WORKERS' & TENANTS' MONTHLY

TEACHERS AND HOSPITAL WORKERS SUFFER MENTALLY FROM WORK AND CANNOT TAKE LEAVE!



EVENTS

Rising Tide Craftivism
When
12:00pm to 4:00pm
Sunday 08 November
Where
The Nest Creative Space
24/24a Bourke Rd
Alexandria NSW 2015
Australia

Revolutionary Poetry from Palestine and Latin America – End of year party
When
5:00pm to 10:30pm
Friday 13 November
Where
Centro Cultural Latinoamericano
Hut 47/ 142 Addison Rd
Marrickville NSW 2204
Australia

Radical Melbourne! A People's History Festival
When
9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday 21 November
Where
Balam Balam Place
15 Phoenix St
Brunswick VIC 3056
Australia

MARITIME UNION INDUSTRIAL ACTION OF 2026



1. Background

Since the 11th of September due to ongoing disputes between Ferry Workers against Transdev and TfNSW over the inadequacy of payment, to which the Maritime Union announced that on behalf of their Members the Ferry Workers demand a five percent increase in Wages in order to protect against rising inflation of living costs.

“Sydney Ferries workers have confirmed their industrial action will proceed from tomorrow, with Opal card readers to be switched off and turnstiles left wide open across the Sydney Ferries network from Friday 11 September until Tuesday 6 October.

“We offer to personally welcome any doubters from TfNSW or Transdev aboard one of Sydney Ferries’ iconic vessels tomorrow, fare-free, to see for themselves the consequences of their pig headedness,””

The consequences of this for the Bourgeoisie of Transdev is that the Ferry Workers under the

Leadership of the Maritime Union has actually in fact, taken control of the process of production of Ferry Ports! In a Political Climate where just a few Months ago, many Socialist Party and Union Comrades were lamenting amongst ourselves about how Class Consciousness in Australia is uniquely terrible for the mass popularisation of Communistic Politics, it is impossible for any Class Conscious Worker outside the Maritime Union to objectively downplay the significance of our Maritime Comrades' willingness to literally occupy their Workplaces and hold the process of production hostage against the interests of the Transdev Bourgeoisie until the Bourgeoisie inevitably capitulates from a near Month long lack of income for the Transdev Bourgeoisie all made possible by the Workers' control of production!

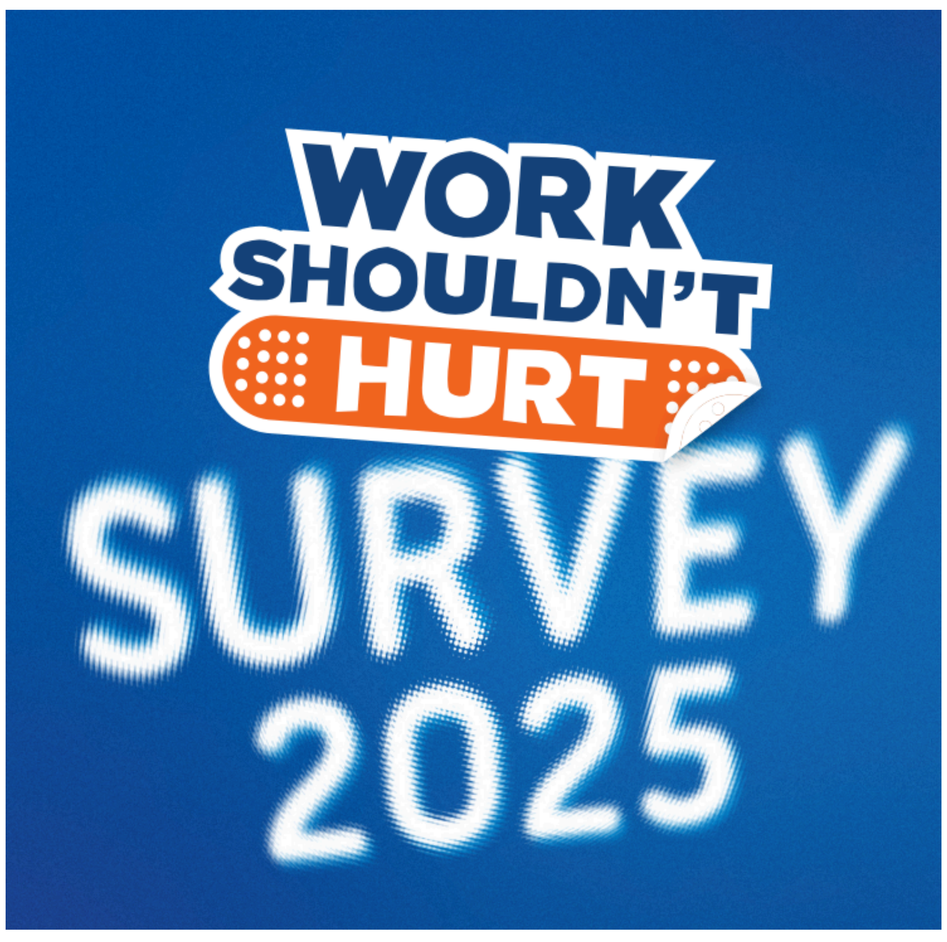
2. Meaning, Consequences and Lessons

Such incidents show that the Australian Proletariat very much is in a healthy position to begin adopting Communistic Class Consciousness needed for the uprooting of Bourgeois prejudices and ideas that still permeates much of the broader unorganised Working Class.

Nevertheless,. an isolated incident like this still suffers from the very weakness of it not having the support of the broader Proletariat from the whole of Australia's Social Economy; for example Maritime Comrades cannot possible carry on such Workers' control of production indefinitely without Resources flowing in from other Workforces, which then themselves require the same thing from other Workforces, so on and so forth.

