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**November
2014**

New Secretary for GTLC as John Parker Steps Back

The Gippsland Trades and Labour Council has a new Secretary, Steve Dodd after the resignation of John Parker. John has now taken on the role of Assistant Secretary in a role reversal.

John has been Secretary of the Council since 2002 and has fought hard for the rights of workers and their families in the Gippsland community and his achievements numerous.

Included in his list are the fight to save Coal Creek Community Park in Korumburra, Wonthaggi State Coal Mine and Pakenham Golf Course. He has been involved in the fight against asbestos, assisting Gippsland Asbestos Diseases Support (GARDS) to design and produce the Domestic Asbestos Home Removal Kit and has been the driver of the GTLC's Just Transition Strategy since 2005. The strategy aims at a just and fair transition for workers and the community as we are moving through a period of structural adjustment and a carbon constrained economy. He was a key member of the Latrobe Valley Transition Committee and is a member of Coal Resources Victoria.

His resignation comes because of ill health. Diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease he suffered a setback earlier this year when he had to have surgery for a brain tumour. Illness has not dulled his passion for fighting however. At present he is helping with the campaign to remove the current conservative governments and will work with Steve on the issues of transition.

Incoming Secretary, Steve Dodd, an AMWU Organiser, has worked alongside John for the last 12 years so has had a long apprenticeship! A veteran campaigner, he and John ran the local Workchoices campaign. They secured a 20ft caravan, painted it orange and went out on the campaign trail. They also were involved with the Country Cavalcade and Sky Channel Hook-Ups across the region and hosted a memorable 'Farewell Dinner' for John Howard, who refused the invitation to attend!

Steve, as new Secretary is committed to continuing the fight against asbestos, continuing to raise awareness of its lethal legacy and combatting the growing rate of the regions workers relying on fly-in-fly-out work.



Steve Dodd and John Parker





Rally at Australian Paper Maryvale

Unionists and supporters rallied outside the gates of Australian Paper's Maryvale mill to protest the hiring of New Zealand contractors rather than local skilled workers. 33 have been hired by the company from Hutec Engineering and PFS Engineering to work on a maintenance shut.

Secretary of the GTLC and AMWU Organiser Steve Dodd said the rally sent a message to Australian Paper and to the community that unions were willing to fight for jobs in the region.

According to Steve Dodd, it is outrageous that people are brought in from overseas when we have the skilled workforce in the Latrobe Valley.

The claim by the company that specialist skills were required was rejected by unions and workers alike.



Candidate for the seat of Morwell, Jadon Mintern, signed the AMWU Pladge (see page 6)

New Secretary for Ballarat Trades Hall

Paul Clempson has retired as Secretary of Ballarat Trades Hall Council. Paul worked as a Return to Work Project Officer for Ballarat Council on a joint Project with GTLC. At the end of the project Paul stayed in Ballarat and took over the Secretary's position from Graham Shearer on his retirement. We wish Paul well in his retirement.



Graham Shearer, Tim Gooden, Paul Clempson and Brett Edgington

Brett Edgington has taken over as the Secretary

**Vale Athan McCaw
(15 May 1978-26 October 2014)**

President: Ballarat Trades Hall

President of Ballarat TLC, Athan McCaw, died tragically in a motorcycle accident at Foxhow near Camperdown early on Sunday Morning 26th October 2014. Thirty six years old, just too soon. Athan was an ardent and committed Unionist and will be missed by all. An NTEU Organiser for Fed Uni he was passionate about the Ballarat Save TAFE Campaign.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS

MORNING TEA 2014

Tuesday 25 November - 10am

ACV/GARDS office

41 Monash Road, Newborough

Gold coin donation on entry

to ACV/GARDS for morning tea - scones, jam and cream

Available on site

ACV/GARDS Information on asbestos removalists, Respiratory Doctors, Surgeons, medical equipment, books & DVDs on asbestos, info sheets on where you might find asbestos

