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Not asking for much

The ACTU has produced a video clip for the *Working For A Better Life* campaign. "It's a great reminder of the achievements of Australia's Unions," says Peter Marshall. "You can view it on the ACTU's campaign website at <http://unionsaustralia.com.au>"



Way to go

Australia — the land of fair go? There's still a fair way to go! The ACTU message is to join — and keep up — your Union membership to help make the future more secure for workers and families.



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Australian Unions



Working for a better life

Live better...

A new ACTU campaign highlights the contribution of Unions and their members to the Australian way of life

After a decade of Union bashing, the Union movement's campaign defeated the anti-worker Howard government. Now, a new ACTU campaign, *Working For A Better Life*, recalls the other achievements of Trade Unions — and the tasks that lie ahead.

"The *Your Rights at Work* campaign produced a marvellous victory for the Australian Union movement," says UFUA National Secretary Peter Marshall. "But without the dedicated efforts of Unions and our Members over the long term, we wouldn't have many of the workplace and family benefits we enjoy today."

Paid leave, four weeks annual leave, overtime, penalty rates, shift allowances, sick leave, workplace injury compensation and superannuation are just some of the key achievements of Australia's Unions.

"Many younger people in the workplace may not be aware that if it wasn't for our Trade Unions we wouldn't have the weekend, OHS protection, working hours and wages standards, parental leave, progress to equal pay — or Medicare," says Peter. "By signing up and becoming Union members, all working people can protect themselves and help improve their workplace and family benefits."

... JOIN A UNION

The ACTU campaign highlights the benefits of Union membership and how Trade Unions have battled to make sure employers and governments treat workers fairly. "We still have work to do," says Peter Marshall. "The new industrial relations system, a push for national OH&S laws and the global economic uncertainty are just a few of the challenges

facing the Union movement."

"The UFUA and firefighters will be working with the ACTU to build membership across the Australian union movement," says Peter Marshall. "This is the only way we will have the strength to protect and advance workers' rights." The message is clear — join up for a better life.