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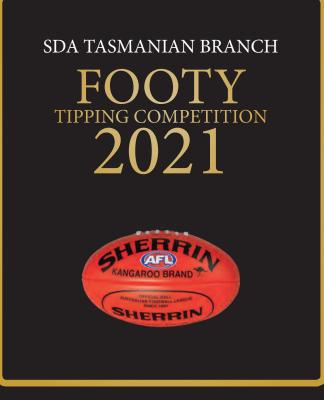
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# **IR CHANGES UNDER THE COVER OF COVID!**



#### BY PAUL GRIFFIN, GENERAL SECRETARY

As we go to print, the Federal Government has commenced an update on industrial relations, on the pretence of protecting casual workers, by including proposed changes to the Industrial Relations Act regarding permanency of hours.

This is nothing new. For many years, the SDA has been calling on retail employers to recognise casuals who work regular hours with a 25% loading.

This is in exchange for minimum provisions such as paid annual leave, personal leave, carers leave and compassionate leave, to name a few. ACTU Secretary Sally McManus has called for paid sick leave for casual workers in a bid to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks.

Although we are yet to see it, the Federal Government is set to introduce its industrial relations omnibus bill (comprising a large number of items) to Parliament in the final sitting week of the year, with a view to legislating it next year. Most likely, that will be as early as March 2021.

Further, that part-time workers in retail and hospitality will have access to more work hours without being paid overtime. For many years, the loading was only 20%. In the early 2000s and following the transition of the State industrial system to Federal, it rose to 25%. However, there remains much speculation if such loading equals anywhere near compensating the loss of permanent entitlements. Recently, a report from Griffith University revealed that about half of casual workers probably do not receive the legal 25% loading in their pay, yet they work regular hours and days just like permanent employees. Fortunately, many workers in retail, fast food and warehousing have such loading protected via SDA-negotiated Enterprise Agreements.

Whether the Minister has plans, in this proposed new legislation, to fasttrack removal of such protections and insert clauses that allow additional hours to be worked at the ordinary rate, remains to be seen.

#### **AN EXPLOSION IN INSECURE WORK**

One in four workers in Australia are in casual jobs. This is a large number which gives opportunity for unscrupulous employers to reduce job security and open up threats of precarious work.

Also, this new employment model allows employers to hire workers in a permanent role, on say a contract of 16 hours per week. After this, the employer can increase the hours in forthcoming weeks without overtime rates and then reduce the hours back, on a whim, to the original contract which leaves workers on a topsy turvy and unsustainable weekly income. The SDA is not opposed to casual work. However, we are intent on improving the security of work for our casual members and, if such workers are seeking permanent jobs, then greater opportunity ought to be available to secure either parttime or full-time positions if so desired.

#### A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

As we head into the new year, membership numbers have remained relatively stable which is due to retail, fast food and warehouse workers coming to the fore, while stores remained open during the pandemic.

Members are to be commended for remaining at the coalface and enduring the concerning uncertainties of coronavirus, the panic-buying, and lack of protections until screens at registers and service areas, and personal distancing policies were implemented.

Retail and warehouse workers are deemed as 'Essential Workers' – as indeed are health and hospitality workers – for the good work that was carried out from the onset of the pandemic.

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

On behalf of President Isabell Wells, and State Council and staff of the Tasmanian Branch, I wish all SDA members and their families a very happy and safe Summer period, and that the New Year brings good fortune and secure work practices hopefully, during a COVID-free 2021.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR WO



## BY PAUL GRIFFIN, GENERAL SECRETARY

As usual, the SDA has been hard at work. In addition to our usual tasks, such as helping members and undertaking Enterprise Bargaining, we are currently involved in some additional big-picture issues.

#### THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION DECISION

In June 2020, the Fair Work Commission (FWC) handed down its first split Decision in 23 years. It handed down a 1.75% increase to the Federal Minimum Wage and Award rates, but it set different operative dates for the increase:

 'Group One' Awards: such as frontline healthcare and social assistance workers, teachers and childcare workers and other essential services, received their increase from 1 July 2020.

- 'Group Two' Awards: in construction and manufacturing received the increase from 1 November 2020.
- 'Group Three' Awards: in retail, fast food, hair and beauty, accommodation/food services, arts/recreation, aviation and tourism will have to wait until 1 February 2021.

While the majority of SDA members work under Enterprise Agreements, some of those Agreements are linked to the relevant Award.

This makes the annual FWC wage review decision critically important. This year's decision was below the inflation rate at the time (2.2%) and was no way to thank the many frontline 'essential' workers who had done the heavy lifting during the height of the pandemic.

The decision was made worse for retail workers by the fact that the last cut to Sunday penalty rates took place on 1 July 2020 (FWC Decision, February 2017).

# I'TS NOW EASIER To contact us!

We are very happy to announce that the SDA Tasmanian Branch now has one State-wide phone number, making it easier for members to know which number to call for assistance and enquiries.

So instead of deciding whether to phone the Union's Head Office in Launceston, or our Hobart Office,

you can just call **1300 152 851** 

The cut was from 165% to 150%.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Library found that Australian retail workers will be up to \$4,800 worse off over the next 12 months because of the double-whammy of cuts to penalty rates and a delayed increase to the Award wage.

With strong arguments from the SDA, a significant number of larger retail companies reversed their 'Group Three' decision and applied the 1 July Award increase, with many making backpayments.

## **RETAIL INDUSTRY RESCUE PACKAGE**

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 earlier this year and the impact it has had on retail trade and turnover, SDA National Secretary Gerard Dwyer called on the Australian Retailers Association (ARA), the peak industry body of the sector, to come together in an united front and call on the Federal Government to convene an Australian Retail Industry Rescue Package Taskforce to work with both the SDA and the ARA to preserve retail jobs.

The SDA proposed the following initiatives:

- Retail Industry Rescue Package;
- 10-Point Safety Plans;
- Paid Pandemic Leave;
- Stand down support for members; and
- Industry Roundtables.

The Rescue Package was a joint campaign, as mentioned above, which provided for a wage subsidy that protected pay and jobs, and a rent relief scheme for retailers to protect business and jobs.

# RKPLACE

Although JobKeeper was advantageous in many ways, it was not the fair and universal wage subsidy that the SDA was seeking, as it did not take into account previous earnings, and excluded casuals with less than 12 months previous service.

This meant that 1.02 million Australian casual workers failed to qualify.

The 10-Point Safety Plans were designed to provide a range of measures that retail workplaces should adopt to control the spread of COVID-19 while keeping customers and workers safe.

