

THIS ELECTION PUT THE LNP LAST

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BMA Dispute - MUA/CFMEU Address – Veteran’s Luncheon – Bowen/Gladstone Update

BMA Dispute

LABOR SHADOW MINISTER for Employment and Workplace Relations, Brendan O'Connor attended a meeting with Hay Point Tug workers following a recent decision by BMA to award Rivtow Marine the contract to operate its tugboat fleet from July 1 2016. The move will see the loss of 22 jobs from current operator Teekay as BMA are entering into partnership arrangements which historically was set up for legal firms, medical and financial industries.

Partnership agreements will abolish the employer/employee relationship and all provisions of the Fair Work Act and will be used as an avenue to mitigate risk away from the employers and leaving all responsibilities of paying their own tax, superannuation, workers compensation and public indemnity or damage insurance falling on the individual.



Brendan O'Connor with Bob Carnegie and sacked Hay Point Tug Members

Brendan O'Connor condemned the coalition government's record on workplace relations and said the member for Dawson, George Christensen is a liar. "Christensen has lied saying he will support local workers when yet he voted to oppose Labor's restrictions to 457 visa workers. So what he says and actually does are two different things and what is happening is an absolute disgrace where workers have no security."

This decision by BMA to engage in partnership arrangements has the potential to leak into other parts of our industry and is an attack based on pure ideology. We will seek an amendment to current legislation to the Partnership Act 1892 to outlaw partnerships from being

established in industries where an award or collective agreement can be demonstrated has existed.

Damien McGarry – Relief Official

MUA Guests at the CFMEU National Coal Loading Conference

ON TUESDAY JUNE 7 2016 Branch Secretary - Bob Carnegie, sacked Hay Point BMA tug delegate representatives, Bob Barnes and Jemma Camileri along with Branch Organiser Paul Petersen and Relieving Official Damien McGarry were guests at the CFMEU National Coal Loading Conference held in Brisbane.

Bob outlined the importance of the battle against 'Partnerships' and how they were developing into a cancer that would spread into the entire trade union movement if we did not move against them now.



CFMEU Coal Loading Conference

Bob said that whether the battle took one month, six months, one year or six years the MUA Queensland Branch was determined to fight. The CFMEU comrades responded with their full support and said they would be with us all the way.

MUA Queensland Branch Addresses CFMEU General Branch

BRANCH SECRETARY - BOB Carnegie addressed the CFMEU Construction and General Branch on Tuesday night, along with Paul Petersen – Central Queensland Branch Organiser and Damien McGarry - Relieving Official.

Bob spoke of the solidarity between the organisations and of the attacks both unions were under and also of the plight of MUA members in Hay Point.



Bob Carnegie Addresses CFMEU Meeting

CFMEU Queensland Secretary - Michael Ravbar and Jade Ingham – CFMEU Assistant Secretary spoke of the long standing ties between our unions and of the continued support of members in the battles against 'Partnerships' and the horror they are for those that tumble into them.

The Queensland Branch of the MUA thanks the CFMEU Queensland and Northern Territory Branch for the opportunity of addressing members and pleading our case for our sacked members at the BMA terminal at Hay Point.

Election Activity

THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH has established activist groups and election campaign strategy all throughout Queensland as the Branch's strong commitment to rid the LNP in our state reaches full flight. The Branch has motivated men and women on the ground in Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay and soon Gladstone to coincide with the Brisbane element of the campaign which has also been a success to date.

Branch members are conducting demonstrations in front of the offices of Warren Entsch, George Christensen, Ewen Jones and Ross Vasta among others and will do so until July 2 along with street stalling, telephoning and leafleting. Our Branch participation is amongst the highest in the movement and we are still after more people to join the fight in throwing the LNP out of Government.

The Branch also is seeking pre-poll and election day volunteers to hand out how to vote cards as this election is expected to have at least 25% of people who will vote in the pre-poll period.

Please get in touch with the Branch to get involved in the last 3 weeks of this vital election for you and your union.

J.Miners – Deputy Branch Secretary

Gladstone Update

MUA/CFMEU FEDERAL Election Campaign Meeting - Gladstone Bowls Club June 9 2016

We are only three weeks out from the federal election and it is vital for all workers of this country to PUT THE LNP LAST.

MUA Deputy National Secretary - Will Tracy, CFMEU National Secretary - Michael O'Connor and QCU General Secretary – Ros McLennan addressed the workers of Gladstone on the issue that will affect us all. Ros is a committed activist and the Secretary of the QCU but she's also a mother of two young kids and is passionately fighting to stop the LNP cuts to Medicare, to our school system, the introduction of \$100 thousand dollar degrees in our universities.



Ros McLennan Addresses Gladstone Workers

Will Tracy spoke with confidence and driven determination about stopping this government from removing Australian maritime workers from our rightful place of work. In the offshore oil and gas industry the LNP government are trying to remove Australian workers by changing visa requirements which would allow foreign workers to take those jobs at third world conditions. In the blue water shipping industry the LNP have been colluding with shipping companies to have State police and security guards physically drag MUA members down the gangway and escort \$2 an hour foreign labour up the gangway.

