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LIVINGSTONE SHIRE COUNCIL WORKERS - TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

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Union members employed at Livingstone Shire Council are now putting their case for a fair Agreement directly to the community.

Last week the Council's management told employees that they would be excluded from the workplace without pay if they so much as wore a sticker or a Union cap in support of their campaign for a wage increase.

Organiser for The Services Union, Chris McJannett said workers are committed to this community and want some certainty before christmas.

"It's been recently reported that the Council's finances are in solid shape and one of the reasons for this is that employees work hard each and every day delivering for their community," Mr McJannett said.

"The Council needs to pay a fair wage increase to the very people who actually do the work which delivers these great outcomes."

"Over the last three years the workforce has received increases which have been well under the cost of living. Now the Council is only offering flat rate increases \$20, \$20 and \$25 over three years, which will see employees fall further behind the cost of living and which will destroy important wage relativities in the Council".

"The Council has left staff with no choice but to continue with their campaign with strike action," Mr McJannett said.

Union members will now be asking for community support for their campaign for a fair wage increase and secure jobs.

Tomorrow, union members will stop work between 6am – 9am and attend a rally in Beaman Park from 7.00AM.

"We are asking for the community to get behind the workers who deliver essential services to the people of the Livingstone Shire," Mr McJannett said.

"Some of them will be your family, friends or neighbours and they deserve to be paid a fair a decent wage, so they can spend their money at local businesses."

"Our members are urging the community to join the rally tomorrow morning and/or to write to their local Councillor urging them to do the right thing."

"We hope that Council management will see sense and resolve this dispute as soon as possible," Mr McJannett said.

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