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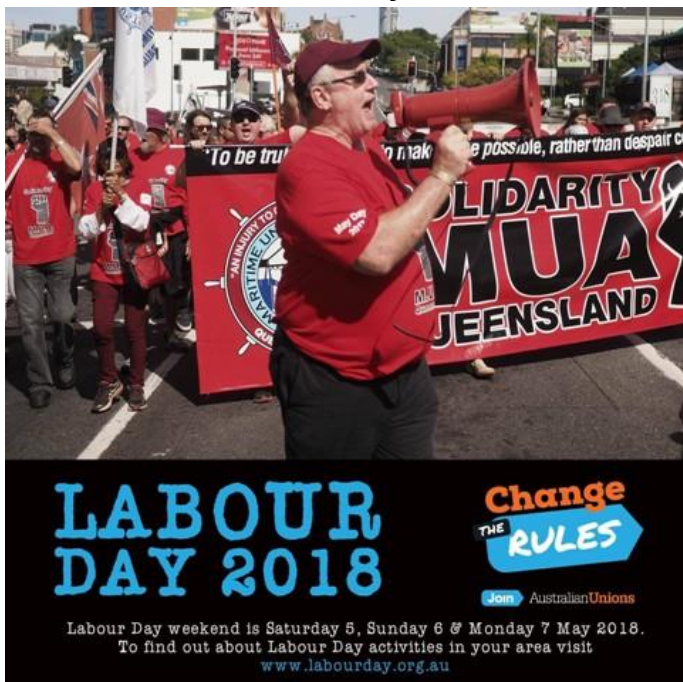
NEWSLETTER of the QLD Branch of the MARITIME UNION of AUSTRALIA

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To be truly radical is to make hope possible, rather than despair convincing - Raymond Williams No. 128 – 27 April 2018

**Labour Day 2018 - New Member Union Induction – Programmed Maintenance (Patrick's) EBA
Peter Frawley Memorial Port of Brisbane Cycleway Proposal – New Branch Raffle
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MUA to Lead the Labour Day March 2018



THIS YEAR THE mighty Maritime Union of Australia will lead the march in Brisbane to mark 20 years since the Patrick stevedoring company conspired with the John Howard LNP government to send in security guards in balaclavas with dogs and ex-soldiers to force waterfront workers out and attempt to eliminate the MUA from the docks.

Well it didn't work and the MUA is here to stay!!

To find out about Labour Day activities in your area, visit www.labourday.org

Patrick's New Member Union Induction

TWENTY NEW PATRICK'S employees came to the Branch for a union induction with Paul William's leading the proceedings and guest speakers including Adam Tayler from Turner Freeman, Jim Atley from Maritime Super and Veteran, Bernie Sanders.

The benefits of membership and a comprehensive history were discussed as well as income protection, rights and representation and White Ribbon. From the

feedback given, the new members thoroughly enjoyed the induction. Welcome!



Welcome new members

Programmed Maintenance (Patrick's) EBA

AFTER TWO FALSE starts, Programmed Maintenance (Patrick's) EBA has been voted up unanimously.



Paul Petersen, Bamboo, Brett Stokes and Branch Secretary, Bob Carnegie

The Branch would like to thank, once again, all members and in particularly Brett Stokes and Shaun Bolton for their outstanding leadership and knowledge.

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

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Peter Frawley Memorial Port of Brisbane Cycleway Proposal *Bob Carnegie*

THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH of the Maritime Union of Australia has been working hard to get this proposal to fruition.

The letter below from the Transport Minister, Mark Bailey, supporting the Branch's proposal is a powerful signal we are making significant progress which has been strongly supported by the DP World work force management at all times, as well as the Port of Brisbane Authority.



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: MC101071

20 APR 2018

Mr Bob Carnegie
Queensland Branch Secretary
The Maritime Union of Australia Queensland Branch
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Dear Mr Carnegie

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2018 about naming the shared cycleway/footpath that has been developed as part of the Port Drive Upgrade project.

I am pleased to confirm that I support this proposal.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has recently developed a policy for naming of infrastructure. The policy sets out the processes for parties to develop and assess such proposals, including the extent of consultation and the selection criteria to be used for evaluating requests.

