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Council staff secure 3.7% pay increase

LOGAN City Council workers will receive a wage increase of at least 3.7 per cent under a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA).

The agreement comes after three months of negotiations between the Queensland Services Union (QSU) and council on behalf of workers.

It follows a two-hour stop-work action in January by council workers in an attempt to demonstrate union members would not accept an offer that did not meet industry standards.

Union members voted down an offer in January which included a 3.2 per cent increase in the first year, followed by 3.25 per cent or \$33.00 per week increases in years two and three.

The council returned to the negotiating table on March 9 offering a 3.7 per cent or \$34 a week increase, whichever was greater, plus increases of 3.5 per cent in the following two years.

QSU assistant secretary Jennifer Thomas said the EBA was passed after 88.61 per cent of union members at the council voted for the agreement.

"Members were satisfied that the agreement met industry standards," Ms Thomas said.



Queensland Services Union assistant secretary Jennifer Thomas.

"Initially employees rejected the agreement at the first ballot after council offered wage rises of only 3.2 per cent. Members remained strong in their claims and were able to achieve an improved wage increase and agreement."

The new EBA will govern the terms and conditions for council staff for the next three years. Employees will receive back pay to January 1, 2012.

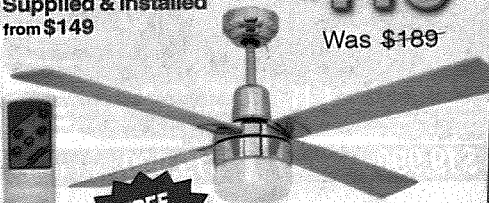
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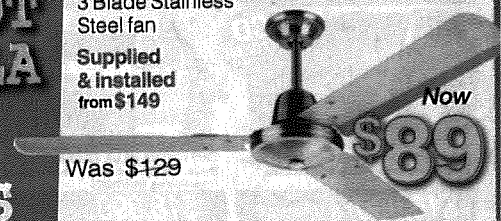
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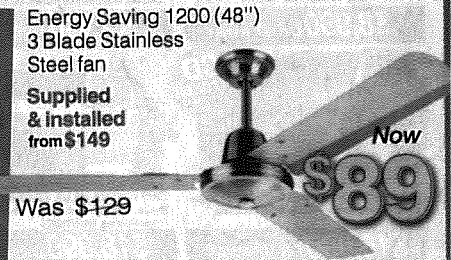
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