



OPTUS NEWSLETTER

Optus Employees - Working Together, Making It Fairer, Achieving the Best

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JACINTA STAPLETON UNIONIST

At age 17 Jacinta Stapleton scored a part in the TV series “Neighbours”. As a teenage siren Amy Greenwood she soon won an army of fans with her halo of golden hair, big blue eyes and whiter than white smile. Jacinta has worked on a range of projects, including “Blue Heelers”, “All Saints”, “Out of the Blue” and “Matching Jack” this year.



Few would have guessed that behind the soapie startlet’s good looks, lays a well developed social conscience. A union member since 1987, Jacinta believes unions are intrinsic to an Australian society. “You have to have a collective voice where everyone feels safe to represent themselves and their own needs, without wondering will I get sacked because of this”, she argues.

As a member of the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance Union’s National Performers Committee for Equity, she campaigns on behalf of her fellow thespians and works hard to ensure all those in the entertainment industry are treated fairly by employers.

“On the committee, we meet every month and discuss what’s happening in the different States and what conditions are changing. We try to negotiate fair contract for people and make sure their rights are protected”.

The committee also looks at the bigger picture and tries to foster a healthier attitude towards Australian stories and Australian creative talent. “We try to get tax incentives for people to invest in projects to create more shows and films here”, Jacinta explains.

You should consider joining a union and becoming involved like Jacinta!

OPTUS POSTS 14% PROFIT RISE, WHAT ABOUT EMPLOYEES?

SingTel Optus has just announced a 14% rise in net profits with the release of its annual results this month.

The company’s result reflects, above all, strong growth in the mobile sector, the core of the Optus business. Mobile service revenue grew 11%, with the addition of 709,000 customers over the full year to March 2010.

These outstanding results by the company are a credit to each and every one of its employees. It is the union’s view that the Optus Employment Partnership Agreement (EPA) gives management the opportunity to recognise employees’ contributions to the company success.

It is our view that this recognition should be more than a pat on the back, it should be tangible benefits in terms of employees' wages and conditions.

If you would like to discuss employee gain share or any other matter with the CEPU, please contact us via the information provided below:

JOURNEY COVER NOW OFFERED FREE

OPTUS Financial members of the CEPU can now benefit from free Journey Insurance Cover, which will help protect their financial security in case of an accident

THE JOURNEY INSURANCE COVER INCLUDES:

- Weekly Benefit of 85 per cent of Earnings to \$1500
- Accidental Death Benefit of \$100,000 (\$20,000 without dependants)

The CEPU has entered into a journey cover deal with respected insurance brokers Ausinsure.

As you know, the former Howard Government stripped away a critical protection for Australian workers: the right to claim workers' compensation for injuries sustained on the way to and from work. The Rudd Government has not reinstated journey cover despite the Australian Bureau of Statistics figures showing more than a quarter of workplace deaths were attributed to commuting workers. (But with this benefit financial CEPU members can relax in the knowledge that in the event of an accident on the way to and from work, they are now insured – at no cost to members.)

OTHER BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

- Expert telephone advice and advocacy when you have an industrial or safety problem
- Work related legal advice and representation
- Discounted purchases
- Low cash loans
- Health care and lots more

Join up by filling out the form attached.

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