

## **Summary of the Together Council meeting** **4 November 2013**

Together Council met on Monday 4 November 2013. In attendance were the President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, delegates, and observers. Council met at the Mercure Hotel, North Quay Brisbane.

The meeting was chaired by President Vivienne Doogan who acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Turrbul and Yuggera peoples.

### **IR legislation changes**

Delegates were briefed on the Newman government's latest changes to industrial relations law in Queensland. The effect of the proposed changes is to strip conditions out of awards and reduce the powers of the independent umpire, the Industrial Relations Commission, in direct violation of the Newman government's election promises.

### **Workcover**

Delegates received a briefing on changes to WorkCover legislation that adversely affect the rights of workers to claim for injuries and sickness.

### **Financial statement**

Council delegates received the financial statements of the period April-June 2013.

### **Governance and rules changes**

After discussing a number of questions relating to union governance Council delegates voted for a postal ballot of all Council members to be held in relation to proposed rules changes recommended by the Rules Committee.

### **AGM Motions and Life Memberships**

Council delegates voted to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that Len Haigh be retained as Returning Officer, that BDO be endorsed as union

Auditors for the period 2014-2015, and that Peter Cattach and Kerry Muston be granted Life Memberships of the union.

### **Council Survey**

Council delegates voted for a survey to be conducted of all members of Union Council to gain information about their views on the union's democratic structures.