

Thanks to CFMEU for all your support

I WOULD like to thank all members of the CFMEU and support staff. You guys have supported us not only financially, for which we are forever grateful, but emotionally, and gave us the guidance to make our way through such a bureaucratic system. Your continuous support during such a difficult time has been a major help.

You guys have shown my children that the world is not that bad after all as whichever way they turn there will always be someone to support them in their loss.

Mick Boland was honoured to be a part of this organisation which helps so many people during times of loss, hardship, difficult times and good times.

A special thanks to Brett Gay who no matter what, dropped everything when I called. If only those who created this situation could have an ounce of your compassion and dedication there would certainly be a change in the amount of workplace injury/death.

Karren Boland, Blackett

[Karren Boland's husband, Michael, was killed in a workplace accident in February 2003]

Remembering an old comrade

THANK YOU for all your love, thoughts and prayers for my dad, 'Ante', during his long battle with cancer.

Your wishes meant a lot to him and he was always so happy when he received your cards and greetings. He loved his work and his workmates so very much.

His passing has left a big, empty void in our hearts and in our home. We will remember him for his devotion to his family, his love and loyalty to his friends, his smile and good nature and his unmeasurable generosity and goodness in all that he did.

Anna and Slavka Popovic

Union activist Ante Popovic died recently following a long battle with cancer.

James Hardie's long shameful history

I AGREE with Andrew Ferguson that politicians 'too often succumb to corporate power' (*Liverpool Leader*, August 25).

My first experience with asbestos products started in 1952 when I worked at James Hardie's Brisbane factory where I saw asbestos fibres floating in the sun's rays. It was common to see longer-term employees spitting up blood, probably unaware of the cause.

I remember during the late 1970s a younger Andrew Ferguson as a BWIU organiser representing members on asbestos issues at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

construction site. Asbestos products were subsequently banned from the RPAH site and eventually the building industry.

I now read of the hypocrisy of the ALP's NSW premier Bob Carr who claimed credit for a victory over James Hardie and of Mark Latham's political stunt by passing on Hardie's paltry \$70,000 donation to the ALP to an asbestos victims group.

Casey Conway, Heckenberg

Unionists support Paralympians

ON BEHALF of the Australian Organising Committee for the Portuguese Paralympic Appeal we would like to thank your organisation for the invaluable support you provided the Portuguese community on this issue.

Jorge Martins (Secretary)

Bula from a fortunate Fijian

BULA! A hand-carved Fijian club has been sent as a token of thanks for all you have done for my family.

The union assisted me and my nephew in recovering wages we were owed but which our boss refused to pay up on.

It's groups like your organisation that make the world different. Please accept the Fijian club (chiefly) to weed out those who don't follow the golden rules. Long live CFMEU!

Tai Rarasea



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