## **KMART/TARGET**

Kmart and Target and are now reporting as a combined entity in the Wesfarmers Annual Report, and although Target sales figures have slumped, the Target brand will continue but with a smaller fleet of 130 stores.

Quite a large number of Target stores are being converted to Kmart.

## **BIG W RESTRUCTURE**

In 2019, Big W announced a major review of the business, and an expectation to close up to 33 stores. Although a small number of stores have been closed, the restructuring project has moved quite slowly and, to date, no plans are evident that any of the three stores in Hobart are subject to closure.

## **FAST FOOD BARGAINING**

Despite McDonald's withdrawing from the Agreement process at a very late stage and reverting to the Fast Food Award, the SDA's bargaining agenda has made significant progress with new Enterprise Agreements secured with Hungry Jack's and KFC.

## **COLES SUPERMARKETS**

The Coles Supermarket Agreement nominally expired in April and negotiations have not formally commenced due to COVID-19 and bargaining laws.

The SDA did secure a recognition payment from Coles, and they have been engaged regularly to pass on the National Wage Increase for 2020.

On 18 September, Coles advised that the SDA claim for 1.75% had been met and would be paid from 5 October.

## WOOLWORTHS PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND WAGE INCREASE

In July 2020, the SDA filed a dispute in the Fair Work Commission. The dispute is around entitlements

for employees when a shift spans a public holiday. The matter continues. Woolworths' members were denied the 1 July 1.75% wage increase, as the company believed the increase was reliant only upon movement in the General Retail Award which, under that Award, was not applicable until February 2021.

The SDA lodged an Application with the Federal Court and Woolworths lodged an Application with the Fair Work Commission.

Finally, Woolworths agreed to the 1 July increase and both parties withdrew their Applications.

## SALARIED STAFF UNDERPAYMENTS

Current estimates are that Australian workers are losing out on \$1.35 billion per year due to unpaid wages.

# NEWS Roundup

The retail industry came into this framework last year with a number of high-profile offenders including:

- Super Retail Group: Unpaid overtime for managers.
- Bunnings: Unpaid super for part-timers.
- Woolworths Salaried staff: excessive hours.
- Coles Supermarkets: \$20m in underpayments. Remediation has been paid in most cases, and the SDA is verifying these payments.
- Subway: Investigations are underway, with the help of the Fair Work Ombudsman.

A number of companies have included the SDA in their industrywide payroll audit of salaried employees, including Woolworths, Coles, Bunnings and the Super Retail Group.

Wages theft is a significant handicap on the unpaid entitlements of employees, and includes unpaid annual superannuation entitlements which impact on 2.85 million Australians or 33% of the workforce.

The solution to capturing unpaid entitlements to workers, in particular superannuation entitlements, would be the restoration of inspection of wages books in business, and enforcement powers given to Unions, as it used to be some four decades ago.

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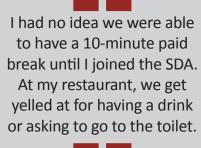
# **HEY, MCDONALD'S! GIVE US A BREAK!**

"I have never received a paid break in my whole time working at Macca's." Workers are being denied their basic legal rights in McDonald's all across Australia.

If McDonald's workers work four hours or more, they must receive a 10-minute **paid** rest break, no matter what. But so many workers haven't been getting their paid breaks, and have been misled about their entitlements.

The SDA has conducted large-scale surveys of McDonald's workers through direct contact with members and a targeted social media campaign.

Thousands of workers got back to us, with an extraordinary number of people telling us that they were not receiving their paid breaks.





Many employees reported that they did not feel comfortable voicing their concerns to management. They believed this would result in workplace bullying, or even termination of their employment. It's clear that workers do not feel empowered to raise issues in their store.

This needs to change – no one should feel like they will suffer negative consequences just for requesting their legal entitlements. Obviously, we need to take action.

We are continuing to gather evidence from thousands of workers at McDonald's. After compiling this evidence, we will begin legal proceedings to force the company to pay our members their basic entitlements.

If you know anyone who works at McDonald's and is having issues taking their paid rest breaks, please put them in touch with us.

It is important that we send a message to McDonald's and all fast food employers that this exploitation and negative culture is unacceptable.

# **5% PENALTY RATE INCREASE FOR CASUALS**

Arising from the work of the SDA, casual workers in the retail industry will receive a 5% increase in their hourly rate for all hours worked after 6pm Monday to Friday from 1 March 2021.

In 2018, after a long and hard-fought battle, the SDA successfully won a case in the Fair Work Commission to increase penalty rates for casual retail workers under the General Retail Industry Award from 25% to 50% for Monday to Friday evening work and from 35% to 50% on Saturday (inclusive of the 25% casual loading).

This resulted in a significant pay increase for casual retail employees. The increases will be phased in up to March 2021. The first increase applied from 1 November 2018. The fourth increase applied from 1 October 2020. The final increase will apply from 1 March 2021.

The latest increase cannot come soon enough for our members working on the frontline during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Increases in penalty rates over the transition period for casual retail employees (inclusive of the 25% casual loading):								
	1 Nov 2018 to 1 Oct 2019 to 1 Mar 2020 to 1 Oct 202							
	30 Sept 2019	29 Feb 2020	30 Sept 2020	28 Feb 2021	1 Mar 2021			
Mon to Fri - 6pm to 11pm	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%			
Saturday -7am to 11pm	40%	45%	50%	50%	50%			

**Flow-on to Agreements:** This increase flows through to several SDA Agreements, including Woolworths and Coles. Please contact the SDA to find out if it applies in your workplace.

Our case in the Fair Work Commission shows the value of being an SDA member, including those who are casual workers.

# RECOGNISING OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS



BY PAUL GRIFFIN, GENERAL SECRETARY

Retail, fast food and warehousing workers have received lots of praise this year, for good reason.

Australia has kept running because of our members who have worked hard through the pandemic.

Without you, the community would not have been able to keep food on the table as large parts of our economy were shut down.

It was fantastic to see our members recognised as essential.

You have always been essential, and the pandemic has proven this beyond doubt.

But while it was nice to hear praise and "thank you", we know our members deserve real financial recognition for their efforts. Particularly at companies that have increased their revenue through this period – such as supermarkets – our members deserve a pay rise. We argued this in the Annual Wage Review at the Fair Work Commission. We made detailed submissions arguing for a 4% pay rise, but the Commission handed down a 1.75% increase. While this was disappointing, it was better than the 0% increase advocated for by some employers.

Unfortunately, the Commission also delayed the increase until February 2021.

