

# CFMMEU

CONSTRUCTION FORESTRY  
MARITIME MINING & ENERGY UNION

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## LABOR IN!

**“WELL DONE TO ALL BLUE COLLAR  
UNIONS AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP!  
NOW THEY MUST DELIVER!”**



### A REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM CHRISTY CAIN

#### Delegates, Sisters, Brothers & Members,

I quoted in the last flyer prior to the election that we, the trade unions in this country, had the ability to change Governments if we all worked together. We were right, we did it!

Whilst not telling people what way to vote, we encouraged as many Australians to put the Liberals last, and the Clive Palmer pretenders next to them. It was the power of collective unionism that won the day, and make no mistake, it's now the Australian Labor Party's turn to deliver.

The job for all of us is far from over. We have to actively keep our collective foot on the throats of every politician until they put through our demands. There is no in between with this stuff, it was made very clear to the Prime Minister what our ask was, and is!

Our Union campaigned all around Australia, to nullify Palmer and to put the Liberals last. In my view, it was one of the most successful **CAMPAIGNS** from a progressive, industrial, **CAMPAIGNING UNION!**

**I sincerely congratulate each and every one of you who voted to get rid of that rotten Government!  
WELL DONE TO A WELL ORGANISED MACHINE!**

There is no time for complacency, the job is not over until we achieve our goals for working women and men.

Top of the list is the ABCC, the ROC, the Code, a strategic fleet manned with Australians, on decent wages and decent conditions of employment! A manufacturing and ship building industry back here in Australia. Indigenous rights for our First Nations People. Public schools, education, strengthening Medicare, and let's not forget, just as importantly, our pensioners having substantial bills cut, and more taxes from the big end of town to pay for it.

**The honeymoon is over for  
these Liberals and their  
apparatchik!**

WAKE UP CLIVE



**“JUMP ON BOARD AND  
JOIN ONE OF THE MOST  
PROGRESSIVE, STRATEGIC  
UNIONS IN THIS COUNTRY.  
THAT'S RIGHT,  
THE MIGHTY  
CFMMEU!”**

**“IT'S OUR TIME NOW -  
THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS”**

**“A big shout out to the Plumbers Union (PPTU) and Earl Setches for their magnificent support during the Qube, Switzer & Patricks disputes. On behalf of all our membership, we thank you!”**

## ORGANISE!

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CFMMEU MUA CONFERENCE



SOUTHERN CROSS FLAG



MEMBERS RALLY

# CFMMEU NATIONAL CONFERENCE MELBOURNE 23-24 NOVEMBER 2022

**SAVE THE DATE!**

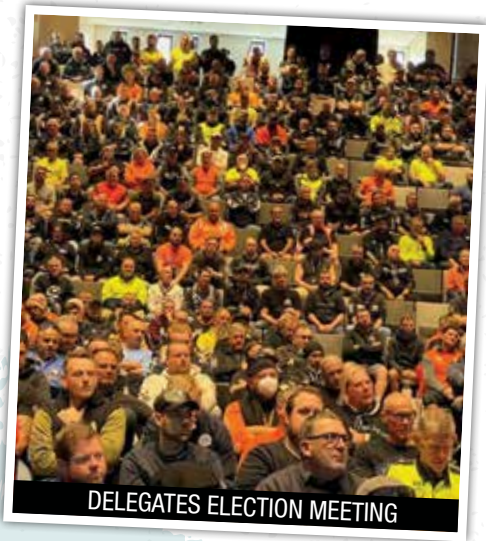
Members, under the CFMMEU National Rules, the union is required to hold a National Conference every 2 years. The Coronavirus pandemic had put this on hold, but we are now finally ready to move forward and hold this major event.

Conference consists of our senior union leaders and decision makers from all Divisions around the country and involves around 400 delegates from every State and Territory. The Conference provides an informative agenda bringing together the union with guest speakers, international guest speakers, panellists and sponsors who make this an exceptional event. This one's going to be a cracker! We will be inviting some of the best trade union leaders from around the world to speak, and share their thoughts on ways forward. It will have everything, and unions that think like us, will also be attending.

We are in the process of locking in the venue and working hard in the lead up, for what will be an event to remember. We will be planning a progressive way forward for this super Union, that will involve all the delegates and members inputs.

**Exciting times ahead sisters and brothers, if we don't do it together, then who will?**

**STAY TUNED & WATCH THIS SPACE**



DELEGATES ELECTION MEETING

**AS I SAY AGAIN AND AGAIN, WE ARE A CAMPAIGNING INDUSTRIAL UNION, WHICH CLEARLY MEANS OUR MEMBERSHIP ALWAYS COMES FIRST!**

# ORGANISE! ORGANISE!



MUA WHARFIES RANK & FILE, WA



CONSTRUCTION MEETING, SYDNEY



SECRETARY DARREN GREENFIELD - MAY DAY RALLY



OFFSHORE MAERSK PLATFORM



BRISBANE MAY DAY RALLY



OFFSHORE CONSTRUCTION

# AUSTRALIAN MINIMUM WAGE INCREASED BY 5.2% IN FAIR WORK COMMISSION

As this newsletter goes to press, the Fair Work Commission puts an extra \$40 a week in pay packets to those on the minimum wage. This is a great win for those living on a minimum wage and struggling to make ends meet.

*WELCOME SIMO!*

JAMES SIMPSON JOINS THE NATIONAL OFFICE



G'day Brothers and Sisters, my name's Simo and for the last 5 years, I was an Organiser for the Construction Division of the CFMEU Vic/Tas Branch. I have dealt with many different aspects over the years, be it civil, regional work, inner city suburban jobs, EBA's and renewable energy projects.

I am now the National Organiser working in the National Office covering and organising the Renewable Energy projects across Australia. I will also be assisting our Branches where needed.

I'll be getting on the jobs and attending meetings across the Country, so if you see me out and about, please come up and say g'day. Look forward to seeing you on the job soon.

**In Unity, Simo**

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PAUL KEATING MUA WHARFIES, SYDNEY



MUA WHARFIES, WA



CONSTRUCTION MEETING, WA

# GALLERY



FOOTSCRAY SMOKING CEREMONY, VICTORIA



JOHN SETKA & ROB GRAAUWMANS LAYING WREATH AT TOLL



FOOTSCRAY HOSPITAL, VICTORIA



ZACH SMITH, ACT BRANCH STATE CONFERENCE

## OUT AND ABOUT

One of the best parts I love about this job is getting out and visiting the membership.

I still can't stress enough to any new Delegate coming on board or any Union Official, the importance of a strong Rank & File structure, it's basic trade unionism. However, you must always, and I say always, keep on top of organising the membership. That means regular meetings, regular information from the UNION and regular feedback from the membership. It is so important!

It's simple really - interacting, and engaging with the membership, will receive a trusted, committed and united union workforce. **Be aware though - if you don't do it, then the rotten BOSS will!**

We all play a role in this great UNION, and the structure is the heartbeat and engine room of who we are.

**BATTLES WE DON'T FIGHT, WE LEAVE FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

I want to finish by thanking the Construction & Maritime Divisional Secretaries, all the organisers, staff, and the many delegates out there, for all the support, guidance and co-operation in my new role.

**"STRONGER AND UNITED TOGETHER!"**  
**"WE NEVER BACK DOWN!"**

In Unity,

**Christy Cain**  
CFMMEU - General National Secretary