Cancer Council Vic booklets on health & well being

Slater & Gordon Law Firm & Maurice Blackburn Law Firm, Advice Line Injury Law Firm & Acclaim Law Firm will be on site to answer any questions from the general public about litigation and personal injury

Mairin OHS&E Consulting will answer questions

on sample testing, auditing of houses & will have examples of asbestos containing products on display for your viewing

Latrobe City will be available with a display of the Domestic Asbestos Removal Kit & answer any questions

Morning tea sponsored by

Maurice Blackburn Law firm



**BRING ALONG
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- ALL WELCOME!**

ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY EVENT 2014

Friday 28 of November - 11am

Centenary Rose Garden

Commercial Road, Morwell

The event highlights and raises the awareness of asbestos and its effects on sufferers, their families, the community, and the environment

There will be an ecumenical service to remember those who are suffering and those who have succumbed to asbestos disease, **Beryl Stevens - Celebrant will officiate**. There will be a time set in our ceremony where families will be able to lay flowers and pay tribute to their loved ones.

Coal Valley Male Chorus singing and led by musical director Gay Michau Newborough Primary School choir singing and led by Principal Tim Delany The ACV/GARDS bagpipers will be in attendance David Duncan & Bill Dunbar

Speakers for this event are:

Russell Broadbent MHR Federal Member for McMillan also the Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Group for Asbestos Related Disease (PGARD)

Lyall Watts Lyall is living with Asbestos disease and he is an Activist for the cause & an ACV/GARDS member

Steve Dodd Secretary of the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council and a AMWU organiser

Vicki Hamilton OAM CEO/Secretary - Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS

There will be a free community BBQ with the compliments of the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council

**ALL IN THE COMMUNITY
ARE WELCOME.**



**Asbestos Council
of Victoria**

On 7 September 2014 the Coalition notched up its first 12 months in government.



Let's take out the **political spin** and **election promises** – what has the Abbott Government done for women in its first year?

1. **Massive cuts** to education, health and community services which employ and support women.

2. **No** extra funding for childcare and freezing the childcare rebate for families even though Australia spends less than half of the average OECD country spending on childcare.

3. **Cutting off** family benefits when children reach school age at the same time as ripping out funding for Out of School Hours Care and funding 4-year-old kindergarten for only one more year.

4. **Cuts** to single parent and family tax benefits with single-

income families with children and average earnings losing up to \$4250 per year.

5. **Amendments** to the Fair Work Act which will allow employers to trade employees' wages and conditions in return for family-friendly work arrangements.

6. **Axing** the Low Income Superannuation Contribution scheme reducing retirement savings for 1 in 2 (over 2 million) working women by up to \$27,000.

7. **Watering down** the Workplace Gender Equality legislation to lower employers' requirements

to report on equal opportunity for women in their workplaces.

8. **Increases** to higher education fees which will see women, because of their childrearing and broken employment history, take on average 26 years to pay off their university debts.

9. **No** new paid parental leave scheme – the only Coalition policy which was clearly designed to support women has been put on hold indefinitely.

10. **No** Women's Budget Statement for the first time in 30 years.

Unions are working hard to campaign against these proposals and we need a strong voice for women.

If the government is successful in voting these measures through, the gender pay gap between men and women will widen even further than its current 20 year record high.

Women make up half the workforce and half the voting population – we deserve a better deal.

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Unions
Join. For a
better life.

ALP Morwell Campaign HQ

Jadon Mintern, ALP candidate for the seat of Morwell, and his staff have moved into the GTLC building for the duration of the State Election Campaign.

Jadon and the campaign team have assembled a strong crew of volunteers to make phone calls, conduct door knocking and attend street stalls but they will need your help if we want to kick the Nationals out of Morwell.

Jadon and the team are making phone calls every night between 4.00pm and 8.00pm out of the campaign 'War Room' at the GTLC. Even half an hour of your time being spent on the phones would be extremely valuable.



