



# MARITIME ALERT

Ports of Auckland dispute 10 October 2012



Meat Workers Union delegates join Maritime Union Local 13 members at Teal Park, Ports of Auckland, 5 October 2012 (photo by Dave Phillips)

## A Great Turnout

Last Friday 5th October we held the first of our planned get-togethers at Teal Park. There was a great turnout of members and supporters standing together in a show of unity and solidarity. It was a positive event and was well covered by the media. We are certainly making sure that the public know this dispute is not settled, despite our best efforts. We had a range of speakers joining me to say a few words – Darien Fenton MP, Jacinda Ardern MP, Denise Roche MP and Councillor Cathy Casey. Shane Jones MP was also present.

On your behalf I would like to thank all of those who attended to support us in our campaign for a fair collective agreement that delivers further flexibility for us to continue to help deliver a successful Port for Aucklanders while ensuring security for us and our families.

In solidarity  
Garry Parsloe  
National President

**Teal Park  
Friday 12  
October  
2-3.30pm**

**Yes it's happening again this Friday. As we head into Facilitation for 3 days on the 15th, 17th and 19th October, lets get together and show we are united. We will again have supporters from other unions and guest speakers. Family and friends are welcome to join us so come along in your blue Save our Port t-shirts. We will not have another gathering for a couple of weeks after this Friday.**

[www.saveourport.com](http://www.saveourport.com)

# “PortPro”

Portpro have ratified a collective agreement with POAL. We are not concerned about this document. Already with the expiry of our Collective Agreement POAL was able to offer terms to new employees that we different than ours.

The Facilitation process is continuing and following a visit by a Health and Safety expert we have 3 days of Facilitation set down for next week. We are confident that we will be able to enter into a Collective Agreement.

Once our Collective Agreement is settled it will need to be offered to new employees as the MUNZ Collective will cover the largest group of employees.

Those who have chosen the Portpro Collective will not be able to come on to the MUNZ Collective.

We have of course challenged the Portpro registration in the Employment Relations Authority and will keep you advised as to how that case develops.

## Maritime Union Online

[www.munz.org.nz](http://www.munz.org.nz)

[www.saveourport.com](http://www.saveourport.com)

[www.facebook.com/maritimeunion](http://www.facebook.com/maritimeunion)

[www.facebook.com/saveourport](http://www.facebook.com/saveourport)

Supporting Local 13: from left, Labour Party MPs Shane Jones, Jacinda Ardern, and Darien Fenton, Auckland City Councillor Cathy Casey and Green Party MP Denise Roche



## Casuals

We had another meeting of our Union casuals on 26 September. We have started to find ways of assisting them during the current period where they are struggling to get enough work. We will continue keeping a close eye on their situation to make sure they are not being treated unfairly.

## Waitakere Union Health

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## Union Elections

In a show of confidence Garry Parsloe, Russell Mayn and Dave Phillips were all elected unopposed as President, Secretary and Walking Delegate.

Showing we are in good heart we have a strong line up contesting the available Executive positions.

## Anti Family Violence initiative

MUNZ has agreed to work with the PSA (Public Service Association) on a union based initiative against family violence. It is based on a very successful approach taken in Australia which has been strongly supported by the MUA.

James Kirkham and Grant Williams have agreed to help promote this initiative.