

# Politics in the Pub



## Internships - training or wage theft?

### *Boz and Rod Brooks Memorial*

Internships—unpaid work experience which can be a legitimate training tool or a form of wage theft. With the rising costs of tertiary education, increasingly insecure work & cuts to penalty rates even legitimate & properly supervised internships can put tertiary education out of the reach of students without parental or other supportive resources while other “internships” are not training or work experience but a blatant rip off of young people seeking to enter the workforce.

**Oriental Hotel, 112 Macquarie Rd, Springwood**

**Tuesday 25th July from 5.30pm**

*Includes Q&As from the audience*

**The speakers:**

**FREE ADMISSION!**



### Dimity Mannering

*Communications Director,  
Interns Australia*

Interns Australia is the support and advocacy body for students and young people undertaking internships and work placement. It is a member of the International Coalition for Fair Internships, and recently launched Australia's first and only internship review and recognition scheme. Interns Australia has been vocal in its opposition to the Federal Government's PaTH internship program, and is calling for a parliamentary inquiry into internships and unpaid work.



### Mark Morey

*Secretary, Unions NSW*

Mark Morey has described some unpaid internships as a "disgusting situation" where young people are "forced to do work that have nothing to do with their hopes". He has called for a Royal Commission into wage theft across the national economy.

Secretary of Unions NSW since 2016, he is responsible for the coordination of all Unions NSW activities including policy, legal, industrial and campaigns.



### Michael Whaites

*Oceania Sub-regional Secretary  
Public Services International*

Students required to undertake

legitimate and properly supervised internships face other indirect costs and the choice of facing hardship by giving up paid work or compromising their study, missing unpaid placement to take paid work or combining part time work with full time placement.

There have been calls for more support for students during unpaid placements. Whilst speaking for PSI representing 20 million public service & sector workers internationally, Michael also works for the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association

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