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RACECOURSE AND SHOWGROUND EMPLOYEES AWARD - BRISBANE 2003

Pursuant to s. 698 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* the Racecourse and Showground Employees Award - Brisbane 2003 with all amendments as at 10 December 2009, is hereby reprinted.

I hereby certify that the Award contained herein is a true and correct copy of the Racecourse and Showground Employees Award - Brisbane 2003 as at 10 December 2009.

Dated 10 December 2009.

G.D. Savill
Industrial Registrar

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This Award takes effect from 2 June 2003.

1.4 Coverage

This Award shall apply to employees of the Queensland Turf Club, the Brisbane Amateur Turf Club, the Ipswich Amateur Turf Club, Tattersalls Racing Club, the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, and the Trustees of the Brisbane Cricket Ground, at Woolloongabba, provided such employees are engaged in any of the callings mentioned in clause 5.1.

1.5 Definitions

1.5.1 The "Act" means the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended or replaced from time to time.

1.5.2 "Commission" means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

1.5.3 "Concrete worker" means an employee engaged in making concrete or conveying material to the concrete board or concrete mixer or removing the finished product or placing or tamping in position and shall include a concrete road maker.

1.5.4 "Union" means The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland.

1.6 Parties bound

This Award is legally binding upon the employees as prescribed by clause 1.4 and their employers, and the Union and its members.

PART 2 - FLEXIBILITY

2.1 Enterprise flexibility

- 2.1.1 As part of a process of improvement in productivity and efficiency, discussion should take place at each enterprise to provide more flexible working arrangements, improvement in the quality of working life, enhancement of skills, training and job satisfaction and to encourage consultative mechanisms across the workplace.
- 2.1.2 The consultative processes established in an enterprise in accordance with clause 2.1 may provide an appropriate mechanism for consideration of matters relevant to clause 2.1.1. Union delegates at the place of work may be involved in such discussions.
- 2.1.3 Any proposed genuine agreement reached between an employer and employee/s in an enterprise is contingent upon the agreement being submitted to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Act and is to have no force or effect until approval is given.

PART 3 - COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

3.1 Consultative mechanisms and procedures in the workplace

- 3.1.1 The development of effective ongoing participating/consultative practices is important in the process of Award Restructuring and can lead to advantages for both the employer and employees. It is therefore desirable that participative/consultative mechanisms established at local level be continued.
- 3.1.2 Consultative mechanisms/practices shall be implemented where agreement exists between employer and employees.
- 3.1.3 The form, structure and method of implementing consultative mechanism/practices shall be as determined at the local level through negotiations between the employer, employees and the Union consistent with agreed consultative models, provided however, that the Union shall be represented in the consultative process by a duly elected job representative.
- 3.1.4 The Union agrees that at the local level where agreed consultative mechanisms/practices are in place to allow through the consultative process the application of designated Award conditions in a more flexible manner. The Union shall be party to any agreement where the employees genuinely agree.
- 3.1.5 The process of consultative practices is a mechanism through which employees can be involved in and positively contribute towards management's decision making process. All decisions are encouraged to be reached through consultative mechanisms/practices, however, managerial prerogative is acknowledged.

3.2 Grievance and dispute settling procedure

The matters to be dealt with in this procedure shall include all grievances or disputes between an employee and an employer in respect to any industrial matter and all other matters that the parties agree on and are specified herein. Such procedures shall apply to a single employee or to any number of employees.

- 3.2.1 In the event of an employee having a grievance or dispute the employee shall in the first instance attempt to resolve the matter with the immediate supervisor, who shall respond to such request as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances. Where the dispute concerns alleged actions of the immediate supervisor the employee/s may bypass this level in the procedure.
- 3.2.2 If the grievance or dispute is not resolved under clause 3.2.1, the employee or the employee's representative may refer the matter to the next higher level of management for discussion. Such discussion should, if possible, take place within 24 hours after the request by the employee or the employee's representative.
- 3.2.3 If the grievance involves allegations of unlawful discrimination by a supervisor the employee may commence the grievance resolution process by reporting the allegations to the next level of management beyond that of the supervisor concerned. If there is no level of management beyond that involved in the allegation the employee may proceed directly to the process outlined at clause 3.2.5.
- 3.2.4 If the grievance or dispute is still unresolved after discussions mentioned in clause 3.2.2, the matter shall, in the case of a member of the Union, be reported to the relevant officer of that Union and the senior management of

the employer or the employer's nominated industrial representative. An employee who is not a member of the Union may report the grievance or dispute to senior management or the nominated industrial representative. This should occur as soon as it is evident that discussions under clause 3.2.2 will not result in resolution of the dispute.