This wage freeze for retail workers is unfair – you have been working so hard in such tough circumstances this year. You deserve an immediate increase. The wages for most SDA members are tied to the Annual Wage Review, but an employer can still pay a discretionary increase earlier than February 2021. With this in mind, we began approaching companies seeking an immediate pay rise for our members. We kicked off our public campaign for a pay rise for essential workers.



Tens of thousands of SDA members and community supporters signed up to the campaign and spread the message in stores.

Since we started this campaign, we have successfully won an immediate pay rise at Woolworths, Coles, Big W, Bunnings, Target, David Jones, Dan Murphy's and BWS.

Thank you to the thousands of SDA members who supported this campaign and showed what we can achieve when we stand together. Where companies have not agreed to pay an immediate increase, the 1.75% increase from February 2021 will still apply for most workers.

As always, we will continue to advocate for better pay and conditions for all our members.

# DON'T SIGN!

It's really important that you don't sign anything put in front of you by your employer without contacting the SDA first. This is especially important at the moment with JobKeeper, as well as industrial relations rules changing in response to the pandemic.

Phone us on 1300 152 851





# 2021 TASMANIAN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

EVENT		2021 DATE
New Year's Day		Friday 1 January
Australia Day		Tuesday 26 January
Royal Hobart Regatta	Second Monday in February. (South of & including Oatlands and Swansea excluding Bronte Park, Catagunya, Strathgordon, Tarraleah, Wayatinah & West Coast.)	Monday 8 February
Eight Hours Day	Second Monday in March	Monday 8 March
Good Friday		Friday 2 April
Easter Monday		Monday 5 April
Easter Tuesday	Restricted public holiday, currently observed by certain Awards/Agreements and the State public service.	Tuesday 6 April
Anzac Day		Sunday 25 April
Queen's Birthday	Second Monday in June each year.	Monday 14 June
Burnie Show Day	Friday before first Saturday in October each year. (Municipal areas of Burnie, Waratah-Wynyard and West Coast.)	Friday 1 October
Royal Launceston Show Day	Thursday before the second Saturday in October. (Municipal areas of Break O'Day, Dorset, George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands, West Tamar.)	Thursday 7 October
Hobart Show Day	Thursday before the fourth Saturday in October. (All of Tasmania south of and including Oatlands and Swansea also Bronte Park, Strathgordon, Tarreleah and Wayatinah - excludes West Coast.)	Thursday 21 October
Recreation Day	First Monday in November. (All parts of Tasmania which do not observe Royal Hobart Regatta.)	Monday 1 November
Devonport Show Day	Friday nearest the last day in November but not later than 1 December. (Municipal areas of Devonport, Kentish and Latrobe.)	Friday 26 November
Christmas Day	As Christmas Day falls on a Saturday in 2021, then both the Saturday and the Monday following are holidays.	Saturday 25 December Monday 27 December
Boxing Day	As Boxing Day falls on a Sunday, the following Tuesday is observed.	Tuesday 28 December

# **TIS THE SEASON TO BE KIND**



BY CAROL WADLEY, EDUCATION TRAINING OFFICER

At the height of the pandemic, retail workers were the victims of some appalling customer abuse including vile acts of spitting. This was disturbing and the SDA acted quickly. The poor behaviour during COVID-19 has shone a brighter light on what was already an unacceptable level of customer abuse in stores.

Thankfully the extensive work of the SDA's "No One Deserves a Serve Campaign", including last year's world first trials of solutions, had already shown the way to reduce customer abuse:

- clear signage;
- zero tolerance;
- training of staff & managers;
- public awareness; and
- customers seeing retail workers for the family and community members they are.

Many of these measures have been widely adopted during 2020, but there is always more to be done. As the silly season peaks, along with the heat of Summer, the SDA will again be running a public awareness campaign to remind shoppers to be respectful when shopping.

We have also written to retailers about measures to control crowd numbers as shoppers return in their droves, and to maintain a zero tolerance approach to customer abuse this Summer. We call on all members to report customer abuse because there is no excuse for abuse. If the customer has left the store, you can still report the behaviour. The quality of CCTV footage in most major retailers means offending customers can be identified. Most customers are great and eliminating customer abuse is supported by all decent people because no one deserves a serve. This festive season, we remind shoppers: if the line is long or you can't find what you're looking for, keep your cool and remember what a tough year it has been for essential retail workers. No one deserves a serve, but everyone deserves a smile.



# On social media this Summer? Be nice. Not naughty.

While you're lazing around and checking in with your friends this Summer, remember to be careful what you say on Facebook, Insta and other social media. Comments on social media (including other people's posts or pages) are regarded as public comments - they are not private. Avoid negative comments about your company, your manager or other employees on social media. Some members have come to us after "official warnings" or worse following unwise comments on social media. It's best not to mention your employer at all. Be smart. When you're at home, leave your work at work. Enjoy your social media for your social life, not your work life.



Gail Page and Donna Hogue at Woolworths Newtown Breanna Brennan, Esther Gbasie and Oliver Moser-Peadley at Bunnings North Launceston

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Jackie Rowley and Gabby Schluter at Coles Racecourse

SUNNING Clarke, Justyne Edwards, and Lynnette Volmer at Bunnings North Launceston



# AROUND THE SHOPS





Helen Boag, Nyree Langley and Ange Hyde at Bunnings North Launceston

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**DELIVERY...** Your tickets will be mailed to you by registered post.

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# UNIONS MAKE OUR Workplaces Safer



BY JAMES RUSSELL, WORKCOVER OFFICER

2020 has been a unique and incredibly difficult year for thousands of SDA members who, as essential workers, have worked on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic since the outbreak began in March.

The SDA has always worked to make workplaces safer, and this year has highlighted just how critical it is for your health and safety to be the number one priority.

Every year, October is National Safe Work Month and the month that the SDA's annual Safety Demands Action Week (SDAW) is held.

SDAW exists to promote and improve safety in the workplace, and this year it commenced the week beginning Monday 19 October.

In 2020, the focus and themes were dedicated to the role and importance of Health and Safety Representatives (HSRs) in workplaces and the SDA's 10-Point Safety Plans.

#### IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON Workplace Safety

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the health and safety in workplaces was well documented and expectedly significant.

Australia's essential workers, many of whom are SDA members, continually had to adapt and adjust according to the changing recommendations and workplace practices introduced to curb the spread of the virus. The SDA's 10-Point Safety Plans were critical in guiding HSRs, SDA Delegates and members during a testing period.

There were also indirect impacts to workplace health and safety driven by the pandemic.

