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QSU Members at Gold Coast City Council Launch Their Going For Gold Campaign

Members of the Queensland Services Unions (QSU) working at Gold Coast City Council are 'Going for Gold' as they launch their 2012 Enterprise Bargaining (EB) Campaign.

With the local elections taking place this Saturday, QSU members are determined to secure a fair and reasonable EB so the Gold Coast community are ensured quality services into the future.

QSU Assistant Secretary Jennifer Thomas said these impending negotiations with Council are vital.

"With over 200,000 new residents expected to live in the Gold Coast region by 2026 and with the impending 2018 Commonwealth Games expected to increase a demand on services and infrastructure, it is extremely important that Council sustains a secure workforce," Ms Thomas said.

"This can be done by guaranteeing workers have job security and are paid accordingly for the hard work they do for their local community."

"A change of Council can always bring new challenges, but no change by any council should have the effect of making a workers job less secure."

"This is particularly important on the Gold Coast with the varying views we have witnessed in regards to water ownership structures and its employees," Ms Thomas said.

"Our union will be watching the election results very carefully this Saturday because the new Gold Coast Council will have to decide, how best to deal with exponential population growth and infrastructure demands in their region."

"Our union will also want to speak directly to the new Mayor and Councillors about how we can all help to build a great coastal community."

"Our members at Council are dedicated people who want to continue to deliver the excellent services to the Gold Coast Region, regardless of Saturday's result and will work to ensure that these services are secured for the future," Ms Thomas said.

Meetings -

Tuesday, 24 April 2012 from 12:00pm - 1:30pm at Evendale Parklands (Bundall Launch).

Thursday, 26 April 2012 from 12:00pm - 1:30pm at Park Area Next to Council, Negang (Negang Launch).

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