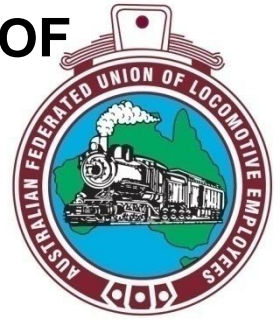


AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Acting State Secretary

Dear members,

On the 26th of July 2018 after 18 years of dedicated service in the role, AFULE State Secretary Greg Smith tendered his resignation to our President and informed our membership of his decision not to contest the upcoming election with a view to transitioning to retirement.

I personally wish to thank Greg, his leadership and knowledge shown to all traincrew and to myself personally over the years has been invaluable. His retirement will leave a large hole in the union landscape as a whole in Queensland and especially within the traincrew ranks.

I would like to introduce myself as the Acting State Secretary of our proud union, the Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Employees, for those that have not met me as yet.

I come from a long family of railway workers and unionists commencing with my Grandfather and onto my Father who completed 44 years of service with Queensland Rail. Like many railway families I have had uncles, aunts and siblings all within the railway and at some point, both and my uncle and my brother spent time behind the throttle and were AFULE members.

I commenced my official railway career in the year 2000 before gaining a trainee locomotive driver position commencing at Jilalan depot in March 2008. I thoroughly enjoyed my time behind the controls but solidarity and unionism is always where I thought I had found my calling.

In January 2016 I resigned from Aurizon and took on a full time position within the AFULE as an Organiser. Over the past 2.5 years I have travelled the state extensively and met as many members as possible to ascertain what issues we are facing on the ground.

There are many more challenges ahead which as a union I am sure we will combat. I look forward to seeing you all soon and working collectively with our members to continue improving our workplaces and conditions

In the coming weeks and months Greg and I will be once again hitting the depots across the state to speak with members and find what is working in the depots and what needs to be worked on.

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

In Solidarity,

Michael McKittrick
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