I am advised the department has assessed your proposal against the policy and it is considered that many of the steps identified in your letter have met the requirements of the policy. Consultation is a key component and it is noted that discussions have already been held with Mr Peter Frawley's previous employer and with the Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd, who are delivering the upgrade project.

However, to finalise the assessment to be consistent with the policy, TMR will also consult with Brisbane City Council and the local active transport interest group, the Easy and Sustainable Transport Bicycle User Group.

I have asked that this consultation be undertaken as a priority and I will advise you of the outcome as soon as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Tom Bramble – Socialist Activist, Author and Retired Academic Addresses Members



SPEAKING AT THE MUA Queensland Branch Monthly Meeting in Brisbane yesterday on the ACTU's Change the Rules campaign, I argued that we need to push the 'right to strike' to the fore of

the campaign and that we have to put the ALP on notice that if they won't deliver we'll keep fighting for our rights.

It was a brief session, but I think the argument was well received – plenty of MUA comrades remember how the unions were shafted last time around by the Rudd government.

Thanks to Bob Carnegie, Jason Miners, Paul Petersen and Mike Barber for giving me the opportunity to speak.
Tom Bramble



Why Salary Sacrifice is Still a Super Way to Save Despite Rule Changes

SALARY SACRIFICE IS no longer the only way for employees to pump extra money into superannuation and get tax deductions, but it may still be the best.

New rules that allow anyone under age 75 to make tax-deductible super contributions at any time during the year — up to a maximum of \$25,000 per person — have been broadly welcomed for delivering extra flexibility to savers.

However, the forced saving element of salary sacrifice and other benefits mean it remains an important strategy, according to super specialists.

Salary sacrifice is known as a pre-tax or concessional contribution, where your deposits are taxed only at 15 per cent rather than your marginal tax rate of up to 47 per cent.

Until July this year, employees had to set up salary sacrifice arrangements in advance to get the same tax benefits that self-employed people have enjoyed for years. But now that tax-deductible contributions can be injected at any time, would you trust yourself to save \$5000 during the year and deposit it in super next June, instead of spending it on something fun?

If, instead, it's \$100 a week going into super before tax gets deducted from your wage, it's much easier to stick to.

As humans, we tend to spend money as it comes in and don't have the discipline to put it aside for the end of the year. Salary sacrifice spread out deposits over the year, a process called dollar-cost-averaging that lowered risk by removing the chance of one big deposit going in just before financial markets fell. Compound interest plays a role as well — the money is in there and is compounding for longer

And salary sacrifice delivered tax benefits immediately through its lower tax rate on gross wages, rather than workers having to wait until after the financial year to get money back in via a tax refund, he said.

I think the flexibility that the government has provided with the rule changes is great, but it doesn't mean you will do it.

Salary sacrifice locked away money to grow over many years for your retirement. Once it's in, it's in — you can't access it. If you are making monthly contributions, it's not a big chunk out of your gross salary.

Delegate Interviews with Martin Thomas

Kerryn Loose Jones

I've been working here at Hutchison as a casual for seven months now. I love the work.

Before this I worked most recently in child-care. I worked in the sector years ago and then as an organiser for the liquor, hospitality and miscellaneous employees union (now United Voice). Then over the last eight years I'd been at home with the children. I've also stood as a candidate for the ALP in Dobby in the 2016 City Council election.

In child-care there's a very low level of union membership. Here we have a good union density, and most people understand the issues and understand why. We need to act collectively. Because people rotate round the different jobs in the terminal, the workforce is more united.

We need to make sure that everyone is getting the work. It was the other workers here who taught us all we know about lashing and shuttle driving. Rather than the company's trainers, it should be people on the ground doing the training. They are the ones who know how to do things safely and properly.

It would be good if the company would give more warning for when training is coming up. As it is, often you only find out about training that you are rostered on for the day before it starts. Some people are juggling two jobs and it is hard for them.

I've just done three weeks full-time training, but as a casual usually I only get three days work a fortnight, and that's not predictable. The one thing I'd like to see the union win for us is more training across the board. I am keen to learn more!