Micheal O'Connor was angry and is ready to fight. The LNP are hell bent on reintroducing the ABCC. This would mean the removal of all workers' rights to silence or your right to legal advice.

As an example, if you were asked what was said in a workplace meeting and chose to exercise your right to silence, the ABCC would charge you with contempt and it would mean a mandatory six months imprisonment.

Even the lowest criminal within our society have the right to silence but the LNP will remove it from all workers under the ABCC.

It's time to get involved and get angry. The LNP are about removing YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK and where possible removing you completely and replace you with foreign slave workers.

Contact your MUA office today.

All hands are required to PUT THE LNP LAST!

Paul Petersen – Central Queensland Organiser

Bowen Update

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 we held a meeting at the Bowen Grand View Hotel. Guest speakers included Queensland Branch Secretary - Bob Carnegie, MUA Member - Dale off the MV Portland, ETU Far North Queensland Organsier – Michael “Rabbit” Haire, ALP Candidate - Frank Gilbert, ALP Senator Candidate - Jane Casey, ALP Candidate - Bronwyn Taha and RTBU/QCU - Les Moffitt.

Dale opened up the meeting, telling his story of the experiences and hardship encountered by him and his comrades onboard the MV Portland for 70 days. A very sad day that will go down in history telling of the abuse of the power and policies of the LNP and Multi-National Companies towards Australian workers.

Bob followed up telling all about the attacks upon our waterfront and Trade Unions in Australia. BMA have an agenda of destroying the MUA by implementing Partnership Agreements that take away employee rights and conditions as well as employing non-union operator "Rivtow." These Agreements are a "cancer" to worker's rights and conditions and have the potential of entering other industries after they dismantle the ports in Australia of union workers.

Labour Hire is another attack on wages for workers and it has shown workers are doing the same jobs for half the pay. The Labour Movement around the world is gaining strength and as unionists must unite to fight the ongoing attacks on organised labour around the world. If we do not fight we will become non-existent as a union losing all that has been won in the last 100 years of struggle to win the conditions and rates of pay we all enjoy today.

Rabbit explained the "Not for Sale" campaign the ETU organised and how it helped get rid of the Newman Government after one term. It shows the strength we have as a collective when we are united in struggle. He asked for everyone to volunteer to help the election campaign and get rid of the LNP.

Frank Gilbert spoke about the Toxic Casualisation of the work force and the need to fight politically and industrially to rid these attacks on workers and their conditions. Frank has been involved with the QCU for 23 years and recently received an award for his commitment and efforts. We cannot allow the loss of conditions won by the Labour Movement in the last 100 years. He thanked the unions for their past and continued efforts to create, maintain and protect workers and their conditions.

We signed up 15 extra volunteers to help with the election campaign and many thanks to all that came to the meeting and to those that have committed to help the election campaign to get rid of the LNP.

Unity is Strength- Robert Phillips – Bowen/Abbott Point Port Delegate MUA

Qld Branch Members Unite and Support

SINCE MAY'S BRANCH Monthly meeting there has been intensified commitment from Queensland MUA

members in important support activity. These various actions include phone banking, letter boxing of identified marginal seats, street and shopping mall stalls, riding and informing Brisbane Ferry workers and passengers.

All are engaged throughout Queensland in critical efforts to impress upon workers and the electorate in general of the absolute needs to defeat the Turnbull Government for a better future for All AUSTRALIAN's, their individual lives, their job security and a return of the Australian "Fair Go."

This week alone has seen over 15 committed comrades engaged in phone banking, while ensuring ACTU/MUA calls to Union members are continuous, and as incredible as it is, some Unionist *did* vote for the LNP at the last state and Federal elections. Letterboxing was done on Friday in the Federal Seat of Bonner, to assist the ALP Candidate Laura Fraser Hardy. Rudd's old Federal Seat of Griffith, is among other 'need to win' seats to ensure the return of sitting ALP MP, Terri Butler.

Other identified Federal seats in Queensland Electorates are also targeted, and include support from the CFMEU, ETU, United Voice and other Union members and their organisations, in actions in a "make or break" election for workers and their families. The Queensland Branch continues to URGE MUA members to share the load and assist in this ongoing and critical Federal Election.

Cairns Rallies in Support

MUA MEMBERS FROM Cairns have risen to the challenge and been very active during this election campaign.



Great Election Activity from Cairns Members

Special mention must go out to member, Dave Lyon for organising the activity on a daily basis and to member David Rainbow for his fantastic work in painting the banners that are having a huge impact in public areas.

Veteran's Mid-Year Luncheon

ALL VETERANS ARE invited to the mid-year luncheon being held on Tuesday 14 June 2016 at the QCU Building, Level 2, 16 Peel Street, South Brisbane starting at 10.00am.

Please spread the word to all veterans so they can come and have a great meal, a few drinks and a good catch up with old comrades. Please contact the Branch if you require further information.

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