

# Save our weekend.

## Tips for speaking to local clubs about supporting penalty rates

People working in clubs are currently on the frontline in the fight to protect weekend penalty rates. Clubs Australia recently announced it will ask the Fair Work Commission to cut penalty rates for clubs workers by abolishing the Clubs Award. Many Clubs have already told us they do not want to cut their staff's weekend penalty rates. We need to let other clubs know we expect them to do the same. Right now, clubs have a choice to make - they can support their workers and commit not to cutting their penalty rates, or they can leave their staff at risk of a pay cut they don't deserve and can't afford.

Conversations with customers and community members are a powerful way of letting clubs know that their community does not support cuts to the wages of some of the lowest paid workers in the country.

### Conversation tips

- Request to speak to, or leave a message for, a member of the club's board or the General Manager.
- In your conversation, tell them why you support weekend rates and why you're interested in their position (eg. you only want to support clubs that support their staff). It's good to tell them a bit about yourself. Do you live nearby? Do you work weekends? Have you ever relied on weekend rates? Do any of your friends or family members rely on them to make ends meet?
- You can also tell them that the vast majority of Australians (around 80%) support weekend rates.
- Explain that a number of clubs have already stated their commitment not to cut penalty rates and they have been widely celebrated.
- If they're supportive, get them to sign the pledge then and there. United Voice will follow up with them directly.
- If they need some time to consider their position, offer to follow up with them in a week's time. You can leave a copy of the letter and the pledge with them in the meantime.

- If the Board Member or the Manager is not available, leave a signed copy of the letter and the pledge for them and ask them to send you their response.
- It's important to remain polite and courteous and to always follow any directions issued by club staff.

### Let us know how you go!

If the club signs a pledge, ask for a picture while you're there and ask them if we can share this news on the Save Our Weekend website and Facebook pages. We will also send them a poster or sticker to put up in their business.

Please let us know the outcome of your conversations by emailing [team@saveourweekend.org.au](mailto:team@saveourweekend.org.au)

### Social media

If you love social media as much as we do, please feel free to share and tag us on any of the below using the [#SaveOurWeekend](#) hashtag.

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