Glenn Frew

The main thing for us in towage is stability of employment. The employers have been threatening us with partnerships like at Hay Point [under which towage workers become not employees with employee rights, but members of "partnerships" which then contract with the company].

They started that sort of thing in the 1980s. Robe River, in West Australia, was the first one. Now it's continuous. They know they can do it. It's just to get rid of union employment. It's all across the industry. Legally is probably the only way to fight it. It's all political now.

What would I most like the branch to achieve over the next year? An equitable Cabotage Act for Australian seafarers.

Gas Leak Kills Two on Board COSCO Bulker

Sourced from: <https://worldmaritimeneews.com/archives/250858/gas-leak-kills-two-on-board-cosco-bulker/>

TWO CREWMEN DIED and another one sustained injuries in an incident caused by a gas leak aboard Feng Hui Hai near India's Navlakhi Port on April 22.



Image Courtesy: COSCO

The 63,300-dwt bulker, loaded with coal, was enroute from Indonesia to Gujarat's Navlakhi Port, Financial Express reported.

As informed, the crewmembers, all said to be from China, inhaled gas generated from the coal which had remained packed for a long period.

The three men were taken to a local hospital. However, two of them were immediately declared deceased, while the third person was admitted for a treatment. An investigation into the incident has been launched.

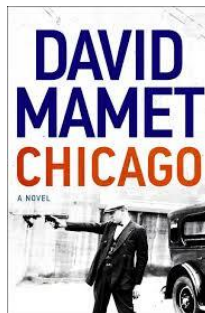
The 2017-built Feng Hui Hai, operated by China's COSCO Shipping Bulk, is still anchored in the area, according to the vessel's AIS data from Marine Traffic.

World Maritime News contacted COSCO Shipping Bulk for more details on the matter, however, the company is yet to reply.

Book Review

Chicago – by David Mamet

Book review by Melissa White



DAVID MAMET IS an eminent American playwright who writes the occasional novel. His new novel, *Chicago*, is his first in twenty years. *Chicago* is set in this city in the 1920s, ruled over by Italian and Irish mobs, with an Irish-mob infiltrated police force on the take. The city is soaked in booze, prostitution and gangland crime. Women are used and abused, and the men are violent, damaged and cynical.

The main character is Mike Hodges, a savvy newspaper journalist and World War 1 veteran, a man who is hard-baked at a young age. Mike starts to recover some of his hope and his more tender instincts when he falls in love with an Irish florist, Annie Walsh. However, due to internecine gang retribution for the loss of IRA guns being smuggled out of the United States, Annie is shot dead by a merciless gang man wanting to visit retribution upon Annie's father. Annie is caught up in the games of gangsters.

What follows is Mike's descent into alcohol abuse and suicidal depression, yet Mike's soldier instincts

ultimately pull him through as he decides to stand and fight, to get to the bottom of who has murdered his love. With the help of his journalist friend, Clement Parlow, Mike pulls himself up out of his oblivion to enact a revenge plan. This takes him to the city's brothels, police stations and even to Capone's inner circle while he conducts his personal mission to find out who had the motive and means to have killed the innocent Annie in cold blood. Mike's doggedness reveals a menacing and seedy underground. Mike bides his time, tracks his mark and finally takes his revenge.

The novel is strange reading at times, as it is written mostly in dialogue, much like a play (as you might expect from a playwright!) One of the highlights are Mike's long conversations with a black brothel madam, Peekaboo. Peekaboo has a withering yet completely pragmatic view of race relations and sexual relations in Chicago in the 1920s. The other highlight is the evocative and streetwise Chicagoan patois of the crooks, police and journalists of the era. I give this book 3 out of 5 stars.

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New Queensland Branch Raffle

THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH is holding a new raffle in support of prostate cancer research and save the merchant shipping campaign.

Tickets are \$20 each with only 2000 to be sold. Imagine where you could go with a \$5000 travel voucher!

Contact the Branch on 07 3395 7215 or email muaqld@mua.org.au to get your tickets.



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Drawn at Branch Monthly Meeting
26th June 2018

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