- 3.2.5 If, after discussion between the parties, or their nominees mentioned in clause 3.2.4, the dispute remains unresolved after the parties have genuinely attempted to achieve a settlement thereof, then notification of the existence of the dispute is to be given to the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 3.2.6 Whilst all of the above procedure is being followed, normal work shall continue except in the case of a genuine safety issue.
- 3.2.7 The *status quo* existing before the emergence of the grievance or dispute is to continue whilst the above procedure is being followed.
- 3.2.8 All parties to the dispute shall give due consideration to matters raised or any suggestion or recommendation made by the Commission with a view to the prompt settlement of the dispute.
- 3.2.9 Any Order or Decision of the Commission (subject to the parties' right of appeal under the Act) will be final and binding on all parties to the dispute.
- 3.2.10 Discussions at any stage of the procedure shall not be unreasonably delayed by any party, subject to acceptance that some matters may be of such complexity or importance that it may take a reasonable period of time for the appropriate response to be made. If genuine discussions are unreasonably delayed or hindered, it shall be open to any party to give notification of the dispute in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

PART 4 - EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Employment categories

- 4.1.1 Employees covered by this Award shall be advised in writing of their employment category upon appointment.

Employment categories are:

- (a) full-time;
- (b) casual (as prescribed in clause 4.3).

4.2 Full-time employment

Full-time employees shall receive priority of opportunity for work required to be done on Saturday afternoon or on public holidays.

4.3 Casual employment

- 4.3.1 A casual employee is an employee who is employed for less than 24 hours in any one week.
- 4.3.2 Casual employees on General Maintenance work shall be paid 23% in addition to prescribed rates.

4.4 Mixed functions

When any employee on any one day performs 2 or more classes of work for which a differential rate is fixed by this Award, they shall be paid in respect of the whole time during which they work on that day at the highest rate fixed by this Award in respect of any such classes of work

4.5 Incidental or peripheral tasks

- 4.5.1 The employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties as are reasonably within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training consistent with the classification structure of this Award provided that such duties are not designed to promote deskilling.
- 4.5.2 The employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties and use such tools and equipment as may be required, provided that the employee has been properly trained in the use of such tools and equipment.
- 4.5.3 Any direction issued by the employer pursuant to clauses 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 shall be consistent with the employer's responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy working environment.

4.6 Anti-discrimination

4.6.1 It is the intention of the parties to this Award to prevent and eliminate discrimination as defined by the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* and the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended from time to time, which includes:

- (a) discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, family responsibilities, pregnancy, parental status, age, race, impairment, religion, political belief or activity, trade union activity, lawful sexual activity and association with, or relation to, a person identified on the basis of the above attributes;
- (b) sexual harassment; and
- (c) racial and religious vilification.

4.6.2 Accordingly, in fulfilling their obligations under the grievance and disputes settling procedure in clause 3.2, the parties to this Award must take reasonable steps to ensure that neither the Award provisions nor their operation are directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects.

4.6.3 Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.

4.6.4 Nothing in clause 4.6 is to be taken to affect:

- (a) any different treatment (or treatment having different outcomes) which is specifically exempted under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*; or
- (b) an employee, employer or registered organisation, pursuing matters of discrimination, including by application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission/Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.

4.7 Termination of employment

4.7.1 *Statement of employment*

An employer shall, in the event of termination of employment, provide upon request to the employee who has been terminated a written statement specifying the period of employment and the classification or type of work performed by the employee.

4.7.2 *Termination by employer*

- (a) An employer may dismiss an employee only if the employee has been given the following notice:

| Period of Continuous Service | Period of Notice |
|---|------------------|
| Not more than 1 year | 1 week |
| More than 1 year but not more than 3 years | 2 weeks |
| More than 3 years but not more than 5 years | 3 weeks |
| More than 5 years | 4 weeks |

- (b) In addition to the notice in (a) above, employees 45 years old or over and who have completed at least 2 years' continuous service with the employer shall be entitled to an additional week's notice.

- (c) Payment in lieu of notice shall be made if the appropriate notice is not given:

Provided that employment may be terminated by part of the period of notice specified and part payment in lieu thereof.

- (d) In calculating any payment in lieu of notice the minimum compensation payable to an employee will be at least the total of the amounts the employer would have been liable to pay the employee if the employee's employment had continued until the end of the required notice period. The total must be worked out on the basis of:

- (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
- (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example allowances, loadings and penalties; and
- (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

- (e) The period of notice in this clause shall not apply in the case of dismissal for misconduct or other grounds that justify instant dismissal, or in the case of a casual employee, or an employee engaged by the hour or day, or an employee engaged for a specific period or tasks.

4.7.3 *Notice of termination by employee*

The notice of termination required to be given by an employee shall be one week's notice or forfeiture of a week's pay in lieu thereof.

4.7.4 *Time off during notice period*

During the period of notice of termination given by the employer, an employee shall be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay for the purpose of seeking other employment. This time off shall be taken at times that are convenient to the employee after consultation with the employer.

4.8 Introduction of changes

4.8.1 *Employer's duty to notify*

- (a) Where an employer decides to introduce changes in production, program, organisation, structure or technology, that are likely to have significant effects on employees, the employer shall notify the employees who may be affected by the proposed changes and, where relevant, their Union or Unions.
- (b) 'Significant effects' includes termination of employment, major changes in the composition, operation or size of the employer's workforce or in the skills required; the elimination or diminution of job opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work; the need for retraining or transfer of employees to other work or locations and the restructuring of jobs:

Provided that where the Award makes provision for alteration of any of the matters referred to herein an alteration shall be deemed not to have significant effect.

