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United Workers Union Members State Election Asks

During station visits across the state over the last five weeks, hundreds of members endorsed the political asks to be put to the two major parties in the lead up to the state election on 31 October 2020.

United Workers Union members asked both the ALP and the LNP for commitments around increased staffing and direct and permanent employment.

- [UWU letter to ALP Leader Anastacia Palaszczuk](#) [pdf]
- [UWU letter to LNP Leader Deb Frecklington](#) [pdf]

As early voting starts today around the state, we want to be sure United Workers Union members have the information about what is important to them at hand.

As of this morning, only the Australian Labor Party (ALP) has responded to Ambulance members' questions. [See the letter in response here](#) where Steven Miles, Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, outlines the ALP commitments to continue to enhance front-line service jobs and employ an extra 475 ambulance staff if elected. He also reiterates the ALP commitment to employment security, permanent jobs, and direct employment for public sector workers. The letter commits a re-elected Palaszczuk Government to not outsource ambulance services.

Over the term of the Palaszczuk Government, 812 new ambulance staff have been hired along with over 10,000 doctors, nurses, and other health professionals.

United Workers Union has received no reply from Deb Frecklington or the LNP.

UWU Income Protection Scheme

Recent union visits have seen significant interest in the new Income Protection insurance offered to ambulance members.

Many members have found the comparison with their existing insurance worthwhile enough to progress through the application process by following [this link](#). (Allow pop ups on your device to complete the form.)

With a 14-day waiting period, 90% of your pre-disability income paid up to a maximum of \$2800 pw,

top up on Workcover benefits, and accidental death and capital benefits of \$200,000, it's certainly worth comparing what cover you are already paying for and what benefits are included.

- [Income Protection Scheme for Ambulance Members](#) [pdf]

12 new free CPD courses available for UWU members



United Workers Union has subsidised a further group of free courses for members up until 30 November 2020. The first group of free courses released during August and September resulted in hundreds of completed courses being logged by United Workers Union members.

The next group of free courses for you to access include:

Human factors (CRM), In-depth knowledge of analgesics, Metacognition, The psychological and sociological impact of pain, Antepartum haemorrhage, Birth, Childhood rashes, Maternal Resuscitation, Newborn Life Support, Primary Adrenal Insufficiency, Pregnancy Induced Hypertension and Pre-eclampsia.

Any member who has educational material or content that is of benefit to their peers, such as the learning sessions researched and presented as part of the CCP program, can be easily converted into Talisium learning modules.

- [Asthma - An Introduction to Management](#) [pdf] is a good example to have a look at to get the creative juices flowing.

Feedback from members around accessing the logbook feature and the prominence of the paramedic specific content has been addressed by the developers which has resulted in a better user experience reported back from members.

If you haven't had a look in a while, log in to the [Talisium CPD Portal](#) – use your email address (that you receive union updates on) and Password1 if you haven't set your own password yet.

Keep in touch ...

If you have a co-worker who doesn't receive these updates or who wishes to join the union email qldambulance@unitedworkers.org.au for more info.

In Unity,

United Workers Union