



cleaners UNION



Cleaners celebrate International Cleaners Day and protest ABC and General & Window



"Hey Hobart! Listen Up! The Cleaners, Are Standing Up!"



It's Time for a Clean Start Now! – Anita Eaves

I have been a cleaner for over seven years. I clean at the Centrelink Building and Highfield House for ISS. I also used to work for General & Window.

Our International Cleaners Day rally and protest march was awesome! It was eye-opening to see many cleaners take a stand. We've come a long way. Cleaners have been scared to speak up and have felt intimidated for so long. But we're not putting up with it any longer! We should not have to work in fear. It was amazing to see the community come out and support us, and chant and march alongside us as well. Everyone was supporting each other.

It's time for a Clean Start now! We deserve a better deal. We need stability. We deserve to know that our jobs are secure so we can survive like anyone else. We can't wait anymore. ABC Healthcare Services & General and Window Cleaning have to respect us NOW!



What's Next for Tasmanian Cleaners?

Our campaign to bring a Clean Start to Tasmania doesn't stop with the 200 Hobart CBD cleaners. We won't rest until every cleaner across the State gets a fair deal. There are still cleaners in the suburbs, at the airports, at colleges and universities, in factories, and industrial sites waiting for a Clean Start. It's only a matter of time.



Clean Start for Retail Shopping Centre Cleaners Update

5000 retail cleaners who clean in shopping centres across Australia are following in the footsteps of the 5000 commercial CBD cleaners who negotiated their national Clean Start Agreement. For over the past year, retail cleaners have been campaigning for their own Clean Start Agreement.

Their biggest obstacle is Spotless Services, who is contracted in the majority of shopping centres. Spotless Services is refusing to negotiate with their cleaners, even though more than five other major contractors are coming to the table and negotiating in good faith.



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Westfield Shopping Centre owner, Frank Lowry, even gave our national cleaning negotiators a fair hearing after Westfield's Annual General Meeting. Lowry recognised the importance of cleaners' work and he said he wanted a result where everyone was happy. If Frank Lowry can give our cleaners a fair hearing, then why can't Spotless?

A Statement from your National Secretary, Louise Tarrant

Following the \$19.40 a week increase in the minimum wage, despite the clear success of Australia's economy, the people who keep our country running are still not able to get ahead.



The financial crisis is over in Australia. Substantive research shows that our economy is moving forward, and much quicker than the rest of the world. Yet, a significant number of our workforce is in low paid jobs. These are hardworking families who are earning before tax just \$30,000, assuming full-time hours.

If there ever were an opportunity for workers to get ahead, this is the time.

The decision to make a small investment of just \$0.51 an hour to the minimum wage means that low paid workers—the hard working people who ensure our shops are clean, care and educate our children, keep our tourism thriving and care for our elderly—will still be left behind in our multi-speed economy.

If not the minimum wage case, where's the chance for hardworking families to share in Australia's prosperity?

– UNION DUES INCREASE –

Your elected branch council members voted to increase union dues from July 1st in line with the CPI. The change ranges from 20¢ to 30¢ per week. You can find out your exact rate by looking online at <http://unitedvoice.org.au/branches/tas/> or ringing your union team on 03 6220 3222.

– UNION DUES TAX STATEMENT –

If you'd like a tax statement of your union dues paid over the past financial year, please ring Fiona at 03 6220 3222 or send an email to tas@unitedvoice.org.au with your name and membership number requesting a copy.

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9:00-5:00 Monday-Friday

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