4.8.2 *Employer's duty to consult over change*

- (a) The employer shall consult the employees affected and, where relevant, their Union or Unions about the introduction of the changes, the effects the changes are likely to have on employees (including the number and categories of employees likely to be dismissed, and the time when, or the period over which, the employer intends to carry out the dismissals), and the ways to avoid or minimise the effects of the changes (e.g. by finding alternative employment).
- (b) The consultation must occur as soon as practicable after making the decision referred to in clause 4.8.1.
- (c) For the purpose of such consultation the employer shall provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their union or unions, all relevant information about the changes including the nature of the changes proposed, the expected effects of the changes on employees, and any other matters likely to affect employees, provided that any employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

4.9 Redundancy

4.9.1 *Consultation before terminations*

- (a) Where an employer decides that the employer no longer wishes the job the employee has been doing to be done by anyone, and this is not due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour, and that decision may lead to termination of employment, the employer shall consult the employee directly affected and where relevant, their Union or Unions.
- (b) The consultation shall take place as soon as it is practicable after the employer has made a decision, which will invoke the provisions of clause 4.9.1(a) and shall cover the reasons for the proposed terminations, measures to avoid or minimise the terminations and/or their adverse effects on the employees concerned.
- (c) For the purpose of the consultation the employer shall, as soon as practicable, provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their Union or Unions, all relevant information about the proposed terminations including the reasons for the proposed terminations, the number and categories of employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are likely to be carried out:

Provided that any employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

4.9.2 *Transfer to lower paid duties*

- (a) Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties for reasons set out in clause 4.9.1 the employee shall be entitled to the same period of notice of transfer as the employee would have been entitled to if the employee's employment had been terminated under clause 4.7.
- (b) The employer may, at the employer's option, make payment in lieu thereof of an amount equal to the difference between the former amounts the employer would have been liable to pay and the new lower amount the employer is liable to pay the employee for the number of weeks of notice still owing.
- (c) The amounts must be worked out on the basis of:
 - (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
 - (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example, allowances, loadings and penalties; and
 - (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

4.9.3 *Transmission of business*

- (a) Where a business is, whether before or after the date of insertion of this clause in the Award transmitted from an employer (transmittor) to another employer (transmittee), and an employee who at the time of such transmission was an employee of the transmittor of the business, becomes an employee of the transmittee:
 - (i) the continuity of the employment of the employee shall be deemed not to have been broken by reason of such transmission; and
 - (ii) the period of employment which the employee has had with the transmittor or any prior transmittor shall be deemed to be service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) In clause 4.9.3, 'business' includes trade, process, business or occupation and includes a part or subsidiary (which means a corporation that would be taken to be a subsidiary under the Corporations Law, whether or not the Corporations Law applies in the particular case) of any such business and 'transmission' includes transfer, conveyance, assignment or succession whether by agreement or by operation of law and 'transmitted' has a corresponding meaning.

4.9.4 *Time off during notice period*

- (a) Where a decision has been made to terminate an employee in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.9.1, the employee shall be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay during each week of notice for the purpose of seeking other employment.
- (b) If the employee has been allowed paid leave for more than one day during the notice period for the purpose of seeking other employment, the employee shall, at the request of the employer, be required to produce proof of attendance at an interview or the employee shall not receive payment for the time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration will be sufficient.

4.9.5 *Notice to Centrelink*

Where a decision has been made to terminate employees in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.9.1, the employer shall notify Centrelink as soon as possible giving all relevant information about the proposed terminations, including a written statement of the reasons for the terminations, the number and categories of the employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are intended to be carried out.

4.9.6 *Severance pay*

- (a) In addition to the period of notice prescribed for ordinary termination in clause 4.7.2(a), and subject to further order of the Commission, an employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.9.1(a), shall be entitled to the following amounts of severance pay:

| Period of Continuous Service | Severance Pay (weeks' pay) |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Less than 1 year | nil |
| 1 year but not more than 2 years | 4 |
| More than 2 years but not more than 3 years | 6 |
| More than 3 years but not more than 4 years | 7 |

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|---|----|
| More than 4 years but not more than 5 years | 8 |
| More than 5 years but not more than 6 years | 9 |
| More than 6 years but not more than 7 years | 10 |
| More than 7 years but not more than 8 years | 11 |
| More than 8 years but not more than 9 years | 12 |
| More than 9 years but not more than 10 years | 13 |
| More than 10 years but not more than 11 years | 14 |
| More than 11 years but not more than 12 years | 15 |
| More than 12 years | 16 |

(b) 'Weeks' Pay' means the ordinary time rate of pay for the employee concerned:

Provided that the following amounts are excluded from the calculation of the ordinary time rate of pay: overtime, penalty rates, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and any other ancillary payments.

4.9.7 *Superannuation benefits*

An employer may make an application to the Commission for relief from the obligation to make severance payments in circumstances where:

- (a) the employer has contributed to a superannuation scheme which provides a particular benefit to an employee in a redundancy situation; and
- (b) the particular benefit to the employee is over and above any benefit the employee might obtain from any legislative scheme providing for superannuation benefits (currently the federal Superannuation Guarantee levy) or an award based superannuation scheme.

