

# UNION SOLIDARITY "FOR THE RECORD"

**2005**

**Australian Envelope**

A bitter and sometimes violent dispute over the sacking of a union delegate results in a settlement. Workers endure harassment by hired thugs and damage to personal property.

**Colrain**

A two-week strike wins an EBA, income protection and the reinstatement of a stood down worker.

**Robert Austin**

Respected RMIT lecturer Robert Austin is sacked after supporting a student demonstration. A vocal campaign results in a negotiated settlement

**Peter Vining**

A CEPU delegate unfairly sacked by Australia Post. A series of actions continuing into 2006 finally results in out of court settlement.

**2006**

**Finlay Engineering**

A community assembly stops all deliveries and forces management to reinstate 3-sacked workers.

**Save Sunshine Pool**

Community and union action force the State Government and the local council to build a new outdoor pool.

**Camp Sovereignty**

Traditional owners, Indigenous people and their supporters establish a camp in Melbourne's Domain Gardens to highlight issues of genocide, sovereignty and a just treaty with the traditional owners of Australia

**Amcor Flexibles**

Amcor workers at Preston face down legal threats and potential fines in a two-week strike against the forced redundancy of 4 union members. At the height of the strike 13 Amcor plants throughout Australia take industrial action in support.

**2006**

**Boeing**

Boeing targeted and sacked 3 shop stewards provoking a strike. Workers vote to return to work after grounds for dismissal are re-examined and all legal action is dropped.

**Port Campbell**

A series of community assemblies successfully shut down the Woodside gas plant in Port Campbell. The actions are in protest of mass sackings, victimization of union members and harassment of OH&S representatives.

**Toyota**

Maintenance workers at Toyota in Altona strike in support of a delegate. An assembly at the factory gate secures the delegate a permanent job and all pending legal action against striking workers is dropped.

**2007**

**Phonetec**

An ongoing community protest outside a mobile phone repair centre wins a sacked workers job back.

**Preston Motors**

A month long strike wins stores workers at a car dealership a much improved EBA and better redundancy entitlements.

**Coles Distribution Centre**

Construction workers building the new Coles distribution centre at Somerton are forced onto AWA's. Not happy with being ripped off and denied the correct award rates the workers all resign. A community assembly and protest action forces the correct rate to be paid through a union EBA and all workers are reinstated.

Over the past two years Union Solidarity has been proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with many workers and community members fighting for justice.

These are only some of the struggles we have been involved with. For those who say we can not win, we simply say...

"Unjust laws wont defeat us"

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