It is precisely for this reason that in anticipation for more Episodes of Class Struggle like those waged recently by our Maritime Comrades, the Contributors of the Workers' & Tenants' Monthly advocates on behalf of our Mother Organisation, Bread & Roses [1] advocates that with the beginning of campaigns like this, it is imperative that our Party, the NSW Socialist Party represented by our Caucus to negotiate with other Socialist Parties and Unions in order to in times of Class Struggle in one Sector, identify grievances in other Sectors needed for the uniform co-ordination of Proletarian Class Struggle against the Bourgeoisie; the very actions needed for the eventual victory of the Proletariats over the Bourgeoisie in their disputes needed for the eventual conquering of Political power by Workers and Tenants for a truly Democratic Society where Resources are commonly commanded and planned for need instead of Profits!

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1. <u>Overview</u>

The reality for Teachers and Midwives here in Australia is extremely grim; the long working hours alongside limited leave allowance has caused extreme distress amongst these two most oppressed occupations of the Australian Working Class.

Accordingly to Australian Unions, many Teachers are subject to high workloads regarding Curriculum changes, marking as well as overall day to day teaching; the Backdoor tasks of marking and footnoting in preparation for changing Curriculums all are largely unpaid work that contributes much to a Teacher's Work related stress since more often than not they bring it Home.

Although Nursing still acquires a long median weekly hours of 40, Professional Healthcare Staff like General Practitioners and Surgeons can work up to 65 hours weekly;

"Medical Labour Force 1996, to be released on Thursday by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, shows that many doctors continue to work 65 hours or more per week. These hours were worked by 28.7% of surgeons, 20.6% of specialists-in-training, 19.7% of internal medicine specialists and 15.4% of interns and resident medical officers. In contrast, only 4.9% of pathologists worked more than 65 hours a week.
Working 80 or more hours per week is not uncommon in the surgical specialities - more than one in every six paediatric surgeons, and one in ten

surgeons practising general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, plastic surgery, urology and vascular surgery worked such hours.
“ [2]

Accordingly to Australian Unions, Ethnic Minority Workers of Aboriginal and Torres Islander descent continue to face Ethnic prejudices in certain Workplaces higher than any other Ethnicity;

“One of the most alarming findings of this year’s survey is the experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers.
The report found injury rates among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers were twice as high as those experienced by non-Indigenous workers.
Across almost every measure, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers reported poorer health and safety outcomes.
They were significantly more likely to experience violence and threats of violence at work (17% compared with 6%), workplace conflict (22% compared with 11%), and discrimination, harassment or racism (20% compared with 6%).
These findings highlight the urgent need to strengthen workplace health and safety protections while continuing union efforts to eliminate racism and discrimination from Australian workplaces.” [3]

Such discrimination is made possible only when Workplaces are not subject to Social discipline; to the discipline on behalf of the Common weal of the whole Working People and Tenants.

It is precisely because the Struggle for the bringing of all Workplaces and Land under the Common, National command of the Working and Studying People that we see the Struggle for the easing of working conditions, abolition of Landlordism and a forceful end of Racism as three Struggles that must necessarily lead to the same Road; a Classless Democracy where production is organised based on need rather than Profit!

MINNS’ LABOUR GOV PLANS TO SELL GLEBE ISLAND TO PRIVATE DEVELOPERS!

1. <u>Overview</u>

The Australian Labour Party had started off as a White Supremacist, Labour Aristocratic Party that allied itself with the Bourgeoisie in order to subordinate Workers of British Colonies to Anglo-Australian Imperialism, had always in reality been a Party in the interests of the Bourgeoisie. In 2026, the most infamous Campaign hitherto had been the Privatisation of Waterloo's Public Housing Estates; the Minns' Labour Government now has similar Plans to sell off the Glebe Island to Private Developers in order to dominate the Region with Luxury Apartments so that the Bourgeoisie may Profit from continued hoarding of Housing that no ordinary Workingman or Tenant can afford, the very Mechanism needed in order to keep Rent Prices up;

""Minns' plan includes a miniscule 10% affordable and essential workers' homes, with nothing slated for community or public housing.
"NSW Labor has backflipped on its pre-election promise to ensure a minimum of 30% affordable, social and universal housing on surplus public land.
"This Labor government has been a privatisation and demolition government. It has demolished public housing at 82 Wentworth Park Road and is currently evicting residents from public housing at Waterloo South.
Minns knows the Glebe Island site is "prime waterfront land", but it is also publicly owned by the people of NSW. " [4]

Such is one of the few upcoming Struggles of the Tenants of Australia against the Despotic nature of Landlordism who are nothing more than continued Remnants of the Patriarchal Feudal Order; where Tributes are paid to Lords whose sole source of income is the hard won Bread of the every day Worker and Tenant.

Us Socialists and Marxist-Leninists at Bread & Roses and Workers' & Tenants' Monthly have our attention turned towards this particular Event that we see as an example of an Upheaval which should be used in order to unite Workers and Tenants together for the fight back against Capitalism and Landlordism; which ultimately must culminate in a Revolutionary Dictatorship of Workers and Tenants needed to construct a Classless Democracy that produces for need rather than Profit!



FOOTNOTES

[1] https://breadandrosesnsw.com

[2] https://www.aihw.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/1998/aug/doctors-still-working-long-hours

[3] https://www.australianunions.org.au/2026/09/04/1-in-5-workers-suffering-a-mental-health-injury/

[4] https://socialist-alliance.org/news/2026-03-05/socialist-alliance-says-glebe-island-bays-west-development-should-not-be-handed