4.9.8 *Employee leaving during notice*

An employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.9.1(a), may terminate such employment during the period of notice, and, if so, shall be entitled to the same benefits and payments under this clause had such employee remained with the employer until the expiry of such notice:

Provided that in such circumstances the employee shall not be entitled to payment in lieu of notice.

4.9.9 *Alternative employment*

An employer, in a particular case, may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended if the employer obtains acceptable alternative employment for an employee.

4.9.10 *Employees with less than one year's service*

Clause 4.9 shall not apply to employees with less than one year's continuous service and the general obligation on employers should be no more than to give relevant employees an indication of the impending redundancy at the first reasonable opportunity, and to take such steps as may be reasonable to facilitate the obtaining by the employees of suitable alternative employment.

4.9.11 *Employees exempted*

Clause 4.9 shall not apply:

- (a) where employment is terminated as a consequence of misconduct on the part of the employee; or
- (b) to employees engaged for a specific period or task(s); or
- (c) to casual employees.

4.9.12 *Employers exempted*

- (a) Subject to an order of the Commission, in a particular redundancy case, clause 4.9 shall not apply to an employer including a company or companies that employ employees working a total of fewer than 550 hours on average per week, excluding overtime, Monday to Sunday. The 550 hours shall be averaged over the previous 12 months.
- (b) A 'company' shall be defined as:
 - (i) a company and the entities it controls; or

- (ii) a company and its related company or related companies; or
- (iii) a company where the company or companies has a common Director or common Directors or a common shareholder or common shareholders with another company or companies.

4.9.13 Exemption where transmission of business

- (a) The provisions of clause 4.9.6 are not applicable where a business is before or after the date of the insertion of this clause into the Award, transmitted from an employer (transmittor) to another employer (transmittee), in any of the following circumstances:
 - (i) where the employee accepts employment with the transmittee which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor, and any prior transmittor, to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee; or
 - (ii) where the employee rejects an offer of employment with the transmittee:
 - (A) in which the terms and conditions are substantially similar and no less favourable, considered on an overall basis, than the terms and conditions applicable to the employee at the time of ceasing employment with the transmittor; and
 - (B) which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor and any prior transmittor to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) The Commission may amend clause 4.9.13(a)(ii) if it is satisfied that it would operate unfairly in a particular case, or in the instance of contrived arrangements.

4.9.14 Incapacity to pay

An employer in a particular redundancy case may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended on the basis of the employer's incapacity to pay.

4.10 Continuity of service - transfer of calling

In cases where a transfer of calling occurs, continuity of service should be determined in accordance with sections 67-71 of the Act, as amended from time to time.

PART 5 - WAGES AND WAGE RELATED MATTERS

5.1 Wage rates

Subject to clause 5.1 the minimum rates of wages payable to the following classes of employees shall be:

| Classification | Award Rate Per Week \$ |
|---|---------------------------|
| Gardeners engaged in budding, grafting and propagating Assistant Gardeners | 595.80 578.40 |
| Concrete workers bitumen, tar or asphalt workers | 590.20 |
| Labourers | 568.40 Per Hour \$ |
| Supervisors who shall be provided with a minimum of 5 hours' work | 16.086 |
| Gatepersons, ticket takers, and turnstile attendants, who have no money transactions with the public, and who shall be provided with a minimum of 5 hours' work | 15.9695 |
| General Attendants (including cloakroom and toilet attendants), patrolpersons, and fence-persons who shall be provided with a minimum of 5 hours' work | 15.9145 |
| Changepersons, ticket sellers and turnstile attendants having money transactions with the public, who shall be provided with a minimum of 5 hours' work | 16.0715 |

The provisions of clauses 6.1 and 7.1 shall not apply to gatepersons, ticket takers, ticket sellers and turnstile attendants.

NOTE: The rates of pay in this Award are intended to include the arbitrated wage adjustment payable under the 1 September 2009 Declaration of General Ruling and earlier Safety Net Adjustments and arbitrated wage adjustments. This arbitrated wage adjustment may be offset against any equivalent amount in rates of pay received by employees whose wages and conditions of employment are regulated by this Award which are above the wage rates prescribed in the Award. Such payments include wages payable pursuant to certified agreements, currently operating enterprise flexibility agreements, Queensland workplace agreements, award amendments to give effect to enterprise agreements and overaward arrangements. Absorption which is contrary to the terms of an agreement is not required.

Increases made under previous State Wage Cases or under the current Statement of Principles, excepting those resulting from enterprise agreements, are not to be used to offset arbitrated wage adjustments.

5.2 Service increments

5.2.1 In addition to all payments otherwise due, employees (other than casual employees) of the Queensland Turf Club, Brisbane Amateur Turf Club and Ipswich Amateur Turf Club shall be paid the following service increments:

| | \$ |
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| Employees with less than 12 months' service | 1.10 |
| Employees with 12 months' service but less than 2 years' service | 3.30 |
| Employees with 2 years' service but less than 4 years' service | 4.60 |
| Employees with 4 years' service but less than 6 years' service | 5.10 |
| Employees with 6 or more years' service | 6.20 |

5.3 Allowances

5.3.1 Employees operating motor mowers shall receive an additional 10c per day whilst so employed.

5.3.2 Employees responsible for the hosing of race tracks shall be paid 10c per day extra.

5.3.3 Employees handling race starting stalls outside ordinary working hours shall be paid at a flat rate of \$122.44 per day.

