

The Northern News

CONFIDENTIAL INTERNAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN AMALGAMATED WORKERS UNION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Once again the meetings were well attended and some good discussion was held on the performance of the National, Act, Maori Party Coalition Government. It was clear to everybody at the meetings that the Tax cuts that take effect on 1st October 2010 will at best only offset the increase in living costs that we all suffer through the emissions Trading scheme, Electricity, Petrol in particular and the GST increases. That will increase everything Rates, Food, Electricity and Petrol again. School books and clothing, Insurance premiums and everything else you spend your hard earned wages on. When Key said vote for me because it's time for a change, it was a major con job. Oh, and don't forget the recent heavy rise in Alcohol prices, will also rise again by the GST increase. I challenge anybody to tell me how the changes inflicted by this coalition government help working people on low to medium wages up to \$50K.

There was also discussion around the Labour Law changes being proposed by this Government. Genuine anger was showed against these changes in particular the Access Laws, the '90 Day Sack at Will' Law and Sick Leave changes. Nobody could see how these changes will;

1. Create full time jobs.
2. Close the wage gap with Australia.
3. Protect the most vulnerable workers from exploitation and bullying.

REMINDER:

Auckland Local Body Elections

Voting closes on

Sunday 9th October 2010

VOTE NOW!!!

UNION FEES - KOHA PAYMENTS

The proposal from the Executive to absorb the current rash of increases listed above was well received and our statement that it would be immoral to increase fees now because members are also suffering those increases with minimal wage increases (2% to 3%) was endorsed by members.

It was decided that Union Fees remain the same for at least the next 12 months.

The meetings discussed the level of Koha (Death Payments). It was decided that as of 1st January 2011 the Koha payments will be;

Death of Member \$6,000	up from \$4,000
Death of Member's Spouse/Partner \$3,000	up from \$2,000
Death of Member's Child (up to age of 16) \$3,000	up from \$2,000

These are significant increases particularly with no increase in the Welfare Payment of 50c per week per member. We believe this is needed to take further pressure off members and their families at such an emotional time.

Join a Union that cares about its people and delivers a 'Top Class' service.

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October 20th - CTU National Day of Action

Please refer to the table below for a revised (as of 27th September 2010) breakdown of the cross-Union Rallies/Meetings planned for 20th October 2010. This is not a complete list of all the activities that will be taking place on the day as many of the smaller towns will still be participating in activities on the day i.e. holding workplace union meetings. In addition, there will be combined stop work meetings held in most hospitals for health workers.

The events in the grid below are generally around one hour from the identified start time which also allows travel time before and afterwards. There are also variations in terms of marches, meetings, activities afterwards and so on.

Town	Location of Meeting (Place & Physical Address)	Time of Meeting
Kaitaia	Clock Tower	TBC
Whangarei	Spire Pavilion Lounge (situated on Okara Drive)	An Event to be held between 3-6pm
Auckland	Telstra Clear, Manukau City	12.30-2.30pm Event start 1pm
Thames	Leafleting and Picket	Between 12-2pm
Hamilton	Rally at Grantham Park on Victoria Street (opposite the Museum) followed by a Barbecue at Pirana Park. Event starts at 12.15 (Speeches however likely from 12.30pm)	12-2pm Event Start Rally start at 12.15-1.15pm followed by a Barbecue from 1.45pm for those who can stay on.
Tauranga	Assemble Devonport Road end of 3 rd Avenue, then march to Red Square, Tauranga City Centre.	11.45am-1.45pm Event starts 12 noon.
Tokoroa	Rally in the main street of Tokoroa (Bridge Street) Assemble outside Kiwi Bank.	Between 10am-2pm. Assemble at 10am for March followed by other activities for those that can stay.
Taupo	Leafleting picket main street – TBC	Between 12-2pm
Rotorua	Rotorua Soundshell, Lakefront	Meeting starts at 12.30pm
Hawera	Will be an event – Still to be confirmed	Between 12.30-3pm
Gisborne	Meet at Gisborne Deli	10.30am

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