Customer violence and abuse increased exponentially at the beginning and throughout the peak of the pandemic in Australia.

According to the National Retail Association's report into the health and wellbeing of retail workers, there was a sharp increase in customer violence and aggression, with some retailers reporting up to 400 per cent increase in aggression and abuse.

HSRs across the country went above and beyond to ensure their stores and shops were adhering to the mandated safety measures, keeping their workmates and the customers safe.

## HEALTH & SAFETY IN 2020

The SDA and our members were instrumental in achieving health and safety results across the retail, fast food, warehousing and pharmacy sectors when we tirelessly pushed employers and the industry to keep frontline workers and the community protected.

Without SDA union members, many safety measures designed to protect workers during the pandemic would never have been implemented and adhered to.



When the pandemic started, our SDA 10-Point Safety Plans immediately called for employers to keep you safe through a range of measures including:

- Paid leave if you had to selfisolate;
- Plexiglass screens at cash registers;
- Social distancing measures;
- Increased security and police to enforce new measures in stores;
- Alcohol-based hand sanitiser, gloves and masks; and
- Promotion of cash-free transactions and less handling of customer bags.

Importantly, in the midst of panic buying and ongoing unacceptable behaviour from customers, we demanded that shoppers treat retail and fast food workers with respect. Several employers worked constructively with the SDA on our industry campaign *No One Deserves a Serve* campaign and put up clear signs about zero tolerance towards abusive customers.

SDA members not only look out for each other but also the community and have worked extremely hard to adapt to new COVID-19 measures that help keep the public safe.

# IT'S ALL ABOUT DECENT AND SEC



#### JOEL TYNAN, STATE RECRUITMENT OFFICER/ORGANISER

In 1992, Bill Clinton was elected US President on the back of one infamous political quote, "It's the economy, stupid".

It was the bedrock of his Presidential campaign during a recession and weaponised to unseat George H W Bush, the last US President to serve just one term before Donald Trump.

Amidst our first recession almost thirty years later, "It's the jobs, stupid" must be our motto. But not just any jobs. They must be decent, dignified and fairly-paid jobs.

The Reserve Bank of Australia recently found that almost 700,000 jobs were saved this year by JobKeeper, a Federal Government policy which grew from the Retail Industry Rescue Package, jointly proposed by the SDA and ARA when consumer spending collapsed in early March.

It demonstrates the SDA is fully committed to, and effective in, defending jobs in our industry during this challenging time.

As we rebuild the industry in a postpandemic economy, serious questions will emerge as to the viability of many bricks and mortar retailers, especially those which have failed to adapt to the COVID-19 super-charged switch to online retailing.

Those retailers which survive and thrive will do so because they adapt; and for workers these changes could be either good or poor. In the coming months, we must win the policy battle on three interrelated issues, as employers and neo-conservatives exploit the current economic uncertainty to attack working conditions and further diminish job security.

#### DO WE NEED SO MANY CASUAL JOBS?

Australia abandoned permanent work for entry-level jobs a long time ago. Today, according to the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS), Australia has the second-highest share of casual jobs in the OECD (25%) and third-highest share of part-time jobs. This is exacerbated for low-paid, award-reliant work.

Employers argue that business and the economy need the flexibility of casual and part-time work to be efficient, to compete, to be nimble and to provide service when required by the consumer.

They also argue that casual and parttime work are a preference or matter of "choice" for workers.

The reality is that casual work is most commonly the choice of the employer, and not the worker.

And once a worker is engaged as a casual, they often assume regular and predictable working hours, proving that the casual status is a fiction and not a genuine operational requirement of the business.

Unfortunately, the pandemic will provide employers with plenty of camouflage to preserve these unfair arrangements, which ideally suit businesses but continue to exploit vulnerable classes of workers. However, the pandemic also offers workers the opportunity to change the conversation and demand more job security.

Casual conversion clauses in Awards and Enterprise Agreements have provided workers with a pathway to permanency.

But these arrangements are only used sporadically – they depend on individual confidence and many workers remain unaware of their rights.

In the coming years, we must redouble our efforts to make more regular and widespread use of these rights, enforce NES entitlements for those workers who are casual in name only to encourage employers to stop exploiting their casual workforce, and also strengthen the regulatory framework to discourage employers from overusing casual employment. There's plenty to do!

## DO WE NEED TO SACRIFICE WAGES AND CONDITIONS?

The answer is a resounding "no". After decades of award reviews, socalled "modernisation" and ceaseless attacks on minimum conditions, we must be ready for the next wave of employers whimpering about wages and conditions.

The pandemic will be their Trojan Horse.

The inconvenient truth for employers is that during the good times, they raked in booming profits but shared only modest wage increases.

So, during the tough times, workers are entitled to argue that fair and reasonable increases continue.

# **URE JOBS**

But as margins tighten and profits are squeezed, we can expect employers to demand miniscule increases or even wage freezes. This pretence will be breathtaking.

We must always remember and enthusiastically argue that wage increases for low-paid and vulnerable workers are good for the economy, because all their earnings are pumped back into local businesses and jobs.

Low-paid workers simply don't earn enough to stuff their spare earnings into a Cayman Islands account!

The earnings that are sucked up into corporate profits and distributed to wealthy shareholders are not as efficiently distributed back into the economy.

It's simple. Wage increases for workers are good for the nation and good for the retailers, fast food operators and warehouses, which see the money return in the form of consumer spending.

## **CAN WE AFFORD THIS?**

We must debunk the myth that without the pandemic we would not be in recession.

The fact is that our economy was fragile and the Government had failed to rein in debt before this year.

Despite their bogus claims of being the better economic managers, net debt had doubled during the current Government's term of office.

There were also many economic indicators before the pandemic that undercut the Treasurer's premature budget "back in black" claims in 2019, including GDP growth being weaker than anticipated and consumer confidence deteriorating during the previous year.

This means we are headed for uncertain times, but the pandemic is not entirely to blame and much of the uncertainty was caused by poor economic leadership from the Morrison Government before the pandemic hit.

In the coming months, we will all be told that we are "all in this together" and that we will need make sacrifices. The reality is we must take a look at who is making the sacrifices.

The Australian share market has already almost returned to prepandemic levels, the wealth of billionaires has surged,

and the wealth gap has widened with low-paid workers and women bearing the brunt of pandemicrelated slowdowns.

As we emerge from our pandemicaggravated recession, we must remember that our economic foundations remain fundamentally unfair, and together we must fight for fair and decent jobs.

They are not only affordable, but they will produce better outcomes for our economic recovery and our society at large.

