

The Australian Society for the Study of Labour History
welcomes you to the:

Harold Peden Memorial Lecture 2016

All About Collie

Guest Speaker: Mick Murray MLA, Member for Collie-Preston

The town of Collie exists because of its coal deposits and the State's ever increasing demand for electricity. However, the strength of its people is the Trade Union Movement, its political influence and the bond between the Collie community and its unionised workforce. A recent decision by Fair Work Australia (the industrial umpire) has put Collie's future at risk. Mick Murray will explore Collie's history, and likely future.



Mick Murray was elected to the Western Australian Parliament as the Member for Collie in 2001, and has been re-elected as the Member for Collie-Wellington in 2005 and Collie-Preston in 2008 and 2013.

Prior to entering parliament, Mick was a mechanic, employed at a large coal mine near Collie for nearly 25 years and a vocal supporter for workers' rights as the local union delegate. He has also served on the local shire Council and on a number of their committees.

Mick is currently the Shadow Minister for Regional Roads; Racing and Gaming; Forestry. He also is the Shadow Minister for the South West Region

Thursday 10 November 2016

6:00 pm for 6:30 start

6th Floor, 445 Hay Street Perth

Drinks and nibbles will be provided

Street Parking free after 6:00 pm or paid parking nearby.

Supported by the Working Voices Choir singing a collection of working class songs

Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to Neil Byrne 9349 8153 or Roanna Beach at UnionsWA 9328 7877 rbeach@unionswa.com.au

About Harold Peden



Harold Peden was a senior trade union activist, State President of the Amalgamated Metal Workers Union, Senior Vice President of the Trades and Labor Council, State President of the Communist Party of Australia and a long-time activist in the peace movement, retiring in July 1985.

Each year since his untimely death in 1993 due to boating accident, Labour History celebrates Harold's life with a community lecture emphasising his work and passion.

Harold Peden was a man who took the cause of labour and labour history to his heart. A political activist and proud unionist throughout his working life, Harold was awarded the Order of Australia in 1990 for his services to the trade union movement and Western Australian workers.
