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Update on RPL Upgrade BSZ – TAA to TAE

I wish to inform members that are undertaking the RPL process from the BSZ-TAA to TAE that the UFU is waiting for the final position of the QFRS. They have agreed that changes need to occur and that they are doing everything they can to organise a better solution to this issue. I will provide further advice when it comes to hand via “Code 2”.

Auxiliary Agreement Consultation Tour - Update

Our new Auxiliary South Delegate Jason Hall will be visiting Auxiliary station's starting in March to discuss any issues that are concerning you. Jason will also be discussing the Auxiliary agreement. I urge as many Auxiliary Firefighters as possible to attend so that you are up to date with all the current auxiliary information.

We have set up an email address for auxiliaries so if there are any certain issues you would like discussed please email them to auxiliary@ufuq.com.au

Roma Fire Station including Wallumbilla
Taroom/Wandoan
Surat

12th March 2012

13th March 2012

14th March 2012

South West, South East and North Coast areas will follow on from these dates and another Code 2 will be sent out advising the dates and stations where the visits will occur.

Auxiliaries that are unable to make it to their stations on these nights are welcome to come to the meetings at the other stations mentioned above.

REMINDER - LOCAL BRANCH ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) has announced the dates for the elections for each of the local Branches of the *United Firefighters' Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland*.

Positions to be filled for local branches are President, Secretary, Officer Executive Representative and Firefighter Executive Representative within Cairns, Tablelands, Townsville, Mt Isa, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Toowoomba, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Beenleigh, Ipswich and Gold Coast.

Nominations opened at midday on **Friday 10th February 2012**, and will close at midday on **Monday 12th March 2012**.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF QUEENSLAND, NOT THE UNION, AND NOTE THE OPENING AND CLOSING DATES CAREFULLY.

The Notice of Election and a nomination form is available from the Union web site www.ufug.com.au or by contacting the Union office on 3844-0366.

Once again, I encourage all members to give consideration to nominating and having an input at your Branch level into the running of the Union.

Autumn Journal Articles

The Autumn edition of the Queensland Firefighter is due out in April/May 2012.

All articles are to be sent to the below email address by the 20th March 2012.

Photographs accompanying the articles are also appreciated.

Articles of interest:

- Articles highlighting the importance of your work.
- Histories of firefighting developments in your region.
- Retelling of events or firefighting incidents.
- Experiences of recruit firefighters.
- Reflections of a senior or experienced firefighter.

We hope that you enjoyed the Summer Journal that was sent out over the Christmas break.

Please email in your contributions to ufu@ufug.com.au or contact the Union Office on 3844 0366 to assist with your entries.

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