**DECENCY & FAIRNESS** 

# **INSECURE WORK**



# You could win a portable fridge/freezer!

# One lucky member will win a 45L Brass Monkey fortable fridge/freezer, valued at \$677!

This great portable fridge/ freezer is lightweight and has sturdy wheels and telescopic handles, giving it a luggage bag feel and to help transport it between your car, boat, or campsite.

It features separate freezer and fridge zones with LCD

controls, an inner LED to help you find what you're looking for in the dark, and Bluetooth connectivity to operate it from your Smartphone. The high performance 45W compressor provides cooling down to -20°C and is super quiet (less than 38dB!).

The prize includes an insulated suit cover and a 12.8V lithium battery.

# To enter...

Simply e-mail us at **membership@sdatas.asn.au** by **5 February 2021** with the subject line "Brass Monkey".

Make sure you include your full name, SDA membership number, home address, contact phone number and employer/location in the body of your e-mail so we know who you are!

# No internet access? No problem!

Just phone us on 1300 152 851 and we'll enter you into the competition.

# Anna-Maree's our deserving Spring winner

Congratulations to Anna-Maree Curtis, who has been a long serving member of the Union in her specialist role of team member at Myer Hobart.

Anna-Maree is indeed a worthy winner and has seen many changes and incidents that have affected the Myer Hobart store over the years.

Upon Myer divesting itself from its Coles Myer business name in 2006, Anna-Maree witnessed the sale to a US private equity group, Newbridge.

This sale was followed closely by the negotiation of a new Enterprise Agreement between the company and the Union in 2007, where protection of late night and weekend penalties were a highlight of that particular Agreement.

Unfortunately, 2007 was the year a massive fire tore through the store to such an extent that much of the building was weakened and it was not until 2015 that a redevolpment was completed – just before an underground river flooded the lower floor and basement in 2016. Anna-Maree remembers that while the store was closed, or trading in a restricted space, the company continued to pay team members for what were then their normal shifts. With Myer more recently going through some challenging times, Anna-Maree

continues to serve the customer base which has remained loyal to Myer, despite the number of adversities it has been confronted with.

Anna-Maree is looking forward to enjoying her new Weber BBQ over the summer months with her family and friends.



General Secretary of the SDA Paul Griffin contacted major retailers seeking leave for Delegates to attend a revamped Delegates Conference for 2020, following cancellation of the annual May and October meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions.

With the Tasmanian Branch requesting that Trade Union Training Leave be granted to Delegates this late in the year and so near to Christmas, discussions proved positive. Applicable companies agreed to two days' leave for Delegates in Launceston and the North West coast to attend on 24-25 November at the Country Club in Launceston, and for Delegates in Hobart and the South to attend on 1-2 December at Federal Hotels in Hobart.

SDA National Secretary Gerard Dwyer attended both events, and provided relevant information from the national perspective, including such subjects as the importance of membership sign-ups, the protection of members through the national *No One Deserves a Serve* campaign, and the impact of safety measures during the coronavirus pandemic.

Presentations were also made by SDA National Health & Safety Officer Katie Biddlestone, and Anthony Globan from Rest Superannuation.

Such agenda items were presented via the Zoom electronic process and proved very successful due to the IT expertise of Communications Officer Andrew Coyle. James Russell imparted new and varied information on the role of the Delegate, as well as emphasising the importance of communication between Delegates and their relevant store Organiser.

This was backed up by new Recruitment Officer Joel Tynan providing advice and tips regarding the best times to approach new employees and potential members.

The success of both Conferences was due to the hard work and time-consuming detail made by Training and Education Officer Carol Wadley, who also presented the Women's Report, in accordance with her other role as the Branch's Women's Officer.

An apology was received from State Labor Leader Rebecca White of her inability to attend due to the sitting of Parliament.

# **DELEGATES' CONFERE**



SDA National Secretary Gerard Dwyer speaks at the Launceston Conference





Amanda Murfet from Woolworths Ulverstone, and Eileen Stevenson from Woolworths Deloraine at the Launceston Conference



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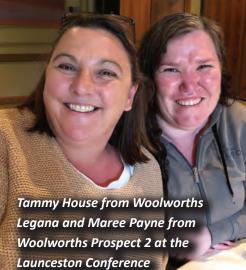
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# **WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR SUPER S**



## **BY GERARD DWYER.** NATIONAL **SECRETARY**

Australia's world-class superannuation system is set to undergo some changes with a range of measures announced in the Federal Government's October Budget. These include improving the information you see about superannuation when you log in to do your tax, and having super accounts stay with members to reduce the unintended creation of duplicate accounts. With these measures, the Government estimates a typical young Australian entering the workforce in their twenties could be around \$87,000 better off at retirement.

However, the implementation of these measures could be derailed, with some details not properly considered, including:

- members' funds being defaulted to funds whose profits don't go to members,
- short-term assessments of funds' performance causing them to close to new members,
- the performance of only a few funds being shared, and doing so in a way that doesn't represent all costs and benefits of investment, advice and insurance, and
- creating incentives for short-term competitive investing which would undermine the capacity of super to create jobs by investing in Australian infrastructure.

The Government also plans to change the system before the relevant IT systems are ready at the Tax Office. It is important that positive changes to how we manage our superannuation savings are not subject to false timelines created by election cycles. These announcements followed the Government's COVID-19 response which included accessing super early as part of economic stimulus measures, and arguments that

scheduled super increases not occur as planned.

These conversations beg the question, how much super do you have in your account, and how much should you have in your super before taking it out is okay?

According to the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA), the annual income figure for a single person to achieve a modest standard of living in retirement is \$27,902 or, for a comfortable retirement, \$43,687.

But we know that Australians on more modest incomes or who have casual or seasonal work patterns will find it difficult to save enough to meet these targets.

The difference between the average and what is recommended can be reduced in many ways.

Firstly, the gap can be decreased through increases to our superannuation guarantee. In 2020, under Australia's Superannuation Guarantee laws, employers are required to pay 9.5% on top of your wages into super.

Because of a concern that this will still leave many retirees too reliant on the age pension, the Parliament has legislated a gradual increase of the percentage to 12% by 2025.

Some recent research showed the super guarantee reduces costs for the taxpayer.

For 2020 alone, the super guarantee has already saved the federal budget \$17 billion – a figure expected to rise to \$100 billion by 2058 if super increases as planned.

Super combined with a means-tested pension is the most efficient way for governments to reduce the burden on



# ASFA Modest Retirement Standard Comparison

ASFA calculations are based on a retiree at 67. Retail workers' projected retirement balance has been calculated on a 30-year-old with an annual income of 40k.