5.3.4 Employees working in water and/or hosing out buildings and conveniences, shall be provided with rubber boots, which shall remain the property of the employer, or be paid an additional 6.45c per hour in lieu thereof.

5.3.5 *Meal allowance*

Any employee, unless notified the previous day that they will be required to work overtime, shall receive \$9.60 for every meal while working overtime, or the employer shall provide the meals.

5.4 Payment of wages

5.4.1 Payment of wages by electronic funds transfer will be introduced where practicable by mutual agreement on the following basis:

- (a) management will initiate discussions to allow employees choice in choosing the type of account and financial institution into which the employees' wages will be paid;
- (b) the introduction of EFT will be on the basis that wages will be transferred into an employee's nominated account in sufficient time to ensure that such wages are available for use on the employees' ordinary pay day;
- (c) all costs and charges associated with the introduction of EFT will be met by the employer;
- (d) payment other than by EFT will be by mutual agreement where circumstances dictate.

5.5 Superannuation

In addition to the rates of pay prescribed by this Award, eligible employees shall be entitled to Occupational Superannuation Benefits, subject to the provisions of the Racing Industry Employees' Occupational Superannuation Award - State.

PART 6 - HOURS OF WORK, BREAKS, OVERTIME, SHIFT WORK, WEEKEND WORK

6.1 Hours of work

6.1.1 *Racecourses*

The ordinary working hours of day workers employed by the Queensland Turf Club and the Brisbane Amateur Turf Club at Doomben, Ascot, and/or Eagle Farm Racecourses shall not exceed 40 in any one week or 8 on any one day and shall be worked as follows:

- (a) In any week in which any of the aforesaid clubs or bodies conducts a race meeting on a Saturday afternoon the hours of work for day workers employed by such club or body so conducting a meeting in that week shall be between the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, and between 8.00 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturdays.
- (b) In any other week between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays, inclusive.

6.1.2 *Brisbane Cricket Ground*

The ordinary working hours of day workers employed at the Brisbane Cricket Ground shall be worked between the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, and between 8.00 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturdays.

6.1.3 *Half holidays*

Employees at the said Racecourses and Brisbane Cricket Ground may enter into a mutual agreement with the employer to provide for a-half day off during the spread of hours mentioned in clauses 6.1.1(a) and 6.1.2 or for equivalent time off and copies of such agreements shall be filled with the Southern District Secretary of the Union.

6.1.4 *Other workers*

The ordinary working hours of all other day workers shall not exceed 40 in any one week or 8 on any one day and shall be worked between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays, inclusive.

6.1.5 *Meal hour*

One hour shall be allowed for a meal between 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. on all working days.

6.1.6 *Royal National Association - Exhibition period - Night shift*

Labourers employed by the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland during Exhibition period at cleaning up may be employed on a night shift, and shall be paid 25 per cent in addition to the rate set out in clause 5.1. The ordinary working hours of such employees shall not exceed 40 for the week and 8 on any one shift and the starting and ceasing times above set out shall not apply.

6.2 Meal breaks

In the event of an employee being asked to work during a meal hour, such employee shall receive double time for the time worked.

6.3 Rest pauses

All employees shall be entitled to a rest pause of 10 minutes' duration in the employer's time in the first and second half of the daily work. Such rest pauses shall be taken at such times as will not interfere with the continuity of work where continuity is necessary and may be taken in a manner which results in both rest pauses being combined into one rest period of 20 minutes per day.

6.4 Overtime

6.4.1 All time worked by employees, except as otherwise provided, in excess of the ordinary working hours or before the ordinary starting time or after the ordinary ceasing time shall be deemed overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a-half for the first 3 hours each day and double time thereafter:

Provided that in cases where Saturday is not an ordinary working day the first 3 hours' overtime worked on a Saturday shall be paid for at the rate of time and a-half and at the rate of double time thereafter with a minimum of 2 hours' work or payment therefor.

6.4.2 All work done during the recognised meal period shall be paid for at the rate of double time, such payment to continue until a meal period has commenced. Such meal period shall be of the prescribed duration.

6.4.3 All work done on Sundays shall be paid for at the rate of double time with a minimum of 2 hours' work or payment therefor.

PART 7 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

7.1 Annual leave

7.1.1 Every employee (other than a casual employee) covered by this Award shall at the end of each year of their employment be entitled to annual leave on full pay of 4 weeks.

For the purposes of clause 7.1 "year of employment" means and include any year of employment completed on or after 3rd December, 1973.

7.1.2 Such annual leave shall be exclusive of any public holiday which may occur during the period of that annual leave and (subject to clause 7.1.5) shall be paid for by the employer in advance:

(a) In the case of any and every employee in receipt immediately prior to that leave of ordinary pay at a rate in excess of the ordinary rate payable under this Award, at that excess rate; and

(b) In every other case, at the ordinary rate payable to the employee concerned immediately prior to that leave under this Award.

