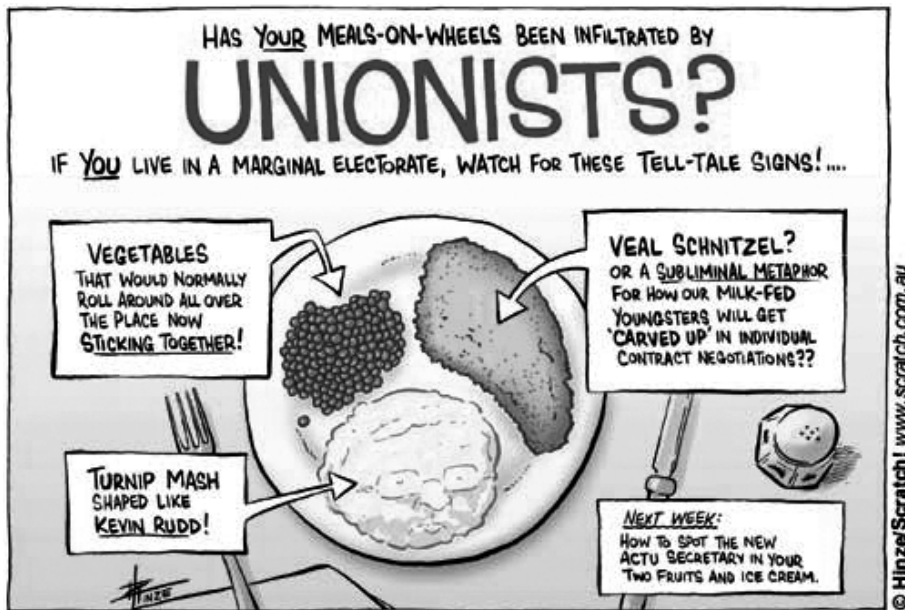


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Help at hand

Having been a member of the CFMEU for more than 40 years I am writing to commend State Organiser Mark Cunningham on his help over a recent adjudication process between myself and Inline Building and Construction Services, who refused to pay me for tiling works done last year.

I am especially grateful for his efforts, as he was able to meet me on the job to have a look at the works. I am pleased because the builder refused us entry to the site and Mark did all he could to obtain the help of other union officials to gain access.

The matter has since been resolved and I would like to thank the CFMEU for helping me. I would also like to commend Brian Fitzpatrick on his help with the same matter.

**Alfio Di Stefano
Ashfield**

Union there in time of need

I am writing to express my gratitude to the CFMEU and in particular Organiser Mark Cunningham.

I was sacked from my job on February 27 this year as a formwork labourer. Since then and on previous jobs, Mark has provided me with invaluable service and assistance.

He has helped with both my industrial claim and workers compensation matters.

Mark's dogged and persistent approach led to the workers on site referring to him as the "Fox Terrier". It is reassuring to know that great help is available from our union when you need it most.

Djuro (George) Uzelac

Wages win thanks

I would like to thank the CFMEU and its staff for all the hard work in regards to my wages claim against Red Jaffa Kitchens. I am very grateful for all your dedication and professionalism over the past 12 months. I have donated \$1500 as a thank you for the CFMEU for its services and campaigns for the rights of workers.

Phillip Saunders

Rockin' rally a hit

I would like to congratulate all who assisted in organising the Rockin' for Rights rally. The march was brilliant and the concert was a great way to demonstrate the support for this cause. Members Equity was very honoured to be part of the day and I would like to assure all of our key unions that our support for Your Rights at Work is genuine.

We look forward to working with all unions to keep members engaged in this vital campaign.

**Dascia Bennett
Members Equity Bank**

Learn lesson from tragedy

Regarding the tragic death of my husband, Robert Watson, on the Kooindah Golf Resort Construction site at Wyong on March 29.

I would like to express my concern and grief at the unnecessary loss of my husband Robert. I am now a widow and my eight children no longer have a father. I want to speak out to express my concern at the deterioration in safety standards on building sites.

Too many workers are being killed or seriously injured and the new federal Workplace laws undermine workers' rights to work in a safe environment and workers are too scared to speak up about safety matters because they fear losing their jobs if they do.

The tragic death of my husband should have been avoidable and if we just sit back and accept this deterioration of safety standards and workers' rights, and we allow this unrelenting push for profit at all costs, even over the safety of workers, I fear the number of widows of building workers and fatherless children will increase.

I would like to appeal to all workers on building sites to refuse to be pushed into unsafe situations like my husband. Think about your families and don't be quiet, stand up against the system that is letting you down and demand better safety and fight for workers' rights.

**Kathy Watson
Watanobbi**

Honour moves mother

I would like to pass on to the officials and members of the CFMEU my heartfelt thanks for creating the Wall of Remembrance in memory of those who were killed in industrial accidents.

Not having been previously aware that

the wall existed and that my dear son was remembered on your wall, it meant a great deal to me that Simeon had been honoured in such a way.

The death of a child is heartbreaking and something that you never, ever, get over and to lose your loved one because of corners being cut to save money and rules that are already in place, being broken makes their loss ever more to bear.

Thanks again to the CFMEU, in particular Wendi McLelland, for your time and your kindness to me during my visit. It was a very emotional visit for me, but you were so kind and comforting, it helped me a great deal.

I emailed Simeon's brother who is now in the United States and he was thrilled and was able to go into the website and see the Wall of Remembrance. He wants to visit when he returns for a brief visit to Australia.

Judy Di Medio

Wall helps with grief

I was in a de facto relationship with Aaron Rankmore, who died after falling at a building site in December 2006.

It has come to my knowledge that you approached Aaron's father, Norman Shiefer, to display his name on the CFMEU Wall of Remembrance at the head office in Lidcombe. I would like to say that is a wonderful idea to have something for not only his family and friends to remember Aaron, but also for the public to acknowledge that the industry is dangerous and that young people, such as Aaron, can lose their lives doing the job they love.

I will do anything I can to help prevent this from happening to another worker and their family and friends

Nicole Lovell