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taxpayers, as well as ensuring that Australians have a decent retirement income, maintaining the standard of living we had when we were working.

Secondly, consolidating accounts can have a big impact on your retirement balance largely due to removing the accumulated impact of paying two (or more) sets of fees and potentially insurance premiums.

The combined effect of increasing super to 12% by 2025 and consolidating accounts for those under 30 or earning less than \$40,000 per year is stark. It could mean an additional \$60,000 in retirement. There are also other ways to increase super, such as splitting super more evenly between partners, making additional payments, and getting cocontributions from government for those who qualify.

In addition to good information and sensible performance benchmarking, super should be paid to everyone, including those under 18 years old, those on parental leave, and those who are earning less than \$450 per calendar month. By creating an equal system for all workers, we can ensure the super system creates jobs, boosts national savings and improves Australians' standards of living in retirement.

At Rest Industry Super, the super fund for those working in our industry, the focus is on low fees, long-term performance, and profit returning to members. The fees have recently changed, and Rest Industry Super continues to keep fees low. Details about that can be found on the Rest Industry Super website. They should be analysed by looking at a combination of low fees and competitive investment returns, and your personal circumstances. The recovery of performance from the last quarter has continued, with a return of +2.69% for the quarter, Rest's Core Strategy once again delivered on its investment objective.

That is an average of a positive return of 7.50% p.a. over the last 10 years, as of 30 September. Rest Industry Super was third out of a list of comparable super funds as measured by SuperRatings.

# PARENTAL PAYMENTS A QUICK GUIDE FOR NEW PARENTS



WOMEN'S OFFICER

members go on parental leave. You may be able to get payments from the government to help with the cost of having a baby and raising children following the birth or adoption of a new child.

Every year, many hundreds of SDA

We recommend that you familiarise yourself with the various payments that are available, and start making your claims prior to the birth or adoption to ensure that your claim can be processed as soon as possible

Go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au** for detailed information on eligibility, amounts and other details.

PARENTAL LEAVE PAY helps eligible working parents take up to 18 months off work to care for a newborn child, or a newly-adopted child.

DAD AND PARTNER PAY gives eligible dads and partners up to two weeks off work with a newborn child.

FAMILY TAX BENEFIT (FTB) is a two-part payment to help with the cost of raising children. It may include a one-off lump sum **Newborn Upfront Payment**. FTB may also include the **Newborn Supplement** which is an increase to your FTB for 13 weeks.

PARENTING PAYMENT is the main income support payment while you're a young child's main carer.

# MORE INFORMATION

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au, ask your Delegate or contact the SDA 1300 152 851.

Please note: This is a guide only and you must meet certain criteria to receive payments. Income and assets tests apply to access most of these payments. Payment amounts are subject to change, and many must be claimed within strict time limits.





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# WHAT LEAVE IS AVAILABLE IF THERE'S A NATURAL DISASTER



## BY JODEE INCHES, SOUTHERN ORGANISER

In many companies, the SDA has negotiated an entitlement to natural disaster leave.

This can take the form of either paid or unpaid leave, and is available to permanent employees whose properties are at risk, or who have to care for children being sent home early from school during three kinds of natural disaster:

- Bushfires
- Floods
- Cyclones

Natural disaster leave is available in floods or bushfires even without an officially-declared state of emergency.

The natural disaster leave entitlements under some of the larger SDA Enterprise Agreements are as follows:

Company	Number of paid days (permanent employees)
Big W	3 per year (can be extended)
Bunnings	At the company's discretion
Coles	3 per year (pro rata for part- timers)
David Jones	3 per year
Kmart	3 per year
Myer	3 per year
Woolworths	3 per year
Target	2 per year (pro rata for part- timers)

The relevant clauses also make it clear that employees are entitled to leave work early if, during the course of their shift, the need to be home to care for children or a threat to property arises.

Natural disaster leave can (depending on your company's entitlement) cover absences from work due to the disaster affecting your property or children.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

It's important to know that natural disaster leave is available only in those specific situations. Here are some situations caused by flooding where it does not apply:

- Store closure. This is a separate issue, usually dealt with under a standing down provision in the enterprise agreement;
- Road flooding that prevents you from reaching your workplace does not create an entitlement to natural disaster leave. However, there have been occasions where the SDA has negotiated paid leave to cover such absences on a caseby-case basis. You may also be able to access some other form of leave.

If you are impacted by a natural disaster, it is best to contact the SDA for advice.

# **DON'T LEAVE YOUR ENTITLEMENTS TO CHANCE**

As an employee, your work-related legal entitlements are set out in various Awards, Agreements and Acts of Parliament. These entitlements may include sick leave, penalty rates, wages, rosters, overtime, allowances, health and safety standards and annual leave. The SDA's experts can advise you of your entitlements and, if necessary, obtain them from your employer.

- Disputes with your employer need not cost you your job. If you have been unfairly treated, make sure you call the SDA to find
- out what your options are. As a member of the SDA, it will cost you nothing.

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# **WORKING IN THE HEAT**



BY MELISSA READ, Southern Organiser

During the summer months, many SDA members may be faced with having to work in very hot environments.

The majority of problems that occur are related to a build-up of heat, that has the potential to increase the temperature of a building or other area.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY EFFECTS**

Heat and uncomfortable temperatures can have different effects on different people. Working in hot conditions may result in health effects, ranging from mild discomfort and headaches to life-threatening problems.

The type of work being undertaken, humidity, air temperature, sun penetration, clothing and air movement should always be taken into account when considering the health and safety risks associated with heat.

The more serious health affects of heat stress are:

 reduced ability to concentrate causing more risk of accidents;

- increased discomfort in using protective clothing and equipment;
- aggravation of pre-existing illnesses, e.g. heart disease;
- heat cramps (painful spasms in one or more muscles);
- heat exhaustion characterised by weakness and fatigue, vomiting, headaches and giddiness as well as unconsciousness and, in some cases, death.

Working in hot conditions not only affects a person's physical health but can also affect a person's mental state, and often contributes to stress levels.

#### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Your employer has a duty of care to provide you with a workplace that is safe and healthy, particularly in extreme conditions.

Heat risks must be identified, assessed and controlled within the workplace when they can affect the health and safety of employees. Your employer must ensure that

your workplace has:

- adequate ventilation and air movement, and
- appropriate special work and rest breaks set in hot conditions that are tailored to the physical needs of each employee exposed to heat.