7.1.3 If the employment of any employee is terminated at the expiration of a full year of employment, the employer shall be deemed to have given the holiday to the employee from the date of the termination of the employment and shall forthwith pay to the employee in addition to all other amounts due to the employee, their pay, calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5, for 4 weeks and also their ordinary pay for any public holiday occurring during such period of 4 weeks.

7.1.4 If the employment of any employee is terminated before the expiration of a full year of employment, such employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts due to the employee, an amount equal to 1/12th of their pay for the period of their employment calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5.

7.1.5 Calculation of annual leave pay

In respect to annual leave entitlements to which clause 7.1 applies, annual leave pay (including any proportionate payments) shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Leading hands, etc. - Subject to clause 7.1.5(b), leading hand allowances and amounts of a like nature otherwise payable for ordinary time worked shall be included in the wages to be paid to employees during annual leave.

(b) All employees - Subject to the provisions of clause 7.1.5(c), in no case shall the payment by an employer to an employee be less than the sum of the following amounts:

(i) the employee's ordinary wage rate as prescribed by the Award for the period of the annual leave (excluding shift premiums and weekend penalty rates);

(ii) leading hand allowance or amounts of a like nature;

(iii) a further amount calculated at the rate of 17 1/2% of the amounts referred to in clause 7.1.5(b)(i) and 7.1.5(b)(ii).

(c) Clause 7.1.5(b) does not apply to the following:

(a) any period or periods of annual leave exceeding 4 weeks; or

(b) to employers (and their employees) who are already paying (or receiving) an annual leave bonus, loading or other annual leave payment which is not less favourable to employees.

Reasonable notice of the commencement of such annual leave shall be given to the employee.

Except as hereinbefore provided it shall not be lawful for the employer to give or for any employee to receive payment in lieu of annual leave.

7.2 Sick leave

7.2.1 Entitlement

(a) Every employee, except casuals, and school-based apprentices and trainees, is entitled to 64 hours' sick leave for each completed year of their employment with their employer.

(b) This entitlement will accrue at the rate of 8 hours' sick leave after each 6 weeks of employment.

- (c) Payment for sick leave will be made based on the number of hours which would have been worked if the employee were not absent on sick leave.
- (d) Sick Leave may be taken for part of a day.
- (e) Sick leave shall be cumulative, but unless the employer and employee otherwise agree, no employee shall be entitled to receive, and no employer shall be bound to make, payment for more than 13 weeks' absence from work through illness in any one year.

7.2.2 *Employee must give notice*

The payment of sick leave is subject to the employee promptly advising the employer of the employee's absence and its expected duration.

7.2.3 *Evidence supporting a claim.*

When the employee's absence is for more than 2 days the employee is required to give the employer a doctor's certificate, or other reasonably acceptable evidence, about the nature and approximate duration of the illness.

7.2.4 *Accumulated sick leave*

An employee's accumulated sick leave entitlements are preserved when:

- (a) The employee is absent from work on unpaid leave granted by the employer;
- (b) The employer or employee terminates the employee's employment and the employee is re-employed within 3 months; or
- (c) The employee's employment is terminated because of illness or injury and the employee is re-employed by the same employer without having been employed in the interim.
- (d) The employee accumulates sick leave entitlements whilst they are absent from work on paid leave granted by the employer.

7.2.5 *Workers' compensation.*

Where an employee is in receipt of workers' compensation, the employee is not entitled to payment of sick leave.

7.3 Bereavement leave

7.3.1 *Full-time and part-time employees*

Full-time employees shall, on the death of a member of their immediate family or household in Australia, be entitled to paid bereavement leave up to and including the day of the funeral of such person. Such leave shall be without deduction of pay for a period not exceeding the number of hours worked by the employee in 2 ordinary days of work. Proof of such death is to be furnished by the employee to the satisfaction of the employer.

7.3.2 *Long-term casual employees*

- (a) A long-term casual employee is entitled to at least 2 days unpaid bereavement leave on the death of a member of the person's immediate family or household in Australia.
- (b) A "long-term casual employee" is a casual employee engaged by a particular employer, on a regular and systematic basis, for several periods of employment during a period of at least one year immediately before the employee seeks to access an entitlement under clause 7.3.2

7.3.3 "Immediate family" includes:

- (a) a spouse (including a former spouse, a *de facto* spouse and a former *de facto* spouse, spouse of the same sex) of the employee; and
- (b) child or an adult child (including an adopted child, a foster child, an ex-foster child, a stepchild or an ex-nuptial child), parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the employee or spouse of the employee.

7.3.4 An employee with the consent of the employer, may apply for unpaid leave when a member of the employee's immediate family or household in Australia dies and the period of bereavement leave entitlement provided above is insufficient.

7.4 Long service leave

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to long service leave on full pay under, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, sections 42-58 of the Act as amended from time to time.

7.5 Family leave

The provisions of the Family Leave Award apply to and are deemed to form part of this Award.

7.5.1 It is to be noted that:

- (a) part-time work can be performed by agreement in the circumstances specified in the Family Leave Award;
- (b) a copy of the Family Leave Award is required to be displayed in accordance with section 697 of the Act.

