

# CFMMEU

CONSTRUCTION FORESTRY  
MARITIME MINING & ENERGY UNION

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A REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM

CHRISTY CAIN



## MASSIVE WIN FOR OUR KNAUF WORKFORCE!!

### Brothers & Sisters,

At the start of this dispute, Knauf senior management were very very cocky, ignorant and full of bad manners. Now 40 days of strike action, our membership have had a massive WIN!

Congratulation to Kylie Brown, Mick Myles of the Construction Division Vic/Tas Branch, the delegates and all the rank & file. You stuck together, you were united, and you fought hard for your wages and conditions. Hopefully, Knauf management will learn and be educated by this dispute.

1. WE NEVER BACK DOWN & WE WILL NEVER STOP!
2. WE ARE ALWAYS ORGANISED!

An excellent show of strength by our Union, and the other important lesson in this – When Unions come together in struggle, WE ARE UNBEATABLE!

Thanks also goes to the MUA, ETU, PPTEU, AMWU and our CFMEU for their massive contributions to the members on the picket line.

“CFMMEU – HERE FOR THE BLU!”

**KNAUF WORKERS – THEY DARED TO STRUGGLE AND THEY WON! TRADE UNIONISM AT ITS BEST. WE ARE ALL PROUD OF YOU, WELL DONE!**



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LIVERPOOL DOCKERS PICKET LINE

# LIVERPOOL DOCKERS DISPUTE WORKERS CAPITAL SHOULD WORK FOR WORKERS NOT ANTI UNION COMPANIES LIKE PEEL PORTS!

Members, in 1995 500 Liverpool Dockers were sacked for not crossing a picket line. That dispute lasted 2 1/2 long years, and the anti-union, anti-worker company was Peel Ports.

Those dock workers never worked again! I might mention a bloke called Bill Morris, head of the Dock Workers Union, sold them out. History sees it as it is, Morris ended up with a Knighthood and is now known as Sir Bill Morris. What a sell out GRUB!

Twenty eight years later, the Liverpool Dockers reorganised with great help from Terry Teague and Tony Nelson, UNITE Organisers. They are now 100% UNION!

## WHAT'S THIS DISPUTE ABOUT

The dispute is about a cost of living wage increase. Liverpool Dockers have made \$300 million pounds in profit for Peel Ports and their shareholders in the last 5 years. The Liverpool Dockers average wage is the equivalent of \$800 dollars per week for 40 hours worked. Most have to work massive amounts of overtime to try and live. Some of these workers have to work 2 jobs!

## AUSTRALIANSUPER - SHAME! SHAME! SHAME!

AustralianSuper is the second largest shareholder of the Liverpool Docks. They own 37.4%. So here we have Australian's hard earned superannuation being used to rip off workers. As of last week, Peel Port management have now indicated they will sack 132 dock workers, and at the same time, advertised to replace these dock workers who are their now.

AustralianSuper, we demand you intervene in this dispute and give these dockers a COST OF LIVING WAGE INCREASE! We will never stand back and watch workers capital work for rotten employers like Peel Ports.

## The CFMMEU/MUA, ETU, PPTEU and Vic AMWU stand behind these striking dockers.

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OUT WITH THE TORIES

LIVERPOOL DOCKERS MEETING



DARREN GREENFIELD NSW BRANCH SECRETARY ADDRESSING MEMBERS

# THE UPCOMING VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS

It is critically important that every Victorian worker understands what's at stake in this coming election. I am not saying what everyone should do with their vote, but please take into consideration three main things:

- 1. \$280 BILLION DOLLARS committed to infrastructure work for blue collar construction workers. JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.**
- 2. If for some reason the Liberals get in, they will bring in their own ABCC under the guise of a taskforce. They will sue unions and workers and bring in more anti-union, anti-worker legislation.**

- 3. Safety on the jobs whilst we have our disagreements with Worksafe, the Liberals will gut any union interference or say on safety, and will bring in anti-protest laws against all unions and their members.**

Make no mistake brothers and sisters, they will defund all these long term civil projects and a great deal of our members will lose their jobs. I urge you all to think very carefully on how you are going to vote in this upcoming State election.

**To me, it's a NO BRAINER!**

## WESTGATE BRIDGE MEMORIAL

I was very honoured to be asked to speak at the Westgate Bridge memorial service on Saturday, 15th October. It was a very somber feeling, seeing and talking to the survivors of this terrible tragedy.

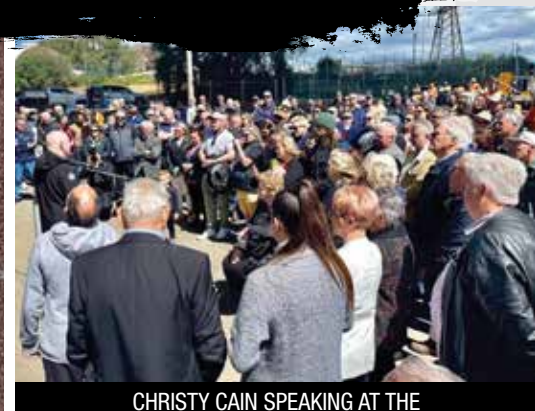
I learnt a lot at the service and I will never forget it. Thank you Danny Gardiner, Tommy Watson, all the survivors and retired members who participated in remembering those who lost their lives that terrible day.

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WESTGATE BRIDGE MEMORIAL SERVICE



CHRISTY CAIN SPEAKING AT THE WESTGATE BRIDGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

# GALLERY



MUA 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DINNER SYDNEY



WELL DONE KYLIE! JOHN SETKA & ORGANISER KYLIE BROWN



CONSTRUCTION WA SITE MEETING W MICK BUCHAN



SPEAKING ON THE KNAUF PICKET LINE



CONSTRUCTION MEETING NSW



MUA 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DINNER QUEENSLAND

## OUT AND ABOUT

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

Members, this month has been an extremely busy one. Both Maritime and Construction Divisions are leading the charge in industrial, political and social matters. The Maritime are still bluing with that anti-union mob Switzer. This outfit are still in court trying to take the Tugboat Industry back to the Award. That's years of hard struggle gone overnight if they manage to succeed. We will continue to fight them and any other company that thinks they can get away with it.

The Offshore EBA's have all expired now and ballots for strike action is occurring as we go to press on this newsletter. Looks like another major dispute coming. Our claim is for 8% no ambit, so we will see how the negotiations go.

You may have heard me say on many occasions, politics is a rotten game, but we have to be in there, to deliver for OUR union and OUR membership.

I would like to finish by again thanking our shop stewards, delegates and members for the fantastic support they have given myself and their leadership over the last 12 months. You guys are the engine room and the heartbeat to a successful union.

In Unity,

**Christy Cain**

CFMMEU - General National Secretary