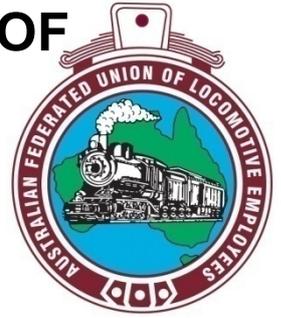


AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



Circular: 72/19

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21/06/2019

Union Fees

Dear members,

The AFULE is committed to providing the highest representation to our members and in financial year 2018/19 this has not wavered.

Over the past 12 months we have seen unprecedented attacks on our membership and our union as a whole from rail operators that have required us to invest in external law firms to ensure justice is served for our membership. Although enlisting law firms and barristers is not cheap, we must stand by our fellow members and when we are under attack we must stand up and fight back.

We have finalised the Pacific National Intermodal and BMA Hay Point Enterprise Agreements. We are in the final stages of completing the Aurizon Coal Enterprise Agreement and currently negotiating the Aurizon Bulk Enterprise Agreement. All four of these EA's have been labour intensive and costly to our union due to travel and associated costs.

We have been successful in negotiating Heads of Agreements for our Queensland Rail members and are now in the planning stages for the upcoming Queensland Rail Train Crew Agreement and this process will ramp up towards the end of 2019.

Elections for positions within our union commence in the second half of this year and with this will commence another round of delegate and official's training across the state.

The AFULE has always kept its fees in reason and like any other Union our outgoings have increased, especially in regards to auditors fees and other controls put in place by the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC).

The Divisional Council of the AFULE met and moved to increase the union fees by \$1 per week to meet ongoing costs incurred by the union. The increase in fees will come into effect as from the end of the first pay period in July 2019 and as always, will be tax deductible for our members.

I have attempted to keep the increase to a bare minimum as not to burden you financially but like running any other business or enterprise the cost of providing quality services to members has increased.

If you have any questions please contact the state office on 07 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael McKittrick', is written over a horizontal line.

Michael McKittrick
State Secretary

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