Upper House Candidate Harriet Sheng signs the AMWU Pledge (see next page) with AMWU's Kevin Roberts and Greg Warren

Added to this, the campaign is running street stalls every Saturday morning at 10.00am until 11.30am around the electorate followed by door knocking between 12.00pm and 2.00pm. Please feel free to swing by and have a chat!



Jadon Mintern and Daniel Andrews

Without volunteers the campaign won't be able to reach it's objective – kicking the Nats out of Morwell and replacing them with a local member committed to bringing back Tech Schools in the Valley, building projects in the region to generate employment and re-investing the funds ripped out of our vital services by this Coalition Government.

So consider this a call to arms!

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to call either:

Anthony Naus (Field Organiser) – 0499 771 937

Michael Berthelsen (Campaign Manager) – 0433 833 185

GTLC 2014 Diary

20 November	GTLC General Meeting GTLC Office 5.30pm
25 November	Asbestos Awareness Morning Tea: ACV/GARDS Office
28 November	Asbestos Awareness Day Event Morwell Rose Garden 11.00am
16 December	Christmas Break Up



*I pledge to support Victorian
Skilled Manufacturing Jobs.*



THIS PLEDGE AFFIRMS MY SUPPORT FOR THE AMWU CAMPAIGN FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURING CONTENT IN STATE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT.

THIS INCLUDES FABRICATED STRUCTURAL STEEL, TRAINS, TRAMS, BUILDINGS AND COMPONENTS AS WELL AS ALL PRINTING REQUIREMENTS BY THE STATE TO BE UNDERTAKEN LOCALLY. VICTORIA WILL SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD MANUFACTURERS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT A DECENT TAFE SYSTEM IS REQUIRED TO DRIVE PRODUCTIVITY AND DECENT LIVING STANDARDS FOR VICTORIAN WORKERS WHICH IS WHY I PLEDGE TO HELP REBUILD THE TAFE SYSTEM.

I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS SKILLED TRADES WORKERS AND THAT VICTORIA MUST MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR THOSE SKILLS WHICH IS WHY I PLEDGE TO SUPPORT A CONVENTIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT LOW COMPLETION RATES FOR APPRENTICES IS BAD FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WHICH IS WHY I PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF APPRENTICE SUPPORT SERVICES WHICH ARE DELIVERED DIRECTLY BY THE STATE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMER OF MANUFACTURED GOODS AND SERVICES. I UNDERSTAND THE SOCIAL DEVASTATION OF VICTORIA'S RISING UNEMPLOYMENT AND THAT IT WOULD BE GROSSLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO IGNORE THE GOVERNMENTS PROCUREMENT POWER AS A TOOL TO SUPPORT LOCAL SKILLED JOBS.

I WILL SUPPORT INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF LOCAL CONTENT IN MAJOR STATE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE INDUSTRY CAPABILITY NETWORK AND THAT THIS ORGANISATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED TO HELP INDUSTRY REPLACE IMPORTS WITH LOCALLY PROCURED GOODS AND SERVICES.

I PROMISE THAT I WILL ADVOCATE WITHIN MY PARTY AND VOTE IN THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS SKILLED JOBS BY MAXIMIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL GOODS AND SERVICES.

I FURTHER PLEDGE TO SUPPORT FAIR WORKPLACES THROUGH UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS, AND RIGHTS FOR WORKERS TO ORGANISE AT WORK. I WILL OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO WATER DOWN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS AND THEIR WORKERS COMPENSATIONS RIGHTS.

I PLEDGE TO SEEK THE REPEAL OF DRACONIAN MOVE ON LAWS AND TO SUPPORT THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO LAWFUL AND PEACEFUL PROTEST.

Pledged by candidate / MP

Witnessed AMWU delegate

DATE / / 2014

GTLC Associate Member Scheme

The Gippsland Trades and Labour Council Inc (GTLC) has launched an Associate Member Scheme. Union members and supporters of the GTLC are being invited to sign up to the scheme to support the work of the GTLC.

How will membership support the GTLC?

