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ORGANISER – FNQ BRANCH POSITION DETAILS

Position details

Position term: Continuing	Closing date: 4pm – Fri 16 October 2026
Position status: Full-time	A current driver's licence is required.
Position location: Cairns	Email applications to: Maria Campanini, HR Officer mcampanini@ieugnt.org.au

Role purpose

Our union is a progressive future-focused union that has grasped the need to go beyond representing Members from a service-oriented approach to an organising approach designed to build and maintain union strength.

Location

An Organiser is to be appointed to support members predominantly in the Far North Queensland Branch of our Union.

The position is based in Cairns and will ideally commence from 18 January 2027.

Scope of Position

The person appointed will be charged with a key responsibility to energise the professional and industrial activity of members within the allocated schools and worksites.

Organisers are expected to collaborate with other officers as appropriate in the performance of the role and associated duties.

The role of the Organiser is to assist members to build their collective strength and power by:

- recruiting members to build membership density
- educating members about the issues before them and educating them about how to respond to these
- developing and practising collective activities to build a union (collective) culture.

Reporting relationships

The Organiser is immediately responsible to a designated elected Assistant Secretary and ultimately responsible to the Branch Secretary.

Duties and Responsibilities

In a challenging industrial environment, our union is prepared to adopt flexible approaches to maintain its relevance and promote member activism in response to workplace and individual member issues. A commitment to recruitment and the development of collective activism is crucial to our future as a union.

In this role you will:

- assist members in the development and implementation of recruitment and organising plans
- directly recruit members and participate in membership recruitment activities
- conduct workplace visits
- conduct single site collective bargaining negotiations and engage in multi-site bargaining utilising bargaining to build Chapter strength
- establish and maintain regular contact with Chapter Representatives and Chapter Executive members
- ensure the formation of the Chapter Executive in each workplace (including succession planning) and assist in the development of the Chapter Executive as a Workplace Organising Committee
- train and develop Chapter and Branch Executives and members more broadly
- establish and carry out follow-up plans arising from training
- assist in the development and conduct of Chapter, Branch and sector campaign around identified professional and industrial issues and support the implementation of those plans
- undertake, consistent with organising principles, grievance handling regarding individual members and Chapters
- collaborate with fellow Organisers and other officers in the implementation of Branch/Sector wide campaigning activities
- identify and report on 'wins' for communicating to the membership and community
- support Chapters undertaking collective culture building activities and protected action
- contribute as appropriate to union committees to assist in the development and implementation of an agenda to complement the role of Organisers.

The Organiser will undertake a range of administrative tasks associated with this role and will be provided with clerical support to do so.

Selection Criteria

We are looking for a person who has recent experience in schools and/or a well-developed understanding of the industrial and professional issues of current educational initiatives and reform.

Your application should specify your relevant qualifications and background and then address the following selection criteria:

1. Capacity to initiate, maintain and support member activism.
2. Demonstrated commitment to Unionism.
3. Outline of involvement in union activities and relevant training undertaken.
4. Excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
5. Excellent organisational skills, including the ability to plan, prioritise and meet strict deadlines and manage multiple projects simultaneously.

Training and on-going support will be provided.

The potential to develop the above skills and abilities with training will be taken into consideration.

Regular travel to worksites throughout the designated branch is required as part of the role.

Additional information

- Our union is committed to providing on-going professional development and training for its employees.
- Our union promotes a non-smoking lifestyle.
- Flexible work arrangements are in accordance with the provision of the Fair Work Act and in cases of emergent need for remote work.
- Further information in relation to our union may be obtained from our website www.ieuqnt.org.au.

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SALARY STRUCTURE AND CONDITIONS

1. The position is advertised for a Cairns based appointment.
2. The position is classified under the IEUA-QNT Officer Collective Agreement 2024, and all conditions of employment are contained in that document.
3. The salary level will be determined in negotiation mindful of the officer pay scale and the candidate's relevant background and experience.
4. Other Conditions:

(a) Annual Leave	6 weeks per annum
(b) Personal Leave	10 days per year (5 days on appointment)
(c) Leave Provisions	National Employment Standards apply with additional leave provisions including Parental, Emergency/Disaster, Reproductive Health, First Nations Cultural and Family and Domestic violence leave.
(d) Leave recognising additional irregular worked hours.	6 days per year (non-cumulative)
(e) Superannuation	12.75% including the SGC. Additional employer contribution is based on an employee co-contribution to a set maximum.
(f) Mobile telephone	A mobile phone will be provided for business use consistent with union guidelines.
(g) Motor Vehicle	A vehicle for business use will be made available. Private use, if available, is within guidelines as amended from time to time. A post-tax contribution applies for private use.