DELEGATE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

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17-19 November 2014 • ME Bank Centre, Punt Road Oval, Richmond



Chris Wellington
Broken Hill Shire Council

Nominated by: New South Wales United Services Branch

Chris Wellington is a Finance Officer with Broken Hill Shire Council and has been with the NSW United Services Branch since 2006. He recently won Delegate of the Year at the USU's biennial conference in September 2014 and is a highly dedicated and valued member of the Union. He is a traditional trade unionist who, during recent disputes and strikes in Broken Hill, was busy recruiting, picketing, and organising meetings to get a resolution to the matter.



Aaron De La Torre Qantas, Tasmania

Nominated by: Victorian & Tasmanian Authorities & Services Branch

Aaron has shown all of the desired attributes required to win this award. In addition to his full-time employment he has given up countless hours of his own time to complete his role as a delegate outside of his rostered hours of work, come in to work on his day off many times to ensure that an issue is resolved, is a member of the Branch Executive (giving up his annual leave and a whole day to attend these meetings) and attends delegates forums at the Branch offices in Hobart on a regular basis. Aaron is always looking for what's best for our members and shows an amazing amount of energy in his commitment to the Union and the union movement as a whole. The Union has never been stronger in his workplace and Aaron will go a long way in the future.



Adam MacDonald Jetstar, Coolangatta

Nominated by: Central & Southern Queensland Clerical & Administrative Branch

Adam MacDonald is the recipient of the C&SQ C&A Branch 2013 Bernie Banton AM Delegate of the Year Award. Adam has been one of the senior Jetstar Coolangatta Delegates since 2011. During that time the membership has increased significantly, a number of local issues have been resolved and Adam has participated in a range of Union functions. Adam has been and continues to coordinate and participate in local organising events to assist members to work towards a stronger union workplace.



Rebecca Bull Target Head Office

Nominated by: Victorian Private Sector Branch

Rebecca (Bek) has been an ASU Delegate at Target Head Office for the past 6 years. Until recently her mother Robyn was also a long serving ASU Delegate. It has not been an easy time over the past few years at Target with hostile management refusing to bargain collectively with the ASU and its members. Bek has shown great leadership in trying circumstances over this period.

When Target made 260 staff redundant in 2013 Bek was a source of great strength to her fellow members. It was a terrible time at Target but Rebecca was a tower of strength.



Penny Carr
Tenants' Union of Queensland

Nominated by: Queensland (Services & Northern Administrative) Branch

Penny has been a member of the Services Union since 1993 and has been actively engaged in campaigning for the industrial and working rights of members in the social and community services sector. Her selfless commitment to union values has been demonstrated consistently by her active involvement in our Union, as Branch Councillor since August 1999, a SACS IDC member since November 2000, and SACS VP and Executive member since September 2010.

As the Coordinator at the Tenants' Union of Queensland, Penny has facilitated collective agreements and worked tirelessly to ensure staff are being paid the Queensland Pay Equity rates. She sets an example in her workplace advocating union values and supporting Union Delegates.



Keith BoaseCity of Kalgoorlie Boulder

Nominated by: Western Australian Branch

Keith works at the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder as the Manager/Coordinator of Waste Management Services. He has been a member since 2001 and became a Delegate in December 2013.

In his short time as a Delegate, Keith has worked alongside our Industrial Organiser to grow the membership as well as identifying and developing new Delegates to create what has become an effective Delegate network.

Keith makes himself available to provide advice and information to support members and resolve issues. This has included extensive work with members outside of his working hours. In the short time he has been in this role, Keith has proven to be a Delegate of the highest calibre.