



Worker **EXPRESS!**

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Here we go!

After our successful mass meetings in July, employers have begun to sign the 2011-2015 EBA.

At Festival Hall and Geelong Trades Hall, members voted unanimously to back the deal negotiated by the Union leadership.

This agreement delivers a 20% wage increase over four years, a better spread of

RDOs, higher superannuation, and much more. For full details see previous C&G *Worker Express* leaflets or visit

cfmeuvic.com.au/campaigns/2011-eba

Incolink has also been improved, with income protection and trauma benefits now bigger and better.

The first agreements are now being finalised with a group of builders. Following this, it will be time for all members to make sure their employer signs a new EBA.

Unanimous agreement to raise Union dues

CFMEU dues in Victoria have long been lower than those in most other states.

CFMEU State Secretary, Bill Oliver explained to the Festival Hall meeting that, while the Union remains financially sound, ABCC prosecutions have cost us around \$5 million in fines and legal fees.

Bill explained that it was time to consider increasing Union dues, to ensure that attacks by the Union's enemies do not affect our ability to organise and fight. Also, developing the CFMEU's new Port Melbourne training centre has involved major investment.

Following an open discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:



That CFMEU dues increase \$50 for the ticket starting 1 October 2011. A further increase of \$50 will apply for the ticket starting 1 April 2012.

This second increase will not apply to members who work offsite and who are not covered by the industry EBA.

The same motion was also passed at the Geelong meeting.

Cbus up!

Weekly superannuation contributions under existing CFMEU enterprise agreements rose to \$144.60 per week from 1 July 2011 (or 9% of ordinary earnings, whichever is greater).

Cbus is paid into your account monthly. To check, phone 1300 361 784 or visit www.cbussuper.com.au.

Improvements to super won in the 2011-2015 industry agreement will take Cbus payments up to around 12% of your weekly earnings.

Crackdown looms on illegal workers

Bosses will soon face \$10,000 fines for employing foreign workers illegally.

A new report for the Federal government has found that up to 100,000 people are working in the country without a visa, with at least 16,000 employed in construction.

Illegal labour is often supplied by organised rackets, and it undermines our labour market.

The report also found that existing penalties are not a deterrent to employers, and laws are not enforced either. Of more than 100 cases considered by the Immigration Department since 2007, only one resulted in a prosecution.

The Federal government has said it agrees with the report.

ETU elections

The CFMEU wishes Dean Mighell and his Full Charge team good luck in the ETU elections taking place at the moment.

State Secretary Bill Oliver says, 'Under the current leadership, the ETU has been a good, strong union, and we have always worked well with them. They have supported us in a lot of disputes, and we want to see them re-elected.'

CFMEU stewards and members are encouraged to assist the Full Charge team where possible.

ATTENTION ALL VICTORIAN BUILDING WORKERS

2011 Building Workers' Picnic

**NEW VENUE
CAULFIELD RACECOURSE
9.30AM MONDAY
5 DECEMBER 2011
CAR PARK ENTRY VIA KAMBROOK ROAD**



FAMILY TICKET \$30 (INCL GST)

- > FREE RIDES
- > FREE FOOD
- > PRIZES
- > ENTERTAINMENT

Wage payment for the day by purchase of ticket – contact your Union or Organiser.

BUILDING INDUSTRY GROUP COUNTRY PICNICS

BALLARAT

Monday 5 December
Eureka Stockade Park

SHEPPARTON

Monday 5 December
Princess Park
(Swans Football Club)

BENDIGO

Monday 5 December
Bendigo Jockeys Club
Whitehills

ALBURY/WODONGA

Monday 12 December
Wodonga Raiders Footy
Club

GEELONG

Monday 5 December
Geelong Racing Club

MILDURA

Monday 12 December
Jaycee Park, Hugh King
Drive

LATROBE VALLEY

Monday 5 December
Traralgon Show Grounds

PORTLAND

Monday 5 December
Portland Soccer Grounds

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