Issues relating to heat in the workplace, particularly over the summer months, must be addressed immediately and resolved effectively.

If you find yourself working in an uncomfortably hot situation, follow the grievance procedure contained in your Enterprise Agreement or Award. If you don't get a solution, contact the SDA.

#### **CONTACT YOUR UNION**

For more information about heat or working in uncomfortable temperatures, please speak to your Delegate or Organiser or contact the SDA.



# Managers - keep out of medical appointments!

All SDA members should be aware that managers and insurance companies have <u>no right</u> to attend your medical appointments, even if it is for a work-related injury. This is supported by the Fair Work Ombudsman. Medical appointments are <u>private</u>. Tell any manager or insurance company representative that they are <u>not entitled to attend</u>. **Contact the SDA if you need any help**.

# **RENTAL NATION: A PLAN FOR Secure Housing in Austral**



BY ANDREW COYLE, DIGITAL OFFICER & NORTH WEST RECRUITMENT OFFICER

In 2020, the SDA commissioned a research report from the John Curtin Research Centre that addresses the housing crisis and the need for improved rental security for Australians.

Rental Nation – A plan for Secure Housing in Australia, authored by Dr Nick Dyrenfurth includes key recommendations that would help alleviate the stress associated with housing and provide Australians with greater security.

## WHY THIS IS NEEDED

Shelter is not only a basic physical need, and where we rejuvenate as individuals, but it is where society nurtures our young and where we care for our elderly.

Whether housing is affordable and secure has a profound impact on our social, economic, physical, and mental health.

Australia has a problem with the lack of security it provides for those of us who rent.

As more people rent, and rent for longer, this problem must be acknowledged and addressed. Some will rent as a matter of preference, but others will rent because they cannot afford to enter a housing market that is marching away from lower-paid Australians in less secure jobs. In 2017, the Fair Work Commission described retail (and hospitality) workers as "more likely to be female, younger (under 25 years), work part-time hours, be employed on a casual basis and be award reliant than employees in other industries". Employees in these industries are also more likely to be low paid.

Housing security and the rights of those who rent is becoming a critical issue for SDA members, and it is why the SDA commissioned this research from the John Curtin Research Centre. It is in the best interests of SDA members that the debate around

## **KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Rental Nation* proposes six recommendations to tackle long-running, systemic problems around rental stress and insecure tenure, simultaneously addressing COVID-19 specific challenges:

- Permanently increase the levels of rent assistance to eligible, lower-income individuals, (solo) women (especially targeted at women aged 55 and above) and families.
- Immediately and permanently increase JobSeeker payments as well as extending JobKeeper in the foreseeable future.
- The Commonwealth should establish a permanent National Affordable Housing Agency (NAHA).
- The NAHA should oversee a dedicated national policy agenda aimed at maximising the affordability and security of tenure of renters.
- Build up the capacity of community housing.
- Establish basic guidelines around a national charter of renters' rights and responsibilities, setting clear national minimum standards around security of tenure, stability and fairness of rent prices, and bonds. The charter should seek, through uniform tenancy laws, a two-year national minimum tenure for renters to apply across State and Territory jurisdictions.
- The National Affordable Housing Agency should also end the 'dead money' practice of security bonds not delivering for renters.

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housing security, and the need for greater security for those who rent, is advanced through a more equitable frame.

The rights of those who rent in Australia have not kept pace with the structural shift towards renting that has occurred in recent decades.

We should not view renting as some precarious waiting room for home ownership. Whether an individual or family rents out of choice or necessity, they are entitled to a sense of security in that housing arrangement.

We must develop policy that provides a sufficient supply of good quality housing to meet the needs of every Australian whether they rent or own property.

This research paper is a significant contribution to the debate that must now take place in the development of such policy.

Housing is a nation building project and every Australian has a vested interest in ensuring it is provided on secure and affordable terms.



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# WHAT YOU SAVE

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# HOW TO CLAIM

If you suffer an injury, please contact the SDA for advice on the procedure to follow. Claims should be submitted within 30 days of the accident. The benefits of the SDA Accident Insurance Scheme are not affected if you have other insurance cover.

# **ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN**

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- For more information, go to sdatas.asn.au, or contact the Union office.

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# **2021 SDA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

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# GENERAL RETAIL INDUSTRY AWARD 2010 FROM 1 JULY 2019 TO 31 JANUARY 2021

MINIMUM WAGE RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2019 DOES NOT APPLY TO WOOLWORTHS, COLES, MYER, TARGET, COUNTRY ROAD, ROCKMANS, BIG W, PETROL PLUS, KMART, HARRIS SCARFE, JUST JEANS, OFFICEWORKS, K&D WAREHOUSE, VEHICLE INDUSTRY, DUNNINGS HARDWARE MULICES PETER & DETER		Ordinary Hours - These rates apply until 31/01/2021							
			7am to 9pm Monday to Friday		6pm to 9pm Monday to Friday		7am to 6pm Saturday		
			Hourly Rate		Hourly Rate		Hourly Rate		
PRICELINE AND PRICE A SPOTLIGHT AND FA LAST WAGE INC	BUNNINGS HARDWARE, MILLERS, BETTS & BETTS, PRICELINE AND PRICE ATTACK, WATTYL PAINTS SPOTLIGHT AND FAST FOOD WORKERS LAST WAGE INCREASE \$23.70 SUNDAY RATES		Full-time and part- time up to 38	Casual loading of 25%	Full-time and part- time loading	Casual loading of 45%	Full-time and part- time loading	Casual loading of 50%	17.5% annual leave loading
NORMAL RATE + 95% (195%) FROM 1 JULY 2017 NORMAL RATE + 80% (180%) FROM 1 JULY 2018 NORMAL RATE + 65% (165%) FROM 1 JULY 2019 NORMAL RATE + 50% (150%) FROM 1 JULY 2020			hours a week		of 25%		of 25%		on four weeks' leave
RETAIL EMPLOYEE		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 1 Shop Assistant, Checkou Collector, Video Hire Wo Assistant		813.60	21.41	26.76	26.76	31.05	26.76	32.12	569.52
Level 2 Forklift Operator		833.00	21.92	27.40	27.40	31.79	27.40	32.88	583.07
Level 3 Dept Mngr 2IC, Corsetier	re, Snr LPO, Cook	845.90	22.26	27.83	27.83	32.28	27.83	33.39	592.13
<b>Level 4</b> Trades Qualified (e.g. Butcher, Baker), Clerical Officer Level 2, Shiftworker/Nightfill Supervisor		862.60	22.70	28.38	28.38	32.92	28.38	34.05	603.82
Level 5 Tradesperson in charge of other Tradespersons, Services Supervisor (more than 15 employees)		898.00	23.63	29.54	29.54	34.27	29.54	35.45	628.60
Level 6 Section/Dept Manager (5+ employees including self), Clerical Officer Level 3, Assistant/Deputy/2IC Shop Mngr		911.00	23.98	29.97	29.97	34.76	29.97	35.96	637.70
<b>Level 7</b> Visual Merchandiser, Cle	rical Officer Level 4	956.70	25.17	31.47	31.47	36.51	31.47	37.76	669.70
Level 8 Shop Manager, Clerical C	Level 8 Shop Manager, Clerical Officer Level 5		26.20	32.75	32.75	37.99	32.75	39.30	696.85
JUNIOR RATES									
Age	% of weekly rate of pay								
Under 16 years of age	45	366.12	9.63	12.04	12.04	13.97	12.04	14.45	256.27
16 years of age	50	406.85	10.71	13.38	13.92	15.53	13.38	16.06	284.80
17 years of age	60	488.20	12.85	16.06	16.70	18.63	16.06	19.27	341.74
18 years of age	70	569.50	15.00	18.73	18.73	21.73	18.73	22.48	398.65
19 years of age	80	650.90	17.13	21.41	21.41	24.84	21.41	25.70	455.63
20 years of age	100 (from 1 July 2015, after six months' employment with employer)	813.60	21.41	26.76	26.76	31.05	26.76	32.12	569.52
APPRENTICES									
Apprenticeship Year	% of Level 4								
1st Year	50	431.30	11.35						
2nd Year	60	517.60	13.62						
3rd Year	80	690.10	18.16						
4th Year	90	776.30	20.43						

