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Dave Croad of Hat Head, pictured right, took out the State Championship Singles Final at South West Rocks, with finalist Brent Norman

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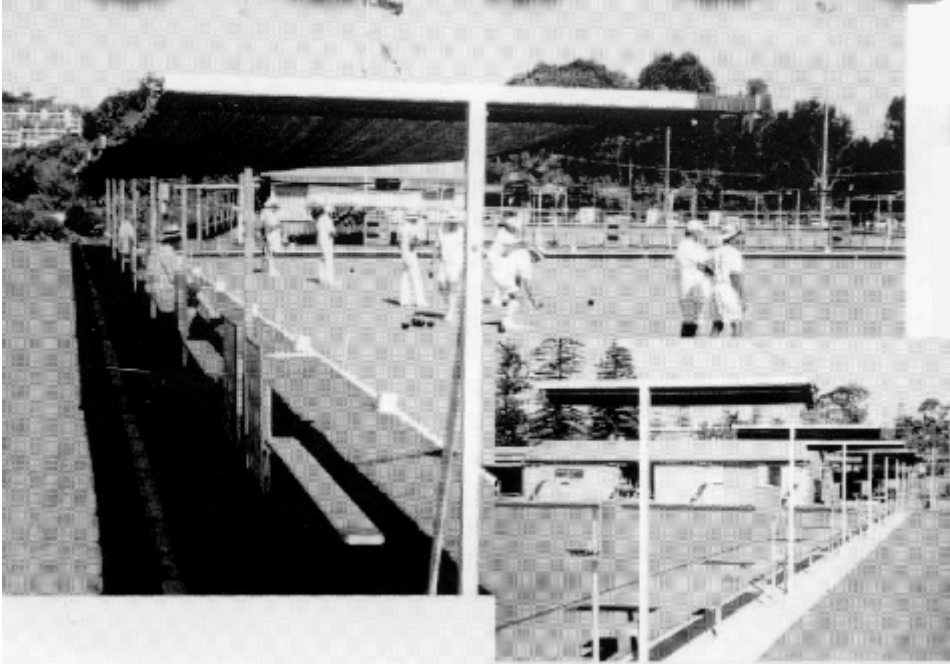
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President's Message with Mick Woods



This year's State Championships were held for the second time at South West Rocks between Monday 2nd to Friday 6th May. The Country Club has been a tremendous venue and most hospitable. However, all good things must come to an end and it is now time to move onto a new venue that will host for the years

of 2018/19.

It was great to see some new faces across both years at South West Rocks. While numbers stayed around the same for both years, with several regulars being unavailable, their place was filled with either newcomers or some old faces returning after sabbaticals. As per normal, the standard of bowls was excellent, but with both the pairs and singles winners from 2015 eliminated in their first rounds, the door was opened for everyone else, but I'll leave the full wrap up of events for Shannon to cover in his bowls report.

Onto other events which have been plentiful over the past couple of months, none more so than our annual conference. This was held at Bankstown Sports Club on 27th and 28th of June. Bankstown Sports proved itself an excellent venue for both those that live close

by and those that have to travel, with hotel facilities attached to the club eliminating travel concerns. This year's conference was both informative and interesting with many topics being addressed.

We had a record 13 sponsors this year, I thank each organisation for supporting our Association and this event, especially our Gold Sponsors, Syngenta, Maxwell & Kemp and Globe Australia. Read the full wrap up, courtesy of the Mid North Coast's Danny Knight, on page 8.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the Monday afternoon. Thank you to our outgoing Committee members, Col Ridge and David Hukins, for their contribution. Col Ridge will remain a Patron of our Association. Welcome to our incoming Committee members, Ben Morthorpe of Cabramatta Bowling Club, and Rod Crean, from Lawson Bowling Club. Matt Keough has also been nominated as Junior Vice President. July will also see the Association take on the Legends of the game, this year to be held at Bar Beach, Newcastle.

It is with regret that I inform that another one of ours has passed; I pass on condolences to the family of Mick Gartrell from myself and the entire committee through what must be a difficult time.

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Bowls Report by Shannon White



Perfect conditions were again on hand for our State week in South West Rocks. Mark and Nathan had the greens in pristine condition and we had some cracking games of bowls. This year we crowned new champions, as last year's Pairs and Singles winners made an early exit.

The Pairs was first away with some upsets taking place, mainly last year's winners Nick Hancott and Mick Woods getting beaten by Nathan Moore and Brett Long. However, they were halted in the next round by Dan Ryan and Jason Aurisch. The bottom quarter saw Ben Morthorpe and Brent Norman playing Mark Dagwell and Wade Turner, with this coming down to the last end and Ben and Brent winning 21-18, setting up a match against Dan and Jason.

The top half of the draw saw some convincing wins by first timers Chris Muddle and Tim Allen and Andrew Maclaren with Shannon White in the early games to also make for a great semi-final. Andrew and Shannon went on to win in a hard fought 20-13. The other semi of Ben/Brent verse Dan/Jason saw Jason winning the last 3 ends to win 20-15.

The final was a no contest with Dan and Jason dominating and winning 20-4. **Well done Dan and Jason on winning their first Pairs!**



Pictured clockwise from top: Life member George Wilson with Young star Damien Miller, some of our loyal supporting ladies; bowls action on the green; and Pairs winners Daniel Ryan and Jason Aurisch.