Membership will assist the GTLC to:

- * Build a stronger and fairer community – the GTLC is committed to protecting the interests of workers and communities as the region is going through a period of structural adjustment
- * Support Unions / Workers in dispute: eg: Nurses Dispute, MEC Dispute, Hazelwood Dispute and Yallourn Dispute
- * Support Community Groups eg: The Global Studio, Wonthaggi State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi Historical Society, Welshpool Jetty, Gippsland Motor Cycle Club Junior's Neil Street Cup, GEST, Moe Work and Learning Centre
- * Support local businesses – by joining members get discounts at local businesses.

How will membership support GARDS?

Membership will assist in financially supporting Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Inc (GARDS). Ongoing funding for GARDS will allow them to continue to assist people in the region diagnosed with Asbestos related diseases, campaign for the eradication of asbestos and educate the general public on the dangers of asbestos.

Where will membership fees be spent?

Membership fees will stay in Gippsland, to support Gippsland and its workers.

How do I sign up?

- * Fill out an application form and return it to
Gippsland Trades and Labour Council
Inc
PO Box 240, Morwell 3840.

Application forms are available at our office or can be downloaded from our website at gippslandtlc.com.au

*Or go to www.gippslandtlc.com.au and sign

up [on line](http://www.gippslandtlc.com.au)

How much does it cost?

Associate membership costs \$5 per week

How do I pay?

Pay by direct debit weekly, fortnightly or monthly by filling out a Direct Debit request form available from our office, on our website or download form from our website at gippslandtlc.com.au

Or Make an annual payment of \$260 by EFT to:

Gippsland Trades and Labour Council Inc
Bendigo Bank: BSB 633 108
Account Number 1397 50137

Where can I get more information / forms?

Contact Val at GTLC Office: 5133 7684 or call into the office at 120 Buckley Street, Morwell.

Know any businesses who may be interested in signing up? Let us know and we will contact them.

See next page for a list of participating businesses



Discount Offers for Associate Member Card Holders

Show your card to receive discounts



CAFE CREMA ON BUCKLEY
10% OFF ALL ORDERS \$10 AND OVER
Cafe Crema
94 Buckley Street
MORWELL
Open: 8am - 4pm Weekdays



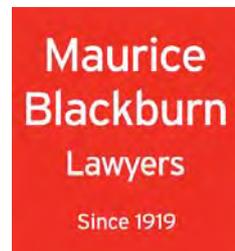
COOL AQUA SPRINGS
\$22 OFF WATER COOLER
RENTAL:
\$77 PA - NORMALLY \$99
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*Excludes any other special pricing

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10% OFF ALL STOCK



2A Church Street
MORWELL 3840
5133 0939



VESUVIO BAKERY AND CAFE
LARGE COFFEE WITH DONUT \$6.60
BUY TWO WHITE LOAVES - RECEIVE TWO FREE ROLLS
23 Church Street
MORWELL 3840
5134 6019



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FREE SMALL FOCCICIA WITH ANY ORDER
BUY 1 PIZZA AND RECEIVE 2ND HALF PRICE TO EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
40 George Street
MORWELL 3840 5133 9994

Junior Fishing Competition 2014



Registration starts at 8.00 am.

Fishing from 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Accessible for disabled



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Juniors ONLY between the ages of 4 – 16
 Juniors must be accompanied by an adult.
 Only one fishing rod per competitor.

Lake Hyland, Mathison Park

Mackey's Road, Churchill

\$2 per child /

\$5 family

(three or more children)

Entry includes sausage sizzle.

* Plenty of prizes * Mystery weight * Lucky Door Prizes

For further information contact 0422 823 179



Co-Operating Churches Churchill



Valley Trophy Centre

GIPPSLAND TRADES & LABOUR COUNCIL INC





COMMUNITY LINK

Getting the message out



Asbestos Council of Victoria

Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc.

Provides support & information to asbestos sufferers, their families & carers.

41 Monash Road, Newborough, Vic. 3825

Phone: 5127 7744

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