

Telstra Turns its Back on Regional Victoria

Staff, unions, community groups, local business and local politicians are joining together to call on Telstra to reverse its plan to close the Moe call centre.

The Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) lead organiser Teresa Davison says the recent decision to close the Telstra call-centre in Moe and transfer jobs to capital cities and off shore is worrying sign for regional Australia.

"The Moe decision follows a string of regional office closures around the country and demonstrates Telstra's lack of concern for regional communities.

So far, Telstra has closed centres in Grafton, Bendigo, Geelong, Ballarat, Maroochydore and Cairns.

"In a region that already struggles with high levels of

unemployment; the options for those 114 employees are really limited," Ms Davison said.

"The closure of this centre doesn't just affect the 114 staff at Telstra Moe, the flow on effects to the community and local businesses will be devastating," Ms Davison said.

"This decision is bad for employees who have worked so hard to provide excellent service to Telstra customers. It's bad for the local community who will lose tenants, customers, family and friends. And ultimately it's bad for Telstra customers because service standards will suffer."

"Telstra says its commitment to rural and regional Australia is 'of the highest order', but decisions like this fly in the face of their public statements," said Ms Davison.

Save our jobs in Moe!

From the staff of Telstra Moe Centre



Telstra Moe staff: Lauren Brownscombe, Bree McCabe & Amanda Hayes

Telstra is proposing to close down the Moe Telstra Centre, ripping 114 jobs out of our community. There are not 114 job vacancies that we can walk into in Moe. For most of us it will mean joining the jobless line or moving to Melbourne.

This heartless proposal will have a massive impact on local businesses, clubs, churches, and schools as many of us will have to leave Moe to work somewhere else.

We feel gutted by this decision; Telstra speaks of being committed to regional Australia, but believes that offshore jobs are the best way to serve their customers.

Moe is a strong community who fought the closure of this centre 6 years ago. Show Telstra we're prepared to stand up for each other again!



For more information contact CPSU organiser Steve Abboushi at steve.abboushi@cpsu.org.au or call 1300 137 636

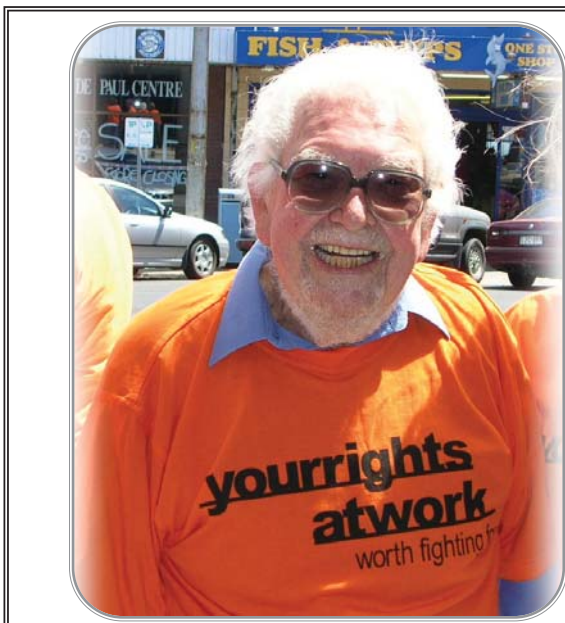
Authorised by Louise Perse, CPSU Assistant Secretary





The Gippsland Trades and Labour Council (GTLC) is organizing several events over the next few weeks. The GTLC Labour Day Dinner is being held on Thursday 7th April at the Waratah Restaurant. Places for this are limited – bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. International Women’s Day will be celebrated with a Picnic in the Park on 8th March. The picnic will be a fundraiser – hope to see everyone there.

Bullying in the workplace is a significant issue – it affects many people, not just workers but their families too. WAC is organizing Big Ears Day to speak out about the problem. Everyone is invited to attend a lunch time BBQ in Victory Park, Traralgon – even if only for 15 minutes. If you need more information about any of these events please do not hesitate to give the office a ring on 03 5133 7684.



Vale
Allan Opie
 Aged 96

The Gippsland Trades and Labour Council is saddened by the passing of Allan Opie. Allan an ex coal-miner from Wonthaggi and union activist will be sadly missed.

Farewell Comrade



International Women's Day Centenary 1911 - 2011

The Women's Action Coalition (WAC)

Invites you to join them for a

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Morwell Rose Garden

Tuesday 8th March 2011 - 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Get a Group Together to

Hire a Picnic Rug \$40.00 for 4 People

BYO Food and Drinks

All Monies Raised will go to Support WAC's Commitment to Pathways to Decent Work for Women

&

The Global Studio

To Book: Tel: Val 03 5133 7684 - or Email: gtlc@wideband.net.au



Pathways to Decent Work For Women



GIPPSLAND TRADES & LABOUR COUNCIL INC.

Women's Action Coalition (WAC)

Invites you to



SPEAK **OUT** AGAINST BULLYING

on

BIG EARS DAY

25th March 2011

12.30pm - 2pm

Traralgon Sound Shell

Victory Park

Traralgon

Day Includes

- Guest Speakers
 - Information about Bullying
 - Attendance by WorkSafe

FREE

Sausage Sizzle

Help

STOP

workplace bullying



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Supporting Workers & Communities

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GippslandTLC.com.au
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GTLC Diary 2011

March 2011

8: International Women's Day Centenary 1911 - 2011
Picnic In The Park: Morwell Rose Garden: 12.30 - 2.30pm
8: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell
14: Labour Day Public Holiday
25: Big Ears Day: WAC Against Bullying
Lunchtime BBQ: Traralgon Sound Shell

April 2011

8: Labour Day Dinner
Waratah Restaurant, Morwell
12: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell
22: Good Friday: Public Holiday
25: Easter Monday: Public Holiday
26: ANZAC Day: Public Holiday

May 2011

10: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell

June 2011

13: Queens Birthday Public Holiday
14: WAC Meeting: 4pm
GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell

July 2011

12: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell

August 2011

9: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell

September 2011

13: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC AGM & General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell

October 2011

11: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell

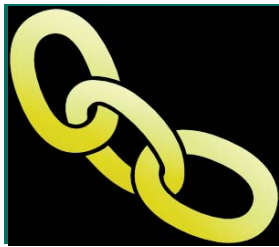
November 2011

1: Melbourne Cup Day: Public Holiday
18: WAC Meeting: 4pm
5.30pm: GTLC General Meeting
8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell

December 2011

13: GTLC Christmas Break Up
4.00pm: 8 - 10 Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell





COMMUNITY LINK

Getting the message out



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Related Diseases
Support Inc**

Support & information for asbestos sufferers, families & carers.

41 Monash Road, Newborough, Vic. 3825

Phone: 5126 0354 / Fax: 5126 0354

Email: info@gards.org / Web: www.gards.org

Call in for a chat and a cuppa

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No one is saying they can't...who is saying they can?
Become a mentor!**

Mentoring helps create a brighter future for our young people by giving them the opportunity to build a positive, trusting friendship with a more experienced adult from their community.

Being a mentor is a fantastic way of connecting with others and making a difference in the lives of young people. It's also a lot of fun!

You don't need any formal qualifications to be a mentor as you will be provided with free training.

Mentor information night

Where: Berry Street, 37 Elgin Street, Morwell

When: Thursday 3rd March 2011,

Time: 5:30pm

Email: agrantham@berrystreet.org.au

RSVP: Tuesday 1st March 2011

Contact Alex Grantham on 51345971 for more information

**REACH OUT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY:
BECOME A MENTOR AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



Berry Street believes all children should have a good childhood,
growing up feeling safe, nurtured and with hope for the future.