



## **WORKING TO LIVE HISTORIES OF THE 8 HOUR DAY & WORKING LIFE HISTORY CONFERENCE 20-21 JUNE 2006**

### **A CALL FOR PAPERS**

To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Melbourne Stonemasons' establishment of the '8 Hour System', a series of exhibitions, events and conferences have been planned for the first half of 2006. The **Working to Live** conference will be concerned with the history of the 8 Hours Movement and subsequent campaigns of Australians to assert control over their working lives.

The conference will be held at the University of Melbourne on 20-21 June 2006, as a joint initiative of the Melbourne Branch of the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History and the Australian Centre at the University of Melbourne.

We invite proposals for papers around themes such as:

- Histories of working life and domestic amenity and parenting;
- Wage labour and social identity;
- Representation and celebration of skilled labour; and
- Shorter hours and civic engagement.

In general, we are looking for proposals that will bring to life the continuing efforts of working people to gain control over their modes of employment, the labour process and to assert their role as active agents in a more egalitarian economy and democratic polity.

Proposals, with abstracts of 250 words are due by 31 January 2006 and full papers (5,000 word maximum) by 20 May 2006. They can be sent to Peter Love at either [pjlove@infoxchange.net.au](mailto:pjlove@infoxchange.net.au) or [plove@swin.edu.au](mailto:plove@swin.edu.au). Time for the presentation of papers will be strictly limited to 20 minutes.

Further information about the conference will be posted on the Labour History website at <http://www.asslh.com/> and the Australian Centre site at <http://www.australian.unimelb.edu.au/>

The 'Working to Live' conference will be run in conjunction with, and followed by, the 'New Standards for the New Times' conference on 22-23 June 2005 at RMIT, organised by Iain Campbell ([Iain.Campbell@rmit.edu.au](mailto:Iain.Campbell@rmit.edu.au)) and Cathy Brigden ([Cathy.Brigden@rmit.edu.au](mailto:Cathy.Brigden@rmit.edu.au)) from the Centre for Applied Social Research, RMIT. Iain or Cathy can provide further information on this conference, which explores contemporary work/life issues.

