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Medical Scientists Association of Victoria - Jim Alcock Award Winner 2014

Each year the Medical Scientists Association of Victoria at its Annual General Meeting presents the Jim Alcock Member of the Year, an annual award for outstanding contribution to the MSAV and members.

The 2014 award was awarded to Jason Sands, an MSAV Job Representative who works in the pathology laboratory in the Latrobe Regional Hospital. Jason has been a tireless advocate for MSAV members employed by Dorevitch Pathology, a notoriously anti-union employer.

Congratulation and thanks to Jason from MSAV members, MSAV Council and all staff.

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Stand up to the Napthine Government



It's clear every worker has been let down by the Napthine Government.

But union members just like you are standing up to the government by sharing their experiences about what budget cuts mean to them and Victoria.

Be a part of the We Are Union campaign to highlight workers' voices this election.

If you want to do more to help, check out the activities that are coming up over the next week or sign up at www.weareunion.org.au/volunteer

Saturday, 4 October:

- Activist Training at Victorian Trades Hall – [RSVP Here](#)
- Street Stall in Ocean Grove – [RSVP Here](#)
- Street Stall in Aspendale Gardens – [RSVP Here](#)
- Street Stall in Frankston – [RSVP Here](#)

Sunday, 5 October:

- Street Stall in Bentleigh – [RSVP Here](#)

Monday, 6 October:

- Bellarine Phone Bank – [RSVP Here](#)
- Phone Bank at Victorian Trades Hall – [RSVP Here](#)

Tuesday, 7 October:

- Leafleting at Kananook and Frankston Stations – [RSVP Here](#)

Wednesday, 8 October:

- Leafleting at Bentleigh Station – [RSVP Here](#)
- Phone Bank at Victorian Trades Hall – [RSVP Here](#)

Thursday, 9 October:

- Leafleting at Upper Ferntree Gully Station – [RSVP Here](#)
- Street Stall in Bentleigh – [RSVP Here](#)

Worth Reading: “Burqa ban a political excuse for

persecution”

Even before the embarrassing back-down there were problems. For starters, it's not a burqa. A burqa is that particularly Afghan garment, usually blue, with the mesh covering the eyes. The one you've seen on the news (or perhaps on Jacqui Lambie's Facebook page), but almost certainly never in Australia. We're talking about the niqab, common in the Gulf and worn by – my guess – a couple of hundred Australians. I have to guess, because we don't even bother with such basic research before we consider banning such things.

It says everything that we can't even get the name right; that merely to be understood in the argument, you must get it wrong.

Of itself, it's not a big deal, but it symbolises the calibre of the public conversation. It's as if we're demanding a pernicious, industrial-scale ignorance. As if we're proud of it. We'll tell these women what their clothing signifies. We'll tell them why they wear it. We'll even rename it for them if we want. These women will be deconstructed and reconstructed at our will, and without their involvement. These are the terms of the debate and the most influential voices will be the most ignorant.

Read the entire article by Waleed Aly in The Age at:

<http://www.theage.com.au/comment/burqa-ban-a-political-excuse-for-persecution-20141002-10p0mc.html>

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