



Stat Report 2015/13

Easter & ANZAC Day Entitlements

Unfortunately there remain a number of health services across Victoria that have been unwilling to pay members their entitlements for the Easter weekend and reports have been received that this is also the case for ANZAC Day. Unfortunately some health services seem to be under the false understanding that they don't have to honour your entitlements.

And it's even more disappointing that health services are unwilling to accept our advice about the matter, which has been confirmed by the employer's industrial association which represents health services.

The Union is following up with health services to make sure members are paid their entitlements.

But if you have any concerns please contact the Union on 9623 9623.

Annual Conference 2015

Annual Conference is rapidly approaching. And we're excited about it because it's a great chance for members across the MSAV, VPA Inc and AHP to come together and share experiences at work, explore the current and future industrial landscape, and find out more about our *No Pay? No Way!* campaign.

This year's conference is focussed on addressing the growing and structural issues around workloads and staffing.

The Annual Conference is free and open to all members and we [strongly encourage you to register](#) to help us finalise preparations.

Conference details:

Date: 29 May

Time: 9:30am to 4pm (registration starts at 9am)

Venue: DownTowner on Lygon at 66 Lygon St Carlton

[Register for Annual Conference here](#)

Save the date – Friday 29 May – for Annual Conference

Save your spot for VPA Professional Development Seminar

Time is starting to run out to save your spot for the upcoming VPA Professional Development seminar on **Wednesday 13 May 2015, at the Treacy Centre Parkville.**

The afternoon will begin at 12:30pm with light refreshments before the first session commences at 1pm.

The topic for the seminar is “What every psychologists can do to help clients with substance abuse issues”, which will be presented by Nigel Alexander from 1pm.

Nigel Alexander is a Clinical Psychologist who works with the Substance Use Mental Illness Treatment Team (SUMITT) from NorthWestern Mental Health. SUMITT is also part of the Victorian Dual Diagnosis Initiative. Nigel has worked in the AOD treatment sector for the last fifteen years and also runs a private psychology practice.

Make sure you save your place by sending us your RSVP by 5pm on 6 May to alexs@msav.org.au.

If you have any questions regarding this Seminar please contact VPA Inc on 9623 9625.

Nepali Unions Call For Global Union Support

With over 4,000 people confirmed dead, and over a million children said to be ‘severely affected’, Nepal needs our help.

Nepali unions are organising immediate assistance and are calling for global union support. Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA will work with the General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions (GEFONT) and Union Network Nepal Liaison Council (UNI NLC) to provide the immediate following support:

- Medical treatment for injured
- Temporary tent and housing
- Water and food supply

Global union support is very much needed at this time. Every contribution counts in the effort to rebuild the lives of people in Nepal.

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Don't miss out on your chance to win an \$8000 travel voucher or a great Gazelle Ultimate T-1 bicycle valued at \$2,199. Tickets only \$2. Booksellers' prizes also available.

The Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA 2015 Raffle is kindly sponsored by Turner Freeman Lawyers.

FORUM: The Trans-Pacific-Partnership - Why you should be Concerned

Discussions of key challenges for the left with thinkers and activists. Panel discussions co-hosted by the SEARCH Foundation and The New International Bookshop on the topics most critical to Australia's economic, political and environmental future

It's no secret that the negotiations for the Trans-Pacific-Partnership Deal (TPP) have been shrouded in secrecy. Perhaps that's because this latest corporate trade deal threatens to have wide-ranging negative social & environmental implications that will impact on our lives?

Come listen to an expert panel explain the multiple problems/flaws/dangers inherent in the TPP

and join the debate on what we can do to fight against it.

Dr Matthew Mitchell - Has written critically about the corporate interests driving the TPP and is a Lecturer in Information Systems at RMIT

Dr Deborah Gleeson - Has written widely about the potential health implications of the TPP and is a Lecturer in the School of Psychology and Public Health at La Trobe University

Angela Daly - Has written about the intellectual property implications of the TT and is a postdoctoral research fellow in the Swinburne Institute for Social Research (Australia).

Matthew Rose - has written about the environmental implications of the TPP. He works as an economist for the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Event Details

When: 21 May at 6:45pm

Where: Trades Hall - 54 Victoria Street, Melbourne

Admission: \$10 or \$5 Concession

More details at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/643047989159610/>

Worth Reading: LGS leads way globally on climate risk

“Superannuation fund Local Government Super (LGS) has been named as the world’s best-performing institutional investor in terms of assessing the risks stemming from climate change.

The Sydney-based fund regained the top spot in a global index rating 500 asset owners on how they manage climate change risk, as calculated by the Asset Owners Disclosure Project (AODP).

The top-rated funds were able to demonstrate clearly how they protect their investments by engaging with the companies they own, divesting themselves of heavily carbon-exposed assets, or deploying hedging strategies.

AustralianSuper also made it into the top 10 best-performing investors, coming in at number seven.

First State Super and Vicsuper just missed out on the top 10, being placed in 13th and 15th spot respectively.”

Read the entire article by Wouter Klijn in The Insto Report at:

<http://www.theinstoreport.com.au/articles/lgs-leads-way-globally-on-climate-risk>

Worth Reading: The Oligarchs Won The Mining Boom

“Would you like to pay just 0.002% tax on your income? You would?”

Well, it’s all perfectly legal. You need only be a multinational mining corporation, with a “marketing hub” in tax-friendly Singapore.

That’s the bottom line from BHP Billiton’s latest admission to a Senate inquiry on corporate tax avoidance. The huge resources company has just revealed it paid a tiny US\$121,000 on profits of \$5.7 billion between 2006 and 2014.”

Read the full article by Ben Eltham on New Matilda at:

<https://newmatilda.com/2015/04/28/oligarchs-won-mining-boom>

Worth Reading: The costs of Australia’s “free trade”

agreement with America

“The critics were right. Ten years after the Australia–United States Free Trade Agreement, or AUSFTA, came into force, new analysis of the data shows that the agreement diverted Australia’s trade away from the lowest-cost sources. Australia and the United States reduced their trade with rest of the world by US\$53 billion and are worse off than they would have been without the agreement.

When the Howard government was negotiating AUSFTA, observers raised serious concerns about whether it would distort trade and impose costs on the Australian community rather than expanding and lowering the costs of trade. Even key officials involved in the talks had doubts about whether the deal they could negotiate in the time they were given would serve the national interest.”

Read the entire article by Shiro Armstrong in Inside Story at: <http://insidestory.org.au/the-costs-of-australias-free-trade-agreement-with-america>

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