



WORDBACK

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UFU SHOP STEWARDS

Thank you to the wonderful group of UFU Shop Stewards who attended the training course conducted at the UFU this week.

Our Shop Stewards are the vital face of the union in your workplace, ensuring the essential communication flows both to and from members on a daily basis.

Shop Stewards can also, (in their words) put out the 'bushfires' while the union office deals with the conflagration. So next time you have a query, think about who the Shop Steward is at your workplace or shift, and think about seeking local assistance. All Shop Stewards know they can escalate a concern if they need to.



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MID TERM REVIEW

Members are aware that the UFU has put our case under the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service Enterprise Agreement 2017 (EA) to the Single Bargaining Centre (SBC) for the second *full* 2% pay increase in relation to the Mid Term Review.

The union made a substantial submission which more than justifies the modest 2% pay increase sought. The Decision is reserved but we are advised that it will be provided in writing in the near future. Members will be kept informed of the outcome.

ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT LOG OF CLAIMS

The membership vote to endorse the consolidated log of claims for the forthcoming EA is now open and I urge all members to please take part. The survey will be open for two weeks, closing at midday on 4 September 2019. Thank you again for your participation.

PFAS UPDATE

Many thanks also to all who attended the PFAS meeting held at the UFU office on Wednesday this week (21/8).

It was enlightening to hear from Professor Mark Taylor, a global expert from Macquarie University who attended the meeting to assist in progressing this matter based on the evidence and best practice.

MFS Scientific Officer Krystle Mitchell presented on the work performed by the MFS to date with Julian Howard from GHD explaining the methodology used to develop the reports to the MFS. SFF Tim Jaeger who has a deep interest in the subject based on his science background, also kindly made a presentation.

The MFS referred to the initiative outlined in the MFS Memorandum No 43/2019 of 16 August 2019 which is designed to reduce PFAS levels in the blood of firefighters and your families, who meet the eligibility criteria set by the MFS.

The UFU does not offer medical advice however we welcome the provision of access to reasonable cost of medical treatment and have sought that this be extended to treatment by medical practitioners of the members' choice. This has been sought by a range of members with elevated PFAS levels in their blood.

There was discussion about a range of other initiatives which may be considered, and these will be the subject of ongoing consideration, including dust monitoring and amelioration etc.

Feedback from participants in the discussion was that the meeting was highly informative and is a positive move in sharing information, working collectively and pragmatically while ensuring the precautionary principle is paramount.

The next meeting of the MFS PFAS Consultative Committee is scheduled for next week where we believe we are very close to achieving a consensus about what is needed to move forward.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIVATISATION MEETINGS

Opposition Leader Peter Malinauskas is holding a series of Community Forums around the State Liberal Government's plans to privatise our train and tram services. Details of these are below for anyone who is interested in campaigning to keep public assets in public hands.

Community Forums:

Where: Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road Marion

Date: 27 August, 6:00pm

Where: Blackwood Community Centre, 4 Young Street Blackwood

Date: 29 August, 6.30pm

Where: Cove Sports and Community Centre, 2 Oval Road Hallett Cove

Date: 3 September, 6.30pm

Where: Salisbury Bowling Club, Orange Avenue Salisbury

Date: 16 September, 7.00pm

DAFFODIL DAY



Daffodil Day is the Cancer Council's annual campaign that raises life-saving funds for world-class cancer research, and it shows our support for the 145,000 Australians diagnosed with cancer each year.

This August, join thousands of others across the country to raise funds that give hope and save lives. You can donate online or at a stall near you or get involved by volunteering your time. www.daffodilday.com.au/event/daffodil-day

In solidarity,

Max Adlam
SECRETARY

UFU HOODIES NOW AVAILABLE!

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\$30

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Use Surname as payment reference

After payment please email required size (XS-3XL) and style (**zip up or standard hoodie**) to info@ufusa.com.au , we will confirm when they are available by return email.

Hoodie is Navy Blue with White Print.

This is a limited run, first in best dressed!