

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

## Harold Peden Memorial Lecture 2015

### *“What about the Worker?”*

**Guest Speaker: Meredith Hammat, UnionsWA Secretary**



Meredith has over 20 years experience in the trade union movement, having worked as an Organiser and Assistant Secretary with the Australian Services Union in local government, energy and community services industries.

Meredith has a Masters degree in Industrial Relations.

She was elected as President of UnionsWA in 2008 and has been Secretary since 2012. She is a member of the ACTU Executive and Australian Super WA Advisory Board.

#### **Australia is under new management**

“Now is the most exciting time to be an Australian” (Malcolm Turnbull PM’s acceptance speech) and he said: “Our economy will be driven by innovation and productivity”. The incoming Treasurer, Scott Morrison’s mantra is more measured and succinct; three words: work, serve, invest.

#### **Harold Peden would have asked “What about the worker?”**

Meredith will share with us her views about what the Turnbull Government will mean for workers and how the union movement will respond in the coming election year - and beyond.

Bernard Carney and members of the Working Voices Choir will perform.

There will also be recognition of the centenary of the execution by firing squad of early American union activist Joe Hill on 19 November 1915. Come along and help the choir sing the memorial song *Joe Hill*.

**Thursday 19 November 2015**

**6:00 pm for 6:30 start**

**6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 445 Hay Street Perth**

**Drinks and nibbles will be provided.**

Please RSVP to Neil Byrne 9349 8153 or Roanna Beach at UnionsWA 9328 7877

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## 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.