7.5.2 The Family Leave Award also provides for the terms and conditions of leave associated with:

- (a) Maternity leave
- (b) Parental leave
- (c) Adoption leave
- (d) Special responsibility leave for the care and support of the employee's immediate family or household.

7.6 Public holidays

7.6.1 Subject to clause 7.6.6, all work done by any employee on:

- the 1st January;
- the 26th January;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Saturday (the day after Good Friday);
- Easter Monday;
- the 25th April (Anzac Day);
- The Birthday of the Sovereign;
- Christmas Day;
- Boxing Day; or
- any day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of any such holiday

will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.2 *Labour Day*

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to be paid a full day's wage for Labour Day (the first Monday in May or other day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of that holiday) irrespective of the fact that no work may be performed on such day, and if any employee concerned actually works on Labour Day, such employee will be paid a full day's wage for that day and in addition a payment for the time actually worked by the employee at one and a-half times the ordinary time rate of pay prescribed for such work with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.3 *Annual show*

All work done by employees in a district specified from time to time by the Minister by notification published in the *Industrial Gazette* on the day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept as a holiday in relation to the annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show held at the principal city or town, as specified in such notification of such district will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

In a district in which a holiday is not appointed for an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show, the employee and employer must agree on an ordinary working day that is to be treated as a show holiday for all purposes.

7.6.4 *Double time and a-half*

For the purposes of clause 7.6 "double time and a-half" means one and a-half day's wages in addition to the employee's ordinary time rate of pay or *pro rata* if there is more or less than a day.

7.6.5 *Stand down*

Any employee, with 2 weeks or more of continuous service, whose employment has been terminated by the employer or who has been stood down by the employer during the month of December, and who is re-employed in January of the following year, shall be entitled to payment at the ordinary rate payable to that employee when they were dismissed or stood down, for any one or more of the following holidays, namely, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and 1st January (New Year's Day).

7.6.6 *Substitution*

Where there is agreement between the employer and the majority of employees concerned, a public holiday may be substituted for another day. If such other day is worked, then payment for that day will be at the rate of double time and a-half at the employees' ordinary time rate of pay.

7.7 Jury service

- (a) An employee, other than a casual employee, required to attend for jury service during their ordinary working hours shall be reimbursed by the employer an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in respect of their attendance for such jury service and the ordinary pay the employee would have been paid if the employee was not absent on jury service.
- (b) Alternatively, by agreement, fees (other than meal allowance) received by the employee to attend jury service will be paid to the employer and the employer will continue to pay the employee their ordinary pay for the time the employee was absent on jury service.
- (c) Employees shall notify their employer as soon as practicable of the date upon which they are required to attend for jury service and shall provide their employer with proof of such attendance, the duration of such attendance and the amount received in respect thereof.
- (d) If the employee is not required to serve on a jury for a day or part of a day after attending for jury service and the employee would ordinarily be working for all or part of the remaining day, the employee must, if practicable, present for work at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- (e) "Ordinary pay" means the rate of pay that an employee would normally expect to receive for working ordinary hours on an ordinary day of the week, including any over-award payment. "Ordinary pay" excludes overtime, penalty rates of all types - including those attaching to working ordinary hours (for example) on a Saturday, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and other ancillary payments of a like nature.

PART 8 - TRANSFERS, TRAVELLING AND WORKING AWAY FROM USUAL PLACE OF WORK

NOTE: No provisions inserted in this Award relevant to this Part.

PART 9 - TRAINING AND RELATED MATTERS

9.1 Training undertaking

- 9.1.1 A training program, commensurate with the needs of the Industry/Enterprise shall be developed in consultation with employees to ensure the current and future skill needs of the enterprise.
- 9.1.2 The parties agree that training is an essential element of the restructuring process and appropriate training will continue to be available for employees, commensurate with the needs of the Industry/Enterprise, and employees will be encouraged to avail themselves of the training provided.
- 9.1.3 The training programs objective will be to:
 - (a) develop a more skilled and flexible workforce;
 - (b) provide employees with career opportunities through appropriate training;
 - (c) remove barriers to the utilisation of skills acquired.
- 9.1.4 The Consultative Committees' Charter will include:
 - (a) the formulation of a training program for discussion with management and ascertaining the availability of training courses and career opportunities for employees;
 - (b) dissemination of information on the training program and availability of training courses and opportunities to employees;

(c) the recommendation of individual employees for training and reclassification;

(d) monitoring and advising management and employees on the on-going effectiveness of the training.

9.1.5 Where additional training in accordance with the program is identified to be undertaken by an employee, the training may be undertaken either on or off the job:

Provided that if the training is undertaken during ordinary working hours the employee concerned shall not suffer any loss of pay. The employer shall not unreasonably withhold such paid training leave.

9.1.6 Course costs associated with and incurred on agreed and prescribed courses shall be reimbursed by the employer upon production of evidence of such expenditure, and proof of satisfactory progress.

9.1.7 Travel costs incurred in undertaking an agreed and prescribed course during ordinary working hours which exceed those normally incurred travelling to and from work shall be reimbursed by the employer.

PART 10 - OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND AMENITIES

10.1 First-aid kits

First-aid kits in suitable and secure cases shall be provided on the works so as to be at all times readily available for the use of the employees.

