

MARITIME ALERT

Ports of Auckland dispute 3 October 2012



Union Solidarity

In the last issue we talked about being part of a real union – being independent, standing together and fighting for our rights and being part of something bigger than just our workplace.

We are now going to have on selected Fridays opportunities to get together at Teal Park to show our support for each other, to be joined by supporters, receive updates and have a bit of fun.

The first of these events will be held this Friday 5th October from 2 – 4pm at Teal Park.

The timing has been set deliberately to cover the shift change so we will have speakers at both 2.15pm and again at 3.15pm.

Come along in your blue Save our Port t-shirts and show your support and hear some updates on the dispute. Family and friends are welcome to join us. There will be guest speakers, food and music.

Garry Parsloe
National President
President MUNZ Local 13

Teal Park
Friday 5
October
2-4pm

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Holding POAL to account

We are continuing with our efforts to ensure the public and our political representatives are aware that the dispute is ongoing and that it does not need to be. The costs of this dispute and the delays in settling a collective agreement are unnecessary.

As we reported in the last issue the Council Controlled Organisation – Auckland Council Investments Ltd (ACIL) who own the POAL on our behalf while saying they can't be responsible for monitoring the costs of the dispute have been shown to be working with the POAL to keep our elected representatives from asking questions.

We are meeting with Mayor Len Brown on the 3 October to brief him and to ensure that he is aware of our concerns and how there is a settlement to be had in this long standing dispute.

A settlement that provides for a fair collective agreement that protects our right to security while being flexible and achieving a good outcome for our owners – the people of Auckland.

There are also a number of Councillors who are very concerned about our dispute and who are doing their best to demand information and to push for a fair settlement.

Statements from POAL

Tony Gibson has been widely quoted via an advertisement on the back of the Suburban Newspapers as saying that he wants to settle a modern, flexible collective agreement with the Maritime Union. We are ready and willing to settle and believe what we have offered meets this criteria as well as providing us with a fair and secure collective agreement.

So we say let's get the collective agreement settled now – its been 12 months and it is time for POAL to recognise that negotiations don't mean getting everything you demand.

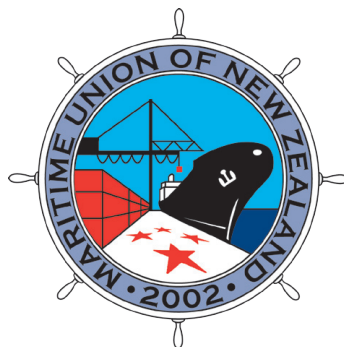
Facilitation

The Facilitation continues and this week we hope to see the issuing of a statement setting out details of where we are at in the negotiations.

You may also see a group of MUNZ and POAL people on the Port with a H&S expert who is analysing the positions being put up by the Union and POAL in Facilitation.

Yard Foreman

We are expecting a decision on this case later this week.



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