

BACK TO THE BARGAINING TABLE?

RA has once again said that they intend to return to the bargaining table. Your union will recommence negotiations towards achieving an Enterprise Agreement with Relationships Australia in mid October. The preliminary meeting is to be held on Thursday 13 October at North Ryde offices.

It is the position of your bargaining representatives that negotiations should commence from where they left off last year when employees at Relationships Australia overwhelmingly voted "NO" on RA's proposed agreement.

There are still many outstanding issues that you have told us that you want addressed in your agreement.

What are some of the outstanding issues?

- A fair and decent pay rise that recognises the important work that you do
- Fair remuneration for weekend and night work (penalty rates)
- Automatic annual increments
- Limits on growing workloads

We will be contacting members shortly after the meeting with management on Thursday 13 October to inform you of the outcome and where we will go next. The Union will need to be strong at the bargaining table if we are to secure a decent agreement for RA workers. Our strength is in our numbers.

Are you and your colleagues in the Union?

If you or your colleagues have not yet joined the ASU now is the time to do so. Let's join together and get the Agreement that we deserve. A membership form is on the back of this bulletin. Please circulate it to others in your workplace.

Your Delegates are Faith Christie, faithc@ransw.org.au; Ron Simpson, rons@ransw.org.au; Sue Collette, suec@ransw.org.au; Esther Scholem, esthers@ransw.org.au.

Your ASU contact is Margaret Hickie who can be contacted at margaret@asu.org.au

Australian Services Union Membership Form

I apply for membership of the ASU NSW/ACT (Services Branch) and to the ASU of NSW, and I agree to abide by the Rules of each Union.
 Fax or mail this application to: **Australian Services Union NSW & ACT (Services) Branch PO Box 1865 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012**
 FAX 02 9698 8936 TEL 02 9310 4000 Outside Sydney Area 1300 784 278 www.asumembers.org.au

Personal details: MRS MS MR OTHER _____ M F

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