

The Northern News

CONFIDENTIAL INTERNAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN AMALGAMATED WORKERS UNION

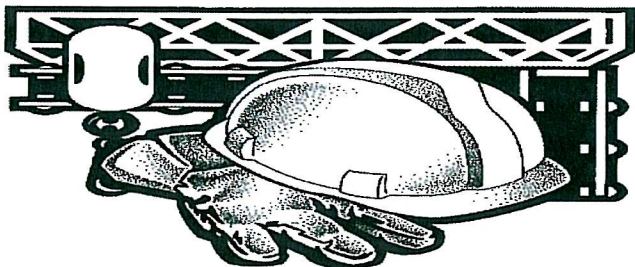
Privatisation of Prisons

Members will be aware that this Government is moving to privatise some Prisons. One of this Union's concerns with this matter is that the Companies who run Private Prisons will be looking for profits for their share holders. This in our view will lead to an increase in the use of Prisoners to compete with paid workers for their jobs to maximise their profits.

The Super City

It seems clear from what we are told by the Auckland Transition Agency, that none of our members currently employed by these Regional Councils will lose their jobs with the amalgamations to the Super City. If any member hears anything different, please contact your Organiser URGENTLY.

This does not mean everything is fine with the Super City, as we still need to keep our eyes open to see how the changing cultures and behaviour will affect members. Considering that they have already spent \$202 million to set up this new City, you'd imagine things should improve for everybody. But can we trust this Government who promised before the Election, not to raise GST?



AWUNZ ROTORUA - NEW LOCATION -

From Monday 2nd August 2010 we will be operating our Rotorua Branch office from:
Suite 2, 31-33 White Street, Rotorua.

Our contact numbers will remain the same.

In the meantime you will still find us at:
**86 Pererika Street, Rotorua,
until Friday 30th July 2010.**

History Repeats

In 1991 when the then National Government got into power it also brought about unacceptable behaviour from some Unions in the form of membership poaching. We will look at the effects of this anti-Union behaviour.

Does it improve the standards for workers who move from one Union to another? History says no. So what does it do?

Simply the poaching Union cannot meet the promises they made to new members and eventually those people become de-Unionised. These poachers become so desperate for membership that they will poach in areas they have no experience in and have not been involved in, previously. The NDU in Hamilton Parks is an example of this.

***Poachers Beware!
The Gamekeeper is about!***

UNION ELECTIONS 2010

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED:

Vice-President (3 year term):

The Incumbant, Vice President, Nicky Walker is available for re-election.

Executive Members (3 year term):

3 positions available (Incumbants available for re-election are M Anneff and K Pope).

Secretary (5 year term):

The Incumbant, Ray Bianchi is available for re-election.

Nominations close on:
Friday 27th August 2010 at 4.00pm.
Nominations to be addressed to:
**The Secretary, Northern AWUNZ,
Private Bag 68905, Newton,
AUCKLAND 1021.**

All nominations must be compliant with the rules of the Union.

NOMINATION FORM:

I hereby nominate for the position of
Vice-President / Executive Member / Secretary.

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(Signature)

I hereby second the nomination of for the position of
Vice-President / Executive Member / Secretary. *(Delete one)*

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(Signature)

I accept the nomination for the position of Vice-President / Executive Member /
Secretary. *(Delete one)*

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(Signature)

AGENDA FOR 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1) Secretary's Report.
- 2) Elections for Vice-President, Executive Members (2) and Secretary.
- 3) Union Membership Fees (2011)
- 4) Welfare Fund;
 - a. Koha Payments
 - b. Rules for Payouts

If any member needs or requires any further information in respect of these Agendered issues, please contact the Secretary, Ray Bianchi on (09) 378 6190 or 021 288 5600.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The meetings dates and venues will be finalised shortly and a further Northern News will be published to ensure all members have the opportunity to attend a meeting.



WAGE INCREASES

It is still very difficult to negotiate wage increases and most Companies are still blaming the world-wide 'Recession' for their problems. We find it difficult to understand how Councils are affected by what happens in the States or Europe. The only people who may be affected are Exporters. Even so, overpaid CEO's are still getting increases and generous bonuses and then tell us that our members, *the ones who make their profits*, can have nothing or very little. They then say our greatest asset is our people (*yeah right*).

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