QUEENSLAND MINING INDUSTRY HEALTH & SAFETY CONFERENCE

LEGENDS AWARD

The Man In The Trenches

He's big, he's tough, he's loud – Greg Dalliston's his name
But he's known by all as "Dallo" within the mining game.
For 46 years he's worked in coal, a Union member too,
Made his way up through the ranks – it's what he was born to do.

Miners 'safety was his passion and he pushed the barrow hard,
Took on industry and government – always went that extra yard.
He had handy mates like John Brady to help ring the Safety Bell,
Plus Matty Best, Andrew Vickers, Ron McKenna, Mark Parcell.

Mind you, Dallo had to earn his stripes with the late great Matty Best,
In the early days they clashed so at Matty Best's request
They shared a carton in the park and Dallo soon discovered
In the art of pugilism Matty had him covered.

Looking through a few black eyes Dallo soon stepped into line
And that mateship forged in battle stood the test of time
From his first job at Box Flat he was earmarked for progression
Moved on to Central Colliery in 1987

Within a year at Southern he was appointed Deputy,
Elected District Union Inspector in 1993,
ISHR became the title after 1999
He was the longest serving ISHR to represent the Queensland mines.

He was on the first Coal Mines Advisory Council,
The Board of Examiners as well,
Served on both for 20 years and saw his share of Hell,
Level 1 Emergency Exercises, Dallo helped start those operations,
And was on board when they rewrote the Coal Mines Act and Regulations.

But informing families of tragedies was no doubt the hardest gig,
The Moura No 2 Inquiry – perhaps the toughest thing he ever did.
Determination and conviction, prepared to take a stand,
If you needed someone in the trenches, Dallo was The Man!

Now as a hardened Union stalwart it might embarrass him to share
That Mining Bosses loved him, he played it tough but played it fair
They knew if he had an issue he wasn't playing games
They showed him great respect and he treated them the same

Now it's time to travel in his bus, spend time with family and mates
But he will not be forgotten and the truth you have to state
When it comes to safety in the mines, all his comrades would agree
The Warwick Paperboy has left a lasting legacy.

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