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CONSTRUCTION FORESTRY
MARITIME MINING & ENERGY UNION

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A REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM

CHRISTY CAIN



Members, Delegates and fellow trade unionists,

I wish to congratulate you all on the excellent job of getting rid of that ROTTEN Liberal Government.

We have done our job, we nullified Palmer and his shonky mates and ran a magic campaign in putting the Liberals last. We manned polling booths, worked the phones, donated and talked to our membership on the importance of electing an ALP Government.

Now it's their turn to repay the working men and women of this country. The ALP made commitments to the trade union movement, **NOW LET'S HOLD THEM TO ACCOUNT!**

We can't stop here, we need to continue campaigning for better wages and conditions and for security of jobs. **REAL JOBS & LONG TERM JOBS!** We need to fight for all working class Australians. We need to stop casualization, privatisation and automation, and not stop until the job is done!

Let's not forget about our Australian seafarers and the continuous struggle in their fight for real Australian jobs, a skilled workforce and a strategic shipping fleet made up of Australian-owned vessels crewed by Australian seafarers.

THE CODE IS GONE! WELL DONE!

Michaelia Cash's Code is gone, and bloody good riddance! Well done to all the Union's on a strong, relentless campaign on getting rid of the Construction Code. What a fantastic campaign and a great win for all! Moving on though, the abolishment of the ABCC is next and I hope to report back in the next newsletter and over the coming months that the ABCC has been defunded and overall, ABOLISHED!

"WATCH THIS SPACE, THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES".



GOOD RIDDANCE

**INFLATION IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH –
SEAFARERS BE PREPARED TO FIGHT
IN YOUR NEW EBA!**

**"YOUR STRUGGLE
IS OUR STRUGGLE!"**

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TOLL WHARFIES VICTORIA



GRADUATION DAY AT TRAINING UNIT VIC MOBILE CRANE TRAINING



SYDNEY CONSTRUCTION SITE MEMBERS

CFMMEU NATIONAL CONFERENCE MELBOURNE 23-24 NOVEMBER 2022

Planning for National Conference is well underway and the venue for this major event will be at Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne. This is a fantastic opportunity for Delegates to provide input and participate in a progressive way forward for the CFMMEU.



GET ON BOARD – WE ARE A PROGRESSIVE, ORGANISING, STRATEGIC AND RANK & FILE UNION!



MUA YOUTH CONFERENCE – MUA ROOMS, MELBOURNE 23-24 AUGUST 2022



DON'T MISS IT – THE UNION IS IN GOOD HANDS AND MORE POWER TO THEM ALL! DARE TO STRUGGLE! STRONGER UNITED TOGETHER!



Our Maritime Division will be holding a National Youth Conference at the Melbourne MUA headquarters on 23-24 August.

They will be joined with our Construction Division, along with the ETU, the CEPU, the RTBU and AMWU youth reps from around the country, seeing how the young men, women and indigenous youth conduct themselves. It is a Conference that you wouldn't want to miss.

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WA SEAFARERS RALLY



BADGERS CREEK AIRPORT



DARREN GREENFIELD AT BADGERS CREEK AIRPORT

JOBS SUMMIT – CANBERRA 1-2 SEPT 2022

The ALP Government has called a 2 day Job Summit in Canberra on 1-2 September. The ACTU has notified the union and we will be at the table, along with industry groups, other unions and employers. I am hoping that it's not just another talk fest and some real decisions from Labor comes out of this meeting, and it's not thrown off the fringe groups or committees to sort out. The talking is over, and WE and many other Unions want action! Action by way of fair legislation for all unions. One thing about the Liberals is when they got into power, they did exactly what the employers and big business wanted. They just rammed through anti-worker, anti-union legislation with NO compromises.

“SO, OUR MESSAGE TO ALL ALP POLITICIANS = AIM UP LABOR!”

THE TRADE UNIONS WILL WORK WITH YOU TO DELIVER REAL OUTCOMES FOR THE WORKING CLASS PEOPLE. IT'S OUR TIME!

