the ballot. The appointment of scrutineers shall be by notice in writing signed by the candidate to the Divisional National Returning Officer.

The rights and duties of scrutineers shall be to represent the interest of their appointing candidate. They shall be entitled to be present at all stages of the ballot while the Divisional National Returning Officer carries out the procedures under the Divisional Rules and to direct the Divisional National Returning Officer to any irregularity concerning the carrying out of any step in the ballot. They shall do all things necessary so that the secrecy of the ballot shall be observed. They shall not obstruct the Divisional National Returning Officer in the performance of the Divisional National Returning Officer's duties nor interfere with the conduct of the ballot.

The Divisional National Returning Officer shall notify each candidate by post of the place and date of the Ballot Count at least 7 days prior to the count.

The ballot closes on Tuesday 26th June 2018 and only ballot papers received by the Divisional National Returning Officer by that time shall be counted, provided that a ballot paper contained in a prepaid envelope which is received by the Divisional National Returning Officer by 5pm on Friday 30 June 2018 bearing a post mark dated not later than 26 June 2018 shall be counted.

On Wednesday 27 June 2018 the Divisional National Returning Officer and the Divisional Deputy National Returning Officers shall attend at a place nominated by and under the control of the Divisional National Returning Officer in order to count the ballot.

The counting of the Ballot will be undertaken in conformity with MUA Divisional Sub-Rules 47 (g) to (i) inclusive and be under the control of the Divisional National Returning Officer.

Upon completion of the count, the Divisional National Returning Officer shall announce the result of the election in writing to the Divisional National Secretary and the Divisional Queensland Branch Secretary pursuant to Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (j).

Any protests will be dealt with in conformity with Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (l). The successful Candidate declared elected shall take office from 3th July 2018.

Please refer to the Election Timetable on the MUA Election Webpage which will assist members in dealing with relevant aspects of the election.

Prepared by the Divisional National Returning Officer, Bill Giddins on 4 April 2018.



**MUA Division QLD Divisional Assistant Branch
Secretary 2018 Election Timeline
Construction Forestry Maritime Mining and Energy Union**

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An Advice to the Membership of the QLD Branch of the additional Office of QLD Divisional Assistant Branch Secretary is to be published on The MUA Division Website, and by display at the QLD Branch Office and in the QLD Branch Newsletters	Tuesday 4th April 2018.	In conformity with paragraph 20.6 of the Scheme of Amalgamation filed with the FW Commission. [Divisional Sub- Rule 42(d)]
A paper copy and electronic copy of the Roll shall be provided to the Divisional National Returning Officer.	Tuesday 3 rd April 2018.	At least 21 days before the date of the opening of nominations. [Divisional Sub-Rule 46 (a)]
A final paper copy and electronic copy of the Roll of Voters shall be prepared by the Divisional National Secretary.	Friday 13th April 2018.	10 days before the opening date of nominations. [Divisional Sub- Rule 46 (b)]
Nominations for Office to be filled at the Election shall open and close. NB Closure of nominations means that all nominations must be in the hands of the Divisional Returning Officer by 5:00pm 28 May 2018	Open: 12:00AM Tuesday 24 th April 2018 Close: 5:00PM Monday 28th May 2018.	Open on 24 April 2018 and close at 5:00PM on 28 May 2018 in the year of the election. [Divisional Sub- Rule 42 (d)(i)].

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Event	Actual Date	Time Period and Rule
Printing of the ballot papers.	No Later than Tuesday 5 th June 2018 and earlier if there are no defects to Nominations.	Seven days following the closure of nominations [Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (b)] and [Divisional Sub-Rule 45(e)]
Distribution of Ballot Papers and opening of the Postal Ballot.	No Later than Tuesday 12 th June 2018 and earlier if possible depending upon any defective nominations and Printing and distribution by the Printing House.	12 June 2018. [Divisional Sub-Rule 42(d)(i) & (ii)].
Applications for Absentee votes close.	Tuesday 5:00PM, 19 th June 2018.	5pm 19 June 2015 [Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (f)] and [Divisional Sub-Rule 42 (e)] NB, in accordance with Resolution of National Council of 12 April 2018 and Divisional Sub-

		Returning Officer has applied his discretion to amend the date, given the short duration of the Ballot.
Postal Ballot closes.	Tuesday 26 June 2018.	26 June 2018. [Divisional Sub-Rule 42(d)(ii)] However, envelopes received up to 5:00PM on 30 June 2018 bearing a post mark up to 26 June 2018 shall be counted. [Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (e)].
Notice to candidates of counting location time and place	Wednesday 20 June 2018.	At least 7 days prior to the Counting of the Ballot. [Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (h)].
Counting of the Ballot	Wednesday 27 June 2018.	27 June 2018 and thereafter. [Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (g)].
Declaration and Publication of Poll	Monday 2 July 2018.	2 July 2018. [Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (j) (i)].
Taking of Office	Tuesday 3 July 2018.	Due to the effect of [Divisional Sub-Rule 47(e)].