

What is the Australian Workers Union all about anyway?

I don't know how often you read the paper or watch the news on television but a year in the life of what is supposed to be the Union for you and me looks more like the former Bjelke Peeterson Government in Queensland or a refugee from the Sludge File on Hinch.

Instead of the headlines that we should be seeing all we are getting is ...

"AWU Power shakedown hits

"Eccob arrested but not charged over Incident"

"AWU pays \$395,000.00 for Secretary's House"

"MP Preaches Accord as AWU Plans Internal War"

"AWU in late bid to retain Blackin Senate"

"Black involved in AWU row"

"Union meeting ends in hotel brawl"

"A tale of industrial intrigue"

"Unionists upset over house for top official"

"Union Tough Man Shapes ALP Team"

"State AWU in turmoil over spiralling debt"

"AWU members lose millions of dollars"

... all headlines from major newspapers around Australia, and I wonder what all of this garbage has got to do with you. None of it helps to get better pay or conditions, that's for sure.

When you elect Bruce Wilson as General Secretary and Bill Ludwig as President, not only will you see different headlines, you will actually see Union Officials doing the job properly.

Instead of sitting in an office playing politics, wasting your money and becoming involved in stupid deals, Bruce Wilson and Bill Ludwig will be visiting every AWU Branch in Australia during their first 12 months.

And we'll be asking you what you want as we go about making our Union great again.

Do you know that The Australian Workers Union, as it stands today:

- has no policy on the environment.
- has no independent policy on The Accord.
- has no policy on uranium.
- has not consulted its membership to find out if they agree or disagree with our Union simply hanging on to the tail of the ACTU and the Government on wages policy.
- as almost the biggest Union in Australia, sold its head office in Sydney for \$1.9m. One week later it was resold for \$2.8m. Twelve months later it was sold for \$9.85m. That's about \$8m down the drain.
- Today we can't afford a head office and rent floor space from one of the smallest unions in Australia.
- spent \$395,000.00 to buy a new home on Sydney's North Shore for the secretary.

BRUCE WILSON and BILL LUDWIG are not only concerned about these acts, but have the determination and experience to make the changes that are necessary.

Their plan is not only to visit each of the Branches but also to hold mass meetings in all major regional centres where ideas and plans will be put to the membership.

They plan to get back to simple old-fashioned system that The Australian Workers Union was founded on ... democracy and membership involvement.

This way, your Union will move in the direction that you want it to move.

That's what Unionism is about members, members paying their dues to employ leaders to carry out their wishes.

Currently, The Australian Workers Union seems to be about workers subsidizing a sub-standard bureaucracy that does whatever it wants.

THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT:

GETTING OUT OF THIS MESS,

RETURNING THE AUTHORITY TO THE WORKERS

WE NEED YOU - HELP HAVE YOU - SAY

ELECT BRUCE WILSON FOR GENERAL SECRETARY.

BILL LUDWIG FOR PRESIDENT

THE TEAM TO LEAD THE AUSTRALIAN WORKERS UNION BACK TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE ... THE TOP UNION IN AUSTRALIA.

AND ITS ALL YOUR MONEY THAT'S GOING DOWN THE DRAIN.