10.2 Work in the rain

10.2.1 Employees working out in the rain for the safety of the works shall be paid double rates for all work so performed:

Provided that employees of the Trustees of the Brisbane Cricket Ground at Woolloongabba, who are required to go out in the rain to cover cricket pitches during cricket matches, shall be supplied with rain coats. Such coats shall remain the property of the Trustees and be retained on the ground by them.

PART 11 - AWARD COMPLIANCE AND UNION RELATED MATTERS

Preamble

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 replicate legislative provisions contained within the Act. In order to ensure the currency of existing legal requirements parties are advised to refer to sections 366, 372 and 373 of the Act as amended from time to time.

11.1 Right of entry

11.1.1 Authorised industrial officer

(a) An "Authorised industrial officer" is any Union official holding a current authority issued by the Industrial Registrar.

(b) Right of entry is limited to workplaces where the work performed falls within the registered coverage of the Union.

11.1.2 Entry procedure

(a) The authorised industrial officer is entitled to enter the workplace during normal business hours as long as:

- (i) the authorised industrial officer alerts the employer or other person in charge of the workplace to their presence; and
- (ii) shows their authorisation upon request.

(b) Clause 11.1.2(a)(i) does not apply if the authorised industrial officer establishes that the employer or other person in charge is absent.

(c) A person must not obstruct or hinder any authorised industrial officer exercising their right of entry.

(d) If the authorised industrial officer intentionally disregards a condition of clause 11.1.2 the authorised industrial officer may be treated as a trespasser.

11.1.3 Inspection of records

- (a) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect the time and wages record required to be kept under section 366 of the Act.
- (b) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect such time and wages records of any former or current employee except if the employee:
 - (i) is ineligible to become a member of the Union; or
 - (ii) is a party to a QWA or ancillary document, unless the employee has given written consent for the records to be inspected; or
 - (iii) has made a written request to the employer that the employee does not want that employee's record inspected.
- (c) The authorised industrial officer may make a copy of the record, but cannot require any help from the employer.
- (d) A person must not coerce an employee or prospective employee into consenting, or refusing to consent, to the inspection of their records by an authorised industrial officer.

11.1.4 *Discussions with employees*

An authorised industrial officer is entitled to discuss with the employer, or a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union:

- (a) matters under the Act during working or non-working time; and
- (b) any other matter with a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union, during non-working time.

11.1.5 *Conduct*

An authorised industrial officer must not unreasonably interfere with the performance of work in exercising a right of entry.

11.2 Time and wages record

11.2.1 An employer must keep, at the place of work in Queensland, a time and wages record that contains the following particulars for each pay period for each employee, including apprentices and trainees:

- (a) the employee's Award classification;
- (b) the employer's full name;
- (c) the name of the Award under which the employee is working;
- (d) the number of hours worked by the employee during each day and week, the times at which the employee started and stopped work, and details of work breaks including meal breaks;
- (e) a weekly, daily or hourly wage rate - details of the wage rate for each week, day, or hour at which the employee is paid;
- (f) the gross and net wages paid to the employee;
- (g) details of any deductions made from the wages; and
- (h) contributions made by the employer to a superannuation fund.

11.2.2 The time and wages record must also contain:

- (a) the employee's full name and address;
- (b) the employee's date of birth;
- (c) details of sick leave credited or approved, and sick leave payments to the employee;
- (d) the date when the employee became an employee of the employer;

(e) if appropriate, the date when the employee ceased employment with the employer; and

(f) if a casual employee's entitlement to long service leave is worked out under section 47 of the Act - the total hours, other than overtime, worked by the employee since the start of the period to which the entitlement relates, worked out to and including 30 June in each year.

11.2.3 The employer must keep the record for 6 years.

11.2.4 Such records shall be open to inspection during the employer's business hours by an inspector of the Department of Industrial Relations, in accordance with section 371 of the Act, or an Authorised Industrial Officer in accordance with sections 372 and 373 of the Act.

11.3 Union encouragement

Clause 11.3 gives effect to section 110 of the Act in its entirety. Consistent with section 110 a Full Bench of the Commission has issued a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement (reported 165 QGIG 221) that encourages an employee to join and maintain financial membership of the Union.

11.3.1 Documentation to be provided by employer

At the point of engagement, an employer to whom this Award applies shall provide employees with a document indicating that a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement has been issued by the Commission, a copy of which is to be kept on the premises of the employer in a place readily accessible by each employee.

The document provided by the employer shall also identify the existence of a Union encouragement clause in this Award.

11.3.2 Union delegates

Union delegates and job representatives have a role to play within a workplace. The existence of accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives is encouraged.

The employer shall not unnecessarily hinder accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives in the reasonable and responsible performance of their duties.

11.3.3 Deduction of union fees

Where arrangements can be entered into, employers are encouraged to provide facilities for the deduction and remittance of Union fees for employees who signify in writing to their employer, their desire to have such membership fees deducted from their wages.

Dated: 8 April 2003.

By the Commission,
[L.S.] E. EWALD,
Industrial Registrar.

Operative Date: 2 June 2003