



THE UNION FOR UNION OFFICIALS

The ASU is the union that covers union officials.

Our members include elected officials, industrial officers, organisers, digital campaigners, admin support officers, communications and union IT support staff.

We know that working for a union can be exciting and very rewarding. We do this work because we are passionate and we want to make a difference.

But we also know how demanding this work can be - we are often supporting members who are distressed and in crisis, managing competing demands with limited resources, making sure the union is strong and growing, dealing with hostile employers, while running workplace and political campaigns all at the same time.

Often working for a union requires travel and working outside the normal 9-5 office hours.

And in the current climate, working for a union is not something that is well understood nor appreciated by many people in the broader community. We are often the targets of hostile media reports and anti-union campaigns run by employer groups and right wing political parties. It's a hard environment to be work in, and understandably there's a high burn out rate among union officials.

Given the high stakes involved in union work, sometimes relationships between staff and a union's elected leaders can break down. The ASU has discreetly represented many members working as union officials over the years. These cases are always handled personally by our Secretary or Assistant Secretary to ensure confidentiality for all parties involved. In our experience, union leaders understand better than anyone your right to have union representation when you are experiencing difficulties at work and understand that the ASU will handle any issues fairly and professionally.

- ASU LEADERSHIP TEAM -



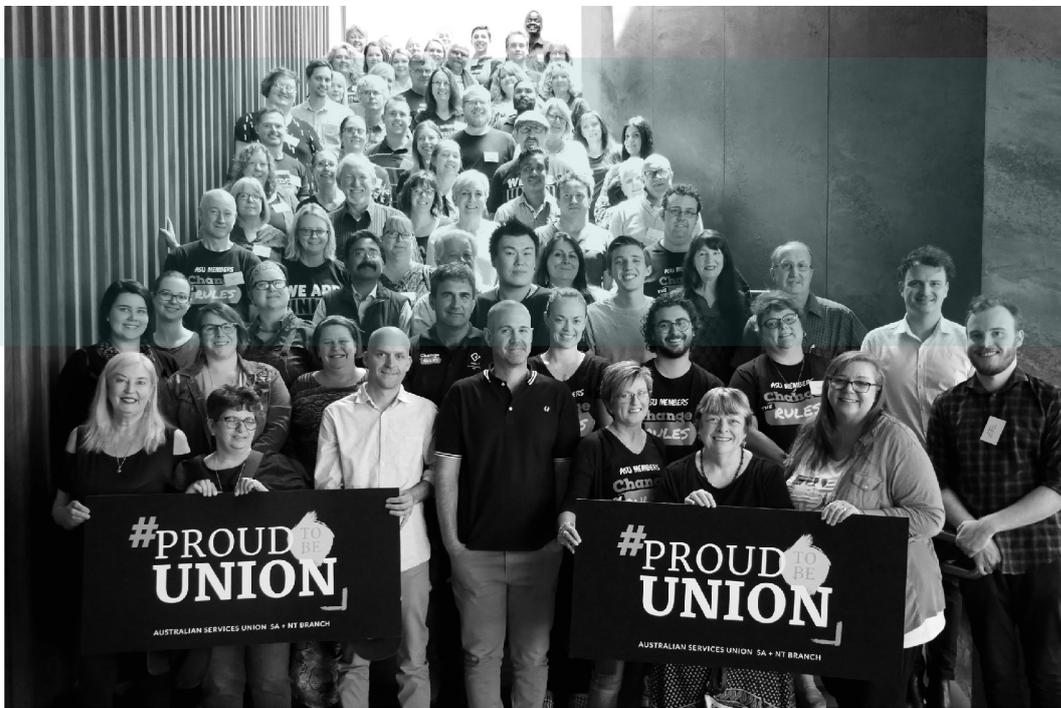
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THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN **ASU MEMBER**

You're part of a larger progressive movement

The ASU is a very politically active union. We use our affiliation to the Australian Labor Party to influence the policies of the party, so that when Labor Governments are formed we can see real change in our communities. We proudly campaign on social justice issues that matter to our members.

Individual assistance with work issues

As an ASU member you have access to high quality services and representation when you are dealing with industrial and legal issues at work. Union members typically have better job security - protection from unfair treatment, support if unfairly dismissed and much better redundancy entitlements.

Online professional development training

You have access to online professional development training courses - exclusive and free for ASU members! From leadership courses, interview techniques, effective communication, dealing with difficult people, time management, through to becoming an expert in Excel and Powerpoint - we have the course to suit you. The online courses are live and interactive with presenters who are experts in their field, as well as on-demand video workshops that you can undertake at your own pace.

You can access these courses through your member portal: asucareerlaunchpad.tln.org.au

Unlimited shopping discounts and savings

Through our partnership with Member Advantage, you can access great savings on your everyday expenses including groceries, online shopping, dining and travel.

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