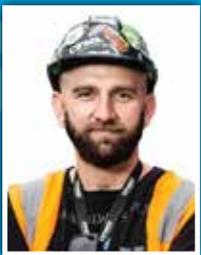
The Government has already announced a significant list of reforms in relation to industrial relations. These include:

- **Abolition of the ABCC**
- **Abolition of the ROC**
- **Making job security and object of the Act**
- **Fixing excessive casualization**
- **An Australian strategic fleet**
- **Fixing the bargaining system and getting wages moving**
- **Stopping rogue employers taking workers back to the Award**
- **Same job, same pay!**

Whilst the above matters will make a real difference, there is a lot more to be done. We need to fight to re balance the IR system and the unfair Work Act! We need to fight to deliver fairness and equality for ALL Australians. That is the ROLE of the union, so my message is here:

“JOIN THE UNION! TOGETHER WE CAN WIN!”

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT!



Brothers/Sisters, it has been a busy month getting around to the sites across the country, meeting the members, speaking at the SA Branch Construction Divisions Young Activists meeting and the ITF Delegates training for the SA Division of the MUA.

It's been fantastic to meet all those involved, to see the next generation of Construction Union leaders be so eager to come listen and want to get involved in the union after slogging it on site all day was fantastic! It shows that South Australia is an upcoming state and that the future is bright for the Union there. To meet and be invited to speak in front of the Maritime Division delegates, taking part in the ITF training, really gave me an understanding of how our union doesn't just deal with matters at home in Australia, but showed me that our cause is much greater than that.

As the ITF (International Transport Federation) is the head union of Transport workers across the world, it was brilliant to see our Seafarers learning about the global struggles that we have with these multinational companies that decide to take advantage of third world countries just to make a profit. Some of the stories of the exploitation are absolutely tragic to put it blunt, so it was really up lifting to see a room full of our MUA brothers and sisters learning the skills that will better equip them with handling those situations.

As the two Divisions become stronger over the years and we realise our full potential of our amalgamation, it will be members like these who will lead the charge, not only on the home front but also internationally!

“ONE DAY LONGER, ONE DAY STRONGER!”

In Unity, **Simo** (James Simpson)

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SA BRANCH YOUNG ACTIVISTS MEETING



ITF TRAINING MARITIME DIV DELEGATES

GALLERY



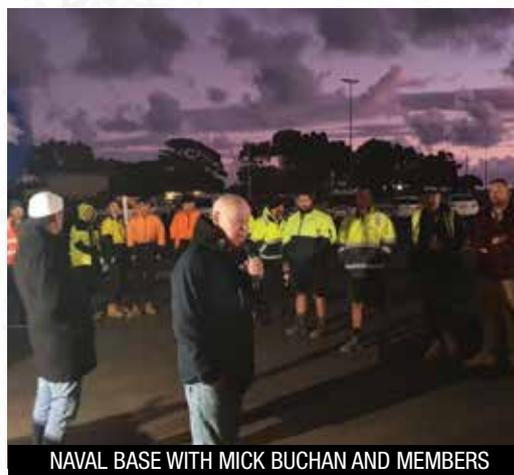
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CONSTRUCTION MEETING BRISBANE



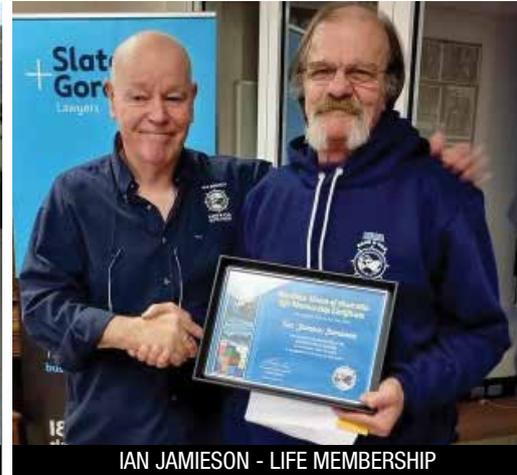
ALAN WATTAN - LIFE MEMBERSHIP



NAVAL BASE WITH MICK BUCHAN AND MEMBERS



SYDNEY CONSTRUCTION SITE MEETING



IAN JAMIESON - LIFE MEMBERSHIP

OUT AND ABOUT

Again, myself and the organisers are doing our best to get on as many jobs around the country. The reason for this is that this leadership is one that respects its membership, and will always try to give them a say in the direction of an organising, progressive, strategic, campaigning union.

I again thank the membership for the support that has been received, on the many jobs that we have visited.

"WE NEVER BACK DOWN!"

In Unity,

Christy Cain

CFMMEU - General National Secretary

BATTLES WE DON'T FIGHT, WE LEAVE FOR OUR CHILDREN!



FAMILY AT THE MAY DAY RALLY PERTH

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