

Summary of the Together Council meeting
28 February 2015

Together Council met on Saturday 28 February 2015. In attendance were the President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, delegates, and observers. Council met at the Brisbane Convention Centre, South Brisbane.

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

The Secretary spoke to the Council about the recent State Election campaign and result. The creation of the Public Sector Defence Fund was highlighted as a key strategy in building our campaign resources

The Secretary spoke in detail about the results achieved in the seats Together Council had chosen to target. The election results clearly show that the 'Number every square and put the LNP last' campaign message resulted in a much higher proportion of preference flows than in previous elections. This strategy changed the outcome in a range of seats.

The Secretary compared the pre-election pendulum with the current pendulum highlighting the significant swings in the seats targeted by Together.

The Secretary advised Council that Executive had recommended an external review of our campaign be undertaken by consultants Reveille with Mike Kaiser. The review will include what we have done well and recommendations on where we can improve.

The Secretary spoke to the whole of Council about the need to re-build our capacity for the future. In discussion of the Public Sector Defence Fund, Council delegates requested advice from the Finance and Audit Committee regarding the development of a framework to continue and expand the PSDF.

Together Council also notes that the PSDF was used to fund the Together campaign against the Newman Government, including Together's campaign during the 2015 state election to provide resources for our union to

campaign against attacks on public services and public servants in Queensland.

President Vivienne Doogan presented Eva Foster and Peter Keys with their Life Membership Awards, to the acclaim of all delegates.

Vivienne also presented Rachel Barley and Ross Uhlmann with Activist Awards.

Council delegates also discussed ASU rules and the postal ballot of Council delegates, the plan to transition the final amalgamation processes in July 2015, and the upcoming ASU Branch election.

Council delegates reviewed and passed the the financial statements for the quarters Jul-Sep 2014 and Oct-Dec 2014.

The terms of reference for the Core Arbitration Committee were amended to allow it to engage in negotiations with the government for a potential settlement.