

Hunter Workers representing over 70,000 workers and their families. We are located in the heart of Newcastle at the **Hunter Unions Building** on King Street.



02 March 2016

Hunter Workers



The Newcastle Trades Hall Council has a **very proud history** here in the Hunter Region as the oldest continuous peak union organisation in Australia.

"Hunter Workers unite for a fairer wage, a fairer share of prosperity, and a fair go for all."

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Today,
Hunter Workers build activists.

Tomorrow,
Hunter Workers build on our results.

Authorised by Daniel Wallace, Secretary, Newcastle Trades Hall Council



Together, with your help, our job, our goal, is to lift Union membership across the region by campaigning for the wages and conditions of all Hunter workers.



Every year is a big year for Hunter Workers, this year is no exception. 2016 is an Election year & Malcolm Turnbull will be looking to establish the leadership in his own right. We cant let happen... The ACTU Campaign, organised locally by Aaron Moon is fired up and ready to go anytime a date is set, with the successful community campaigning

in 2015, lots of people are getting the message out and the signs are starting to show that it may not be the 'shoe in' the conservatives had hoped for. But still, theres lot's of work ahead...

Our capacity to organise and develop campaigns in the region continues to grow with new affiliations to Trades Hall. Since our last Newsletter we welcome the USU and the AMOU to our membership bringing our affiliation to 26 Unions and over 70,000 members across the region. Our growth is important in ensuring we have the capacity to set the standard for Hunter Workers and their families, and we have the capacity to influence the national conversation. Hunter Workers have faced some difficult times in recent years with significant job loses across all sectors in our region. We will continue to fight in 2016, engaging with all workers, strengthening the bonds with our supporters in the community, looking to form new relationships to broaden our base to ensure we have the muscle and influence to deliver a safe, secure and prosperous future for all Hunter Workers.



**Yancoal,
don't hang
us out to dry!**



YANCOAL
兗煤澳大利亚有限公司

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In December 2015 coal mine workers were being held to ransom by a company hell bent on stripping their work force of their entitlements, little did they know they'd have a fight on their hands. The workers took a stand to fight for what was right, their right for respect from their employer and their right for fair and decent redundancy entitlements. As it's becoming increasingly common place for many companies, Yancoal was trying to force their workforce to sign away their rights under a new contract with a shelf company, Yancoal Mining Services.

Hunter Workers did what we do best, we went out to support our brothers and sister's in their fight in an effort to put pressure on Yancoal to ensure these workers, Hunter Workers, were recognised for their commitment, hard work and dedication to the company by securing their redundancy entitlements.

As a result of community pressure and further negotiations with the Professionals and their members the workers redundancy entitlements were secured. However their fight is not over yet. Yancoal are supporting a FWC case in November to cap redundancy payments.

Follow the link and to hear what Sam Dastyari had to say about his concerns for Hunter Workers and Yancoal's behaviour:

<https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalsAustralia/videos/991259514245010/>



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Work Choices on water

Hundreds of workers are being sacked, simply because they are paid Australian wages.

The Federal Government is issuing **Temporary Licences** to big business allowing them to sack Australian Workers and replace them with **exploited foreign labour** for as little as \$2 per hour.

In early 2015 the Federal Government tried to get legislation passed through parliament to allow big business to employ **flag of convenience vessels** to run cargo on **Australian domestic routes** crewed by third world workers.

The legislation was defeated in the senate.

Yet they continue to conspire with the big end of town to ensure there **massive profits** continue to rise **at the expense of Australian workers**.

The **community of Newcastle** took a stand when news came that more Australian Seafarers were to suffer the same fate and set up a **community protest** at Tomago Smelter, the owners of the subsidiary company Pacific Aluminium.

The MUA continue their campaign for **Australian Shipping and Australian Seafarers jobs**.

Follow the campaign on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/secureourfuel> or contact Mal Lingard at the Newcastle Branch on 49 292 149 to get the latest news on events and activities to support the campaign.

OUR COAST. OUR JOBS

OUR FUTURE

Australian Crews - Australian Ships





The RTBU are petitioning the Speaker of the house and Members of the NSW Legislative

Assembly seeking the NSW Government reverse there decision to privatise **Newcastle's Public Transport Services**. We encourage all members of the **Hunter Community** to sign the petition and support the Campaign to save of **our public services**.

The **plan to privatise** our services is part of a continued agenda of sell sell sell from the current State Government, putting **private profits ahead of the people** with little to no benefit back to the local community. To support the campaign you can encourage your friends to add their signatures to the petition. For more information or copies of the petition please go to

www.ourtransport.org.au

PETITION

AGAINST THE PRIVATISATION OF NEWCASTLE BUSES, FERRIES & LIGHT RAIL

To the Speaker and Members of the NSW Legislative Assembly:

We the undersigned NSW residents, call on the NSW Government to reverse its decision to privatise Newcastle's Public Transport Services. Our Public Transport Services support the most vulnerable in our community. Privatisation may expose our community to profits before people resulting in reduced services, increased fares and job losses.

