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1 – First Award for Auxiliary Firefighters!

As we reported in the last update, your union has lodged an application for the making of the first Award for Auxiliary Firefighters.

We can inform you now of some progress.

The application was lodged with the QIRC in September 2012 and a preliminary hearing has been held.

Your union met with QFRS about the content and progress of the Award and this month there is a report back hearing at QIRC.

2. – Request for interim improvements to the Standing Order.

In December, your union again wrote to QFRS requesting some interim improvements to the Standing Order covering your employment whilst the first Award case is progressing through the QIRC.

3 - Charter for Auxiliary and Permanent Firefighters.

As you may have seen in the recent Code 2 sent to all UFUQ members, (Volume 26 Number 77), QFRS have refused to consider signing a Charter similar to that which they signed covering Rural Firefighters.



If you are not a UFUQ member, JOIN NOW! Visit our Website and click on the JOIN Tab OR call the Union office directly on 1800 816 589 Your union holds serious concerns over the outright refusal to consider a Charter being developed and signed.

We will be in touch with you again soon about getting Auxiliaries active in speaking to their members of parliament and our minister (Jack Dempsey) about this topic.

4. – Auxiliary training night visits in 2013.

Commencing as early as next week and continuing right through next year and beyond, UFUQ State Office officials will commence a schedule of visiting Auxiliary Stations (usually on your training nights).

We hope to meet with as many current members as possible and also encourage those Auxiliaries who are yet to join UFUQ to come along for the meetings. We will be answering questions and providing updates on the topics mentioned in this update as well as other matters that affect Auxiliary Firefighters. We hope the meetings will be relaxed and informative.

We are looking forward to meeting you and speaking to you soon.

A schedule for the New Year will be provided in early January.

5. – Auxiliary contacts.

As always, we (Alison & Jason) are your first point of call for any matter you think your union can assist you with.

But also, if you have questions about your employment or other industrial matters, you can contact Anthony Cooke (Industrial Officer) at the State Office on 0738440366 or at anthonycooke@ufuq.com.au as Anthony is available to assist Auxiliaries who are members requiring assistance, and also anyone interested in becoming a member of UFUQ.





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