

Workers Radio ready to podcast

Workers Radio Sydney has a new website which will soon feature downloadable podcasts to allow people to listen in on their mp3 players, anywhere, any time.

Producer/presenter Craig Bulley wants listeners to hit the new site with stories, gig guides and event listings.

The show from 6am to 9am on 88.9FM, provides news from the workers' perspective. It has supported sacked workers, underpaid cleaners, exploited guest workers, striking storemen, and asbestos victims. It has fought to prevent cuts to public services, health, education and the ailing transport system.

Workers Radio is funded by donation from individuals, community clubs, legal firms, super funds, educational providers, unions, and even Marrickville and Ashfield councils.

"We've a diverse, growing group of listeners whose

common link is concern for workers and a desire to make the world a better place," Bulley said.

"It isn't just activists listening, the CEO of a high-profile company told us he tuned in to hear the workers' perspective and an adviser to NSW Minister for Industrial Relations John Della Bosca rang to ask for mercy after a Workers Radio campaign.

"Our audience doesn't just listen. They turn up at pickets, call and email bad bosses."

Workers Radio doesn't just single out the bad guys, but works with Unions NSW and the Fair Employer Scheme to show bosses doing the right thing.

If you have a story contact Bulley on 0431 392 160 or workersradiosydney@hotmail.com

Workers Radio Sydney, 88.9FM, 6am to 9am, Monday to Friday. To listen online, get info or become a member, visit www.workersradiosydney.com

Hard work of retirees

On November 30, after Your Rights At Work and Retired Members Association meetings (where the Community and Public Sector Union explained the impact of selling Medibank Private) we met at the CFMEU office in Lidcombe with plenty to celebrate.

In 2006 our members participated in:

- Meetings with other unions' retired members, to form a powerful joint lobby group;
- Rallies, broadcasts, door-knocking and leafletting for Your Rights At Work;
- The Marginal Seats Campaign;
- Pickets at Warwick Farm, the Opera House & Botany, and wrote plenty of protest letters;
- Memorial services at the Memorial to Workers Killed at Tumbalong Park and at the recent unveiling of the CFMEU Wall of Remembrance;
- Our inaugural Retired Members Green Bans Tour, hosted by the CFMEU and led by Jack Munday

Future Funding In November, a resolution was passed that everyone at future meetings give a gold coin, so we can become self-funding. A raffle was organised, with the prize a framed and signed boxing gloves from Anthony Mundine. Tickets are \$2 from Wendi McClelland. Further ideas were mooted to raise money and awareness, particularly amongst CFMEU members leaving the industry. The annual Xmas Party raffle also raised \$382.35. Member Darcy Duggan kindly donated the prize. Members hope our Christmas wish for the defeat of John Howard in 2007 is granted.

Join us No matter what your age, all members leaving the industry with more than 10 years union membership are welcome to join. We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month 10am at the CFMEU Lidcombe Office (phone Wendi on 9749 0406) We encourage you to REMAIN UNION, REMAIN ACTIVE and participate in our important activities supporting the union.


Maori language classes

Fancy rubbing noses with and learning the language of the Maori people? Maori language classes are being held at CFMEU offices in Lidcombe on Monday and Wednesday nights and in the Sussex Street, Sydney, office on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The two-hour classes start at 6.30pm, and cater for all levels of language skill. Students can join mid-term. For more information contact Elizabeth Gainsborough-Smith on 0438 304015 or Tarewa Paringatai on 0412 133630 or visit the [website www.akomaori.com](http://www.akomaori.com)

Kiwis celebrate Treaty and National Day

The CFMEU in February joined celebrations to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and New Zealand Day. The Treaty celebrations, which attracted more than 8000 people, involved a two-day festival of traditional Maori food, song and dance at Holroyd City Gardens in western Sydney, while New Zealand Day celebrations at White Oak Park in Rockdale attracted about 10,000 people across two days. CFMEU State Secretary Andrew Ferguson spoke at both events.

The Treaty of Waitangi was signed on February 6, 1840 and guaranteed Maori ownership of lands in New Zealand.


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