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OFFSHORE UPDATE

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Offshore Members,

This update covers off on some significant issues in your industry. Please ensure you read this at your on-board meetings or at home.

WA RESOURCES INDUSTRY WORKER (RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS) DIRECTIONS

For those interested, below is the link to the new "Resources Industry Worker Restrictions on Access Directions".

https://www.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-11/Resources_Industry_Worker_Restrictions_on_Access_Directions.pdf

Internally, our legal team has been through these Directions and it is not yet clear whether these directions apply to our offshore oil and gas seafaring membership. We are seeking further external legal advice and will be able to report further, once that advice has come through.

Notwithstanding the current lack of clarity, we believe the State Government remains keen to compel all resources workers (including our seafaring membership) to get vaccinated. Even if you may not be caught by these current directions, it is likely you will at some point in the future eventually be caught by directions requiring you to get vaccinated. To this end, we encourage you to get vaccinated.

Finally, members that have been vaccinated should pass those details onto your employer to ensure there is no interruption to your employment.

DOF PROTECTED ACTION BALLOT

Our membership at DOF is currently casting their votes to take protected action. We are calling on all DOF members to Vote and **Vote YES to all 7 questions!**

The Ballot closes next Tuesday, 9 November 2021 at midday.

We will be calling for a DOF members meeting shortly regarding the Protected Action and ask for all the DOF membership to participate in those discussions.



OFFSHORE DISPUTES

Our legal team has been absolutely hammered with various disputes and COVID related matters. Meaning that some disputes have been put on the back burner for some time.

This week, most of those disputes have been lodged and are awaiting dates to be listed by the FWC.

Many of these disputes being run hold significance to the broader Offshore industry. If successful, the outcomes of these claims may roll onto the broader Offshore Oil and Gas industry.

More to come on this.

UPCOMING AGM & SMM

This month, the Union is holding its AGMs around the country. All available members are encouraged to attend.

The **WA Branch AGM** will be held on:

Tuesday, 30th November 2021 - 9am
at EAST FREMANTLE FOOTBALL CLUB
(Moss Street, East Fremantle)

THE MARITIME UNION OF AUSTRALIA DIVISION
A Division of the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS of the
WESTERN AUSTRALIA DIVISIONAL BRANCH**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
WESTERN AUSTRALIA DIVISIONAL BRANCH**

Special Meeting of Members and Annual General Meeting to be held:
Tuesday, 30th November 2021
At 9:00am
East Fremantle Football Club
Moss Street, East Fremantle WA


A Special Meeting of Members will be held before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting to consider and if thought appropriate, endorse proposed changes to the Rules of The Maritime Union of Australia Division.

The Annual General Meeting of Members of the Division is being held to consider:

- (i) *The General Yearly Report of the Divisional National Council;*
- (ii) *The Annual Financial Statement of the Division;*
- (iii) *Motions by members notice of which have been given in writing to the Divisional National Secretary by close of business **11 November 2021***

All available members are required to attend and remain for the entirety of the meetings.



In Unity,



Will Tracey
WA DIVISIONAL BRANCH SECRETARY

Any queries should be directed to muawa@mua.org.au

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OFFSHORE MEMBERS HOOK UP

At 1pm WST (4pm EST), on December 10, 2021, the WA Branch is hosting another Offshore Meeting of the membership.

This meeting is to work through the Offshore EBA log of claims for those agreements expiring through 2022.

We will be seeking endorsement from the membership on the claims and the members will guide the Union as to which claims will be key in those rounds of negotiations.

For those members able to attend, they should attend in person at the WA branch, or members on board vessels or outside of WA can join the Zoom Meeting using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255332230?pwd=SEo3TXRJdGZGR2w3THpleWh0Mnpndz09>

Meeting ID: 852 5533 2230
Passcode: 866104

AMSA REVALIDATION EXTENSIONS

Through the last Offshore hook-up, the members requested that the Union approaches AMSA for further extensions. We did contact AMSA again regarding this and they responded by stating that various states are beginning to re-open and therefore training providers will be operating and there is no need for the extension.

We are aware of some people applying for extensions on their own and AMSA has been granting them on an individual basis. If members are having difficulty revalidating, they should get in touch with AMSA.

Members are encouraged to revalidate as soon as possible.



WA BORDER RESTRICTIONS

The MUA is continuing to lobby the state government to include seafarers as essential workers. We have written to various department and through Kyle McGinn, we have managed to get our submissions directly to the Chief Health Officer.

What's concerning is that none of the operators, manning agents or their representative including AMMA, MIAL and Co have bothered lobbying the government. We have been advised that not one peak industry body or Employer, has suggested that there is a skills shortage, and the Union is the first industry representatives to claim this.

Our submissions can be found here:

<https://www.mua.org.au/news/covid-vaccination-maritime-workers>

VESSEL FINANCIAL CHECKS

As reported at the last WA Branch Stop Work Meeting, we would provide the membership with a financial checklist for delegates to print off and complete when submitting their crew lists.

They can be found by using this link:

<https://www.mua.org.au/news/delegates-information>

Crew lists should be sent to the responsible Official.



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