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Keep Blood Safe Campaign Continues

This week our committed volunteers who want to Keep Blood Safe are handing out leaflets across Melbourne's CBD. And we're also visiting the train stations through Melbourne's city-loop.

The Blood Service's plans to be a so-called 'great manufacturer' continue to be rolled out with many scientists still uncertain about whether they'll still be employed to keep blood safe. In the last week we have received notification that the Quality teams are now being affected with members indicating that they will go through the 'manufacturing' restructure to be 'streamlined' with this restructure to be completed to coincide with the completion of the structure changes in testing and processing.

The Union continues to work with individual members to resolve outstanding matters as part of this forced, unnecessary transition. Please contact the Union if you need to on 9623 9623.

Our ability to make this campaign bigger relies entirely on you.

Your support is vital to making sure that more and more people know what is happening at the Red Cross Blood Service. And this week is a great week to be involved!

Here's what you can do to support the Keep Blood Safe Week of Action:

1. Sign the petition at <http://bit.ly/KeepBloodSafe> - if you've already signed it share it with your friends and family.
2. Write Letters to the Editor and call talk back radio. We have some [great tips here](#)
3. Join us to hand out leaflets and share our message to Keep Blood Safe with more people. [Get more details about the Week of Action here.](#)

Don't forget about our Keep Blood Safe Hotline

Do you have a story about how changes at the Red Cross Blood Service are already affecting your work, or could likely affect your work?

Send them to alexs@msav.org.au or call 0432 364 515 - we'll make sure you remain anonymous.

Anna Stewart Memorial Project

Women Changing Unions

As many more women increase their participation in the workforce, they are also joining trade unions. However, the extent of women's union membership is not yet reflected at all levels of the union movement.

Indigenous women and women from non-English speaking backgrounds in particular, are still under represented in the membership as well as in paid union positions.

The aim of the Anna Stewart Memorial Project is to increase women's involvement in the union movement. The project has been in existence since 1984 and so far more than 800

women have participated in the Victorian arm project.

During the two week project, women union members from diverse workplaces and occupations are placed with their own, and sometimes with another union, for two weeks.

They experience the full range of union work, including mass meetings, enterprise bargaining negotiations and hearings at Fair Work Australia. In addition, all participants meet for three and a half days group training during the project at the Victorian Trades Hall Council to discuss women, work and union issues.

The Project runs from 5 May to 16 May.

If you're interested in participating in the Anna Stewart Memorial Project please contact the Union on 9623 9623 or at enquiry@msav.org.au to discuss your participation in detail.

Professional Development Seminar for Psychologists

The next professional development seminar is on 7 May and is open only to VPA Inc members.

Professor James Ogloff will be our guest speaker, and he is the Director of the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Director of Psychological Services for the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health.

We will have the full details of the presentation from Professor Ogloff in the very near future.

Professional Development Seminar **Wednesday 7 May 2014 at the Treacy Centre Parkville**

To register for this Professional Development Seminar please email us at enquiry@msav.org.au

Union submission to the NPAAC Consultation on Requirements for the Supervision of Medical Pathology Laboratories

The Union has prepared and made a submission on behalf of members to the public consultation for the NPAAC "Requirements for the Supervision of Medical Pathology Laboratories".

Of key interest to members is that our recommendations included:

- Retention of current Requirements for Supervision regarding the position of Director of Pathology in each laboratory within each State/Territory ie the Director of Pathology can be a pathologist or Senior/Clinical Scientist (as defined)
- Addition of a new Requirement , namely that each pathology laboratory within each State/Territory must (normative) appoint a pathologist as the designated person with responsibility for medical governance, as an additional function of a senior pathologist, not being the Director of Pathology, should the Director role be occupied by a Pathologist.
- In ART laboratories only a Scientist can be the Scientific Director. There is no role for a medical practitioner in laboratory operations.

If you'd like to read the Union's submission in full you can download it from:

http://msav.org.au/documents-mainmenu-29/doc_download/2151-msav-submission-to-to-the-npaac-consultation-on-requirements-for-the-supervision-of-medical-pathology-laboratories

RACV Sir Edmund Herring Memorial Scholarship 2014

Sir Edmund Herring Memorial Scholarship 2014 is now open!

The RACV Sir Edmund Herring Scholarship aims to prevent road trauma and improve the quality of care in the area of road trauma by funding projects by health care professionals.

The kinds of projects considered for the Scholarship include those that:

- May focus on those who are directly or indirectly impacted by road trauma
- May take the form of research, practical application or preventative programs
- Must be able to be completed within one year.

Applicants must be an Australian resident working in Victoria.

Get all the details at www.racv.com.au

We Are Union: Victorian Trades Hall Council

The Victorian Trades Hall Council has put together an ambitious campaign plan for this year's state election. The campaign is all about protecting our rights; the rights we have fought for and won as union members and that we all deserve to enjoy.

Tony Abbott as our Prime Minister is not the outcome we were striving for in the Federal Election, but our endeavours have meant that our movement is stronger than ever. Victorian workers are uniting for change. We want a state government that respects working people, not one that cuts jobs and services.

Help take on Denis Napthine in 2014 - go to weareunion.org.au and volunteer!

Check out the We Are Union video and get involved.



Worth Reading: “How a new health funding system could put power in the hands of patients”

Something called 2.0 often simply means a major upgrade, the next -computer application that gives extra functionality but cobbles up all your disk space. Although there is some

debate about the term Web 2.0, many take it to mean the emergence of collaborative, user-driven tools such as social networking sites, Wikipedia and blogs.

Is Healthcare 2.0 more like the former, an upgrade of the old, or is it to be something completely different? Web 2.0 is also sometimes seen as “old hat” with Web 3.0 or even 4.0 now around the corner.

[Read the full article by Stephen Duckett at The Grattan Institute](#)

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There is more information about a range of other benefits union members can access at <http://www.memberconnect.com.au/> or you can call ACTU Member Connect on 1300 362 223.

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