

KNIFE & STEEL

AMIC Working for You

Fair Work Act 2009 and Meat Industry Award 2010

In December AMIC sent all members information packs following significant work carried out by AMIC.

The Fair Work Act 2009 applied to all companies (Pty Ltds) since 1 July 2009 and as of 1 January 2010, also applied to Sole Traders and Partnerships. This means that the National Employment Standards now apply to all employers in the state.

The Meat Industry Award 2010, which AMIC spent much time negotiating for members' benefit, applied from 1 January 2010 to all business entities - Pty Ltds, Sole Traders and Partnerships alike. However, there are differing Wage Rates and Phase-In arrangements between Pty Ltds and Sole Traders/Partnerships and relevant material has been sent out to members.

Many Members have since contacted us for advice and we strongly recommend that all members contact us to ensure they fully understand and correctly implement the various requirements.



Queensland Reigns Supreme at National Sausage King

Congratulations Queensland for taking out three wins and one second placing in the 2010 National Sausage King Final! Having Queensland win half of the categories made it even sweeter, although we were not surprised! Thank you to all six of our finalists for taking part and showing the rest of the nation the quality sausages that our state produces. No other state won as many categories, although WA had the overall total of five placings (which included two wins).

Our Queensland winners and placetters are:

- 1st Place Traditional Australian - Daryl & Lyn Bein, Miles Wholesale Meats, Miles
- 1st Place Traditional Australian Pork - Joe Mills, Redland Bay Quality Meats, Redland Bay
- 1st Place Poultry - Norm Milner, Norm Milner Butchers, Rockhampton
- 2nd Place Continental - Clint Nelson, Nelson Family Meats, Jandowae

All of our contenders agreed that meeting fellow butchers from all over the country was a wonderful experience. Just getting to the National finals is a fantastic feat in itself and to win at any level really puts you at the top in recognition of your skills and experience as an Independent Local Butcher and professional sausage maker. **Queensland's success proves that our ILBs make some of the best sausages in the country.**



State finalists l to r Rob Ashton of Ashton's Butchery, Clint Nelson of Nelson's Family Meats, Norm Milner of Norm Milner Butchers, Joe Mills of Redland Bay Quality Meats, Mark Nolan of Gray's Modern Meat Mart and Daryl Bien of Miles Wholesale Meats.

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The 2010 National Sausage King



L to r: Roger Bond of MLA presenting 1st place in Traditional Australian to Daryl and Lyn Bien of Miles Wholesale Meats in Miles



L to r: Mark Hardy of APL congratulating 1st place winners Bev and Joe Mills of Redland Bay Quality Meats in Redland Bay



L to r: AMIC's Kevin Cottrill presenting 1st place in Poultry to Norm Milner of Norm Milner's Butchers in Rockhampton



Royston Bennet (l) and Melinda Gibson of AMIST Super present Clint Nelson of Nelson's Family Meats in Jandowae 2nd place in the Continental category



Rhonda and Rob Ashton



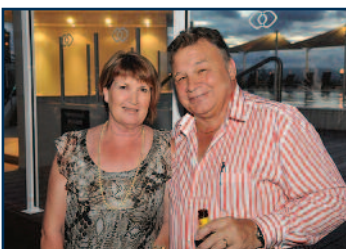
Bev and Joe Mills enjoying the cocktail party



Lyn Bien, Trent Bien with John and Lynette Yeo



Norm and Joan Milner



Queensland Retail Councillor Bob Retallick and wife Glenda



Queensland Retail Councillors Trevor Saville and John Yeo enjoying the cocktail hour.



Bob Retallick, Vicki Saville, Paige Saville and Rob Ashton



Sausage King Daryl Bien jokes with AMIC's Gail Butler

Member Services Manager Report

By Gail Butler

Kudos to our Queensland Sausage Kings who scored big at the 2010 National Competition! Not only did we, as the host state, put on a great show, but we managed to scoop *three* firsts and a second place! Queensland rules!

The regional heats for the Queensland Sausage King and AMIC Butchers Choice have been set and entry forms are enclosed with this newsletter.

