

MEMBER WELFARE FUND

The CEPU has established a welfare fund to assist members who may be in financial difficulties for various reasons.

The fund could be of some value in times of industrial action, such as that which exists in Telstra at present, and beyond the industrial action, as economic times become more difficult.

The fund will be built on donations from members, and others, including the union itself. In that regard in a small effort the CEPU officials will pay two days pay into the fund to match the losses of some members in the recent industrial action. This will start the fund off.

Members who are suffering hardship should contact the fund for assistance.

The welfare fund will be an ongoing institution as a service to members in these difficult times and beyond. Contact Sharon Benson 9347 8388 if you have any enquiry re payment to the fund. Donation details are:

- * **Direct debit through your financial institution or EFT to:**
CEPU Welfare Fund. BSB: 063262 Ac No: 10454772
- * **Cheque or money order** made out to CEPU Welfare Fund and posted to:
CEPU Welfare Fund, 1/139 Queensberry Street, Carlton South 3053.
- * **Credit Card** over the phone to the Branch – 03 9349 4411
- * **There is no BPAY facility at this stage**

As you know some of our members have been taking strike and other action to help win a new good quality EBA for all Telstra employees. Obviously, there will be considerable hardship experienced by some of these members.

We would recommend, where you can afford it, that you donate a minimum of \$10 per week into the Welfare Fund whilst the dispute over our EBA lasts.

Where you can't afford that amount, please give what you can. If you can afford more then that will be a great help for our struggling members.

The Welfare Fund will, by decision of your elected union Committee of Management, be audited at the same time as the annual Branch Financial Report after 31st March 2009, (end of financial year).

To Apply To Claim On The Fund

If you wish to make a claim to help with any hardship being experienced, please contact JOHN ELLERY Branch Assistant Secretary, in the first instance: 0419 823 580 or 9545 1503 (Clayton office).