

Community Unionism, Labour's Future?

Workshop at the University of Wollongong,

Friday, April 18, 2008

Venue: Room 3, University Conference Centre on Northfields Ave,
University of Wollongong.

Sponsored by the Gramsci Society (Asia-Pacific), the South Coast Labour Council, the Illawarra Branch of the Australian Labour History Society and the Faculty of Arts at the University of Wollongong.

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Program:

- 9.15 Welcome: Prof Andrew Wells, Dean of the Faculty of Arts
- 9.30 'Future Directions for Community Unionism', Arthur Rorris, Secretary, South Coast Labour Council
- 10.05 'Building the Sydney Alliance', Dr Amanda Tattersall, Unions NSW
- 10.40 'Communities and Unions', Dr Mike Donaldson, Sociology, University of Wollongong
- Chair, Dr Anthony Ashbolt
- 11:15 Morning Tea
- 11.30 'Unions and Governments', John Rainford, Gramsci Society (Asia-Pacific)
- 12.05 'Union Land is Part of Community Land - So Let's Ditch the Demarcation Line', Sharon Callaghan, Community Sector Worker and Social Activist.

- 12.40 'Community Unionism, Lessons from the 1960s', Dr Anthony Ashbolt, History and Politics, University of Wollongong
- Chair, Dr Mike Donaldson
- 1.15 Lunch
- 2.00 'Community Unionism: Learning from the Past, Practicalities for the Future', John Ryan, Community Campaign Co-ordinator, ACTU
- 2.35 'Communities, Unions and the Regions', Panel: Speakers from the Eurobadella and the Milton-Ulladulla Groups of Unions, Goulburn District Trades and Labour Council; Mark Gregory, [Blue Mountains Unions Council](#).
- Chair, Arthur Rorris
- 3.45 Afternoon tea
- 4.00 Lessons of the Day: Summing Up, Dr Bradon Ellem, Work and Organisational Studies, University of Sydney
- 4.30 Close
- Chair, Dr Anthony Ashbolt

Details:

- Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided
- Venue, Room 3, University Conference Centre on Northfields Ave, University of Wollongong.
- Talks, 20 minutes per speaker, 15 minutes discussion
- Panel, 12 minutes per speaker, and 15 minutes discussion
- Papers will be published in a special issue of Illawarra Unity, the Journal of the Illawarra Branch of the Australian Labour History Society.

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