AMIC conducts these events to showcase you, our Independent Local Butchers and the special products available to

your consumers. In 2009 the media coverage we enjoyed throughout towns and regional centres was amazing and produced sales increases of over 20% on sausages and many other products.

Difficulties may arise in the interpretation of the new Meat Industry Award that came into effect 1st January.

The Queensland office is able to answer your questions and offer advice and assistance. Members who have not received a free copy of the Meat Industry Award please phone Georgia McNally on 07 352 4600 and one will be mailed to you.

Welcome to New Members

- PE & RM Cleall, Mareeba
- Palmdale Quality Meats, Jason White, Capalaba
- Peachester Gold, Robert Barry, Beerwah
- Burdekin River Beef, Theresa Curr, Ravenswood
- Mooloolah Meats, Dean Andrew & Shona Hume Mooloolo
- Spice Emporium P/L, Mohammed Nabaa, Holland Park
- Purple Cow Butchery, Steven & Mary Gordon, Chinchilla
- Maranoa Meats P/L, Paul Arnall, St George
- Warrego Butchery & Grazing, Paul McCarthy, Cunnamulla
- DJ Meats, Aaron Dawson, Woodridge
- Warburton Discount Butchers, Tony Warburton, Carseldine
- Caboolture Park Meats, Robert Johnson, Caboolture
- Wandoan Butchery, Gayle Sharpe, Wandoan
- Meramist P/L, Mike Eathorne, Caboolture
- Yarrill Meat Processors, Nicholas Gillice, Stanthorpe
- Mr Snag P/L, Adam Purcell, Virginia



Welcome to Samantha McGrath

AMIC is pleased to welcome Samantha McGrath, who joined us on January 27th as the new Members Services Officer for the Queensland office. Sam has experience in marketing, communications and sales in the retail industry. She worked for Woolworths for 15 years and in merchandising at Gillette. She has also been a small business owner, importing motorcross apparel from various countries and supplying across Australia. Sam is a busy mother with two children. She looks forward to working for the Australian Meat Industry Council and meeting the Queensland members over the next year.

BANGERS, BOWLS & BANTER



Sausage King & AMIC Butchers Choice Competitions

REGION	DATE	TIME	VENUE
North and South Brisbane	Sunday 28th February 2010	10am	The Boo Bowls Club 126 Breakfast Creek Rd, Newstead
Outback	Sunday 7th March 2010	10am	Glengallan Homestead New England Highway, Warwick
Gold Coast and Hinterland	Sunday 14th March 2010	10am	Mermaid Beach Bowls Club 9 Makeri Street, Mermaid Beach
Sunshine Coast & Burnett	Sunday 28th March 2010	10am	Coolum Beach Bowls Club Elizabeth Street, Coolum Beach
Capricorn	Sunday 18th April 2010	10am	Bargara Bowls & Sports Club Cnr Whalley & Tanner Street, Bargara
Tropical	Sunday 16th May 2010	10am	South Townsville Bowls Club 2 Bell Street, South Townsville

We have arranged Sunday events so that families can participate. See you there! – Gail Butler, Member Services Manager

Members in the News

Miles excellence



Champion, David Robertson James O'Connell, Javier Espinosa Laura Santoni, Senior Deputy Miles Murray

A MEATY REWARD



It's a 200g award of merit for the best sausage in the world. So why are members prepared to give up a slice of their sausage? Well, it's not the sausage itself, it's the cash prize that comes with it.

BY THE WAY...

There was a... (text continues)

Sausage kings to battle it out



It's the sausage king of the world... (text continues)

Norms hot stuff in sausage world

It's the sausage king of the world... (text continues)

Sausage King found at last



On a sunny summer afternoon in Queensland, four young men became heroes when they returned a battered and broken Sausage King to its home.

Sizzling sausages



Snag crown hopefuls set for a grilling... (text continues)

Aussies feed family meat



The group of mates was walking a dog near the... (text continues)

Calendar

24-25 March
2010 MINTRAC National Training Conference
Mercury Hotel, Brisbane

8-13 May
IFFA International Trade Fair
Frankfurt, Germany
Contact MINTRAC for competition details

31 May
Branded Lamb Competition
Royal Queensland Food & Wine Show

1 June
Branded Beef Competition
Royal Queensland Food & Wine Show

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