NAME: SIGN:

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PLEASE RETURN TO: NEWCASTLE TRADES HALL COUNCIL, LEVEL 1, 406-408 KING STREET, NEWCASTLE WEST 2302

www.facebook.com/ourtransport
www.twitter.com/itsourtransport

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Benn Billingsley 0478 794 447

Premier Mike Baird say's "If we cannot provide better services, more services we will not go ahead with the plan".

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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

Australian Union of Women

'PLEDGE FOR PARITY'

Where: Charlestown Bowling Club

When: Friday 4th March

Cost: \$40/ person

For booking enquiries:

Janet Mundie

(02) 49 468 217

janetweecarl@gmail.com

Hunter Workers are donating the cost for 8 students to attend this event. Enjoy a buffet style menu and Carrie Jacobi speaking on 'the past and future roll's of unions as agent's for social and environmental change, and the women who have inspired her along the way.'

RSVP Thursday 3rd March to secure your seat

Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Mayoress Dinner

TBA

HUNTER WORKERS JOBS EMBASSY CONVOY

On Tuesday March 15th Hunter Workers will take our concerns for Hunter Jobs, Hunter Industries to Parliament House and join the Job's Embassy to lobby the polly's for a fair go. All Hunter Workers are invited to come along for the ride to fight for OUR jobs.

Our future depends on it.

Please contact your union or Hunter Workers to book your seat



JOIN US FOR A

#beyondblueBASH

~~RUN~~

~~PLAY~~

~~CAR WASH~~

~~TRIVIA~~

BAKE LIKE A LEGEND



We're hosting a **beyondblue Bash** to help improve the lives of individuals, families and communities affected by depression, anxiety and suicide.

COME JOIN US AND BECOME A FUNDRAISING LEGEND!

Disability Advocacy NSW BASH

EVENT NAME: _____

LOCATION: Hunter Unions Building 2nd floor Kitchen

DATE: Thursday March 10th TIME: 10:30am

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING/DO: Donation

RSVP: Friday 4th March



beyondbluebash.org.au

SOVEREIGN CORPORATE TAKEOVER

The largest trade deal in Australia's history, bringing together 12 Pacific Rim countries under one trade deal. Driven by the United States, negotiations have been ongoing for nearly a decade until, under Abbott, desperate to get some economic credentials on the board agreement was reached in October of last year. Being hailed by some as a revolution in trade deals, there are many others that are sceptical at best of what real economic benefits the TPP will bring to Australia. The estimated loss in trade figures since signing a deal with USA over 10 years ago is around \$53 billion per year and we already have trade deals with 8 of the 11 countries proposing to sign up to the TPP. If you look at all the 11 countries party to the TPP they make up 30% of Australia's total trade so it's hard to see or envisage any real benefit for Australian workers or the Australian economy.

The real story lays behind the true intent of the agreement as with all so called 'free trade agreements', the reduction of regulatory burden to business enabling easier transactions and the movement of industries across borders. With what we know about multinational tax avoidance and our experience with self companies you'd think our Governments would change tact to encourage growth in our manufacturing industries, rain in the exploitation of workers and the free fall all for companies looking to avoid their tax obligations.

The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

February 9th 2016 - 1st Public hearing.

Committee invites interested persons and organisations to make submissions for the the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) by **Friday, 11 March 2016**.

Terms of reference - http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Treaties/9_February_2016/Treaty_under_consideration#nia

Treaty - http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Treaties/9_February_2016/Treaty_under_consideration

Making a submission - http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Making_a_submission



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WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE 2016 CALENDAR



The **Westpac Rescue Helicopter** relies entirely on **community donations** to operate year round. Throughout the year the service runs a number of activity's and event to assist with **fundraising** to continue to carryout this vital **community service**. There are still 2016 calendars available for purchase, so get in before its too late. For more information on how to purchase a calendar, **make a donation** or find where the next **fundraising event** is in your area contact **Barry Walton** on 0428 846 720 or online at www.rescuehelicopter.com.au

NTHC General Meeting Calendar

Delegates will meet on the following dates at 5.30pm:

Thursday 10 March 2016

Thursday 14 April 2016

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**UNIONS
START WITH
YOU**



**I'LL GIVE UP
MY UNION CARD
WHEN YOU PRY
IT FROM MY
COLD DEADHAND**



HEY MIKE BAIRD!
STOP THE PRIVATISATION
NEOPOLICE, BUSES, RAILS & LIGHT RAIL
Public Transport
1st Rally
Starts 12pm Civic Park