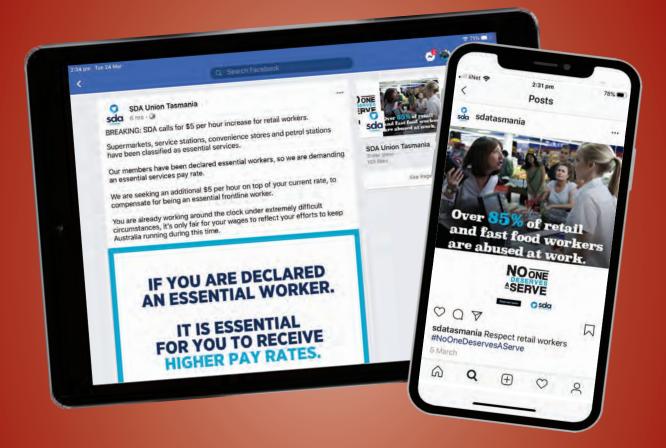
# GENERAL RETAIL INDUSTRY AWARD 2010 FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2021

	Ordinary Hours									
	EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY 2021		7am to 9pm		After 6pm			7am to 6pm		
1 FEBRUAR	Y 2021		Monday	to Friday	M	onday to Fri	day	Satu	irday	
DOES NOT APPLY TO WOO	, ,		Hourl	í		Hourly Rate	1		y Rate	
MYER, TARGET, COUNTRY I BIG W, PETROL PLUS, KMA	, ,		Full-time	Casual	Full-time	Casual	Casual	Full-time	Casual	17.5%
JUST JEANS, OFFICEWORKS VEHICLE INDUSTRY, BUNN		38 HOUR	and part-time	loading of 25%	and part-time	loading of 45%	loading of 50%	and part-time	loading of 50%	annual leave
MILLERS, BETTS & BETTS		WEEKLY	up to 38	012570	loading	applies	applies	loading	01 3078	loading
PRICE ATTACK, WATTYL P AND FAST FOOD		RATE	hours a		of 25%	until	from	of 25%		on four
LAST WAGE INCRE			week			28/02/21	01/03/21			weeks'
SUNDAY RATES NORMAL RATE + 95% (195%) FROM 1 JULY 2017 NORMAL RATE + 80% (180%) FROM 1 JULY 2018 NORMAL RATE + 65% (165%) FROM 1 JULY 2019 NORMAL RATE + 50% (150%) FROM 1 JULY 2020										leave
RETAIL EMPLOYEE		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 1										
Shop Assistant, Checkou										
Trolley Collector, Video I Clerical Assistant	Hire Worker, LPO,	07701	21.78	27.23	27.23	31.59	32.68	27.23	32.68	579.50
Level 2		827.84	21.78	27.23	27.23	31.59	32.08	27.23	32.08	579.50
Forklift Operator		847.58	22.31	27.88	27.88	32.34	33.46	27.88	33.46	593.31
Level 3		017.00				0100	00110	27100	00110	000.01
Dept Mngr 2IC, Corsetie	re, Snr LPO, Cook	860.70	22.65	28.31	28.31	32.84	33.98	28.31	33.98	602.49
Level 4										
Trades Qualified (e.g. Bu										
Clerical Officer Level 2, S	Shiftworker/							aa a=		
Nightfill Supervisor		877.70	23.10	28.87	28.87	33.49	34.65	28.87	34.65	614.39
Level 5 Tradesperson in charge	ofother									
Tradespersons, Services										
(more than 15 employee	•	913.72	24.05	30.06	30.06	34.87	36.07	30.06	36.07	639.60
Level 6										
Section/Dept Manager (										
including self), Clerical C										
Assistant/Deputy/2IC Sh	iop Mngr	926.94	24.39	30.49	30.49	35.37	36.59	30.49	36.59	648.86
Level 7 Visual Merchandiser, Cle	arical Officer									
Level 4		973.44	25.62	32.02	32.02	37.15	38.43	32.02	38.43	681.41
Level 8										
Shop Manager, Clerical (	Officer Level 5	1,012.92	26.66	33.32	33.32	38.65	39.98	33.32	39.98	709.04
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18 years of age	70	490.70 579.48	15.25	19.06	19.06	22.11	22.88	10.34 19.06	22.88	405.64
19 years of age	80	662.29	17.43	21.78	21.78	25.27	26.14	21.78	26.14	463.60
20 years of age	100 (from 1 July									
	2015,									
	after six months' employment with									
	employer)	827.84	21.78	27.23	27.23	31.59	32.68	27.23	32.68	579.50
APPRENTICES										
Apprenticeship Year	% of Level 4	400.0-								
1st Year	50	438.85	11.55							
2nd Year 3rd Year	60 80	526.62	13.86							
		702.16	18.48 20.79							
4th Year	90	789.93	20.79							

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