The Singles was well represented with 40 participants and more exciting games. Quarter finalists were Brent Norman v Bruce Armbuster, Steve Britt v Dan Ryan, Dave Croad v Tom Mulley, Jason Aurisch v Brett Long. Buster and Brent had a great tussle with Buster jumping out to lead by 19-9 early but Brent clawed his way back to 20 all and went on to win 25-22. Dan had another great tussle with a consistent Britty, but Dan converted well to win 25-20. Croady was dominant over Tommy Mulley 25-11 and Jason was in fine form against Longy, winning 25-15.

Semis saw Dan jumping out to an early lead against Brent, 21-13, but Brent again fought back to get to 26 all. With some great shots by both players, Brent ground out a 31-29 victory.

Dave was just brilliant against Jason, with Jason throwing everything at Dave he was replying with some outstanding draw bowls and went on to win 31-21.

This set up a final with a new champ to be named, as neither Dave nor Brent have won the coveted NSW Greenkeepers Singles. And what a game it was, with Dave again showing the consistent drawing he has showed all week jumping out to an early 19-9 lead but as shown in earlier matches Brent showed his fighting qualities to get back to 20-21. Croady then played some great draw shots to score 10 shots to 1 and go on to win the game 31-21.

Well done Dave on winning his first NSW Greenkeepers title!

Again thanks must go out to staff at South West Rocks Country Club for their hospitality over the past two years and also the support from our fellow greenies over this time as well. Don't forget to pencil in next year's Federation Week in Melbourne from April 30 2017. The 6 Way was held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club on Tuesday 19th -Thursday -21st July.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual Greenkeepers v Legends game at Bar Beach Bowling Club on Monday 25th July. If you haven't got your name in, give me a call.



Pictured: Above - Plate finalists Gary Witte, Brett Long, Peter Watts and Pat Nichols. Below: Life members Tony Apthorpe, Kevin Bowcock, Simon Cooper, George Wilson and Andy Rodger.

2016 State Conference Wrap up - With Danny Knight

The 2016 State Conference was held on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th June at Bankstown Sports. It was well worthwhile attending, with outstanding speakers at an amazing venue. Also outstanding were the sponsors who displayed their products. Everyone had a chance in between talks to speak to them and learn more about new products and machinery. Our NSWBGA Committee goes well beyond their duty to organise these events and does an amazing job, voluntarily, for our benefit.

- Ex Wallaby **Phil Waugh** inspired us with a talk of positive culture and leadership.
- **Nick Valentine** from **The Black Dog Institute** showed us how easily depression can emerge into our lives and how it is possible to emerge from the dark shadows as a better person.
- **Nadeem Zreikat** enlightened is on the etiquette of social media and the importance of having a positive online profile.
- **Brett Howe** from **Club Plus Super** spoke about how to best manage our all-important nest egg.

- **David Scaife** from Maxwell and Kemp updated us on the wide range of task specific wetting agents in their range.
- **Brad Porter** – greenkeeper from Lockley's BC South Australia delivered an enlightening speech on how he, with very limited staff, prepared the surfaces for the 2012 World Bowls.
- **Paul Dugmore** – showed us how to get the most out of our foliar applications, making us think about refining our current procedures.



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Pictured right: Trade display, Phil Waugh with the Association's Mick Woods and John Flaherty; 2016 Trade and Sponsor Display. Previous page: Greenkeepers enjoying the educational program.

- **Gary Beehag** – showed us a glimpse of his new book – a project of many years in the making – an up to date version on Pest Management in turf covering the 'new era' pests such as mites and an insight into Pearls.
- **Albie Leggett** from Syngenta gave us an update on beetles and scarabs, followed by an insight into how to build preventative programs based around your local weather technology.
- To conclude proceedings **Mick Woods** invited all present to an Open Forum. The pressing

items were how to get greater numbers to our Championship weeks and Conferences. Thankfully Albie Leggett and Gary Beehag were also still present to give an insight into my myths/trials on Pearls.

You need to get along to these events to take advantage and access the minds of these leaders in our industry.

Thanks to the Conference Organiser John Flaherty and everyone involved in putting together such a great conference.



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New South Wales Bowling Greenkeepers' Association Statement of Income and Expenditure

For 12 months to the 30th April 2016

2015	Income	2016
4,467.00	Membership Subscriptions	4,627.50
-	Greenkeeper of the Year	1,000.00
4,720.00	Federation Donations Nett	3,514.03
717.18	Interest Earned	500.50
254.00	Uniform Sales Profit	325.00
167.67	Conference Profit	34.00
825.00	Unidentified Income	600.00
3,125.69	Profit (Loss) Magazine	5,202.48
14,276.54		15,803.51

Expenditure	
1,384.22	Printing Stationery & Advertising
722.88	Telephone/Internet
1,011.36	Travel Expense
433.40	Postage
315.00	Bank Charges
500.00	Room Hire
60.00	Floral Tribute
5,000.00	Administration Costs
-	Membership Cards
1,000.00	Greenkeeper of the Year
517.40	Championship Trophies Etc
1,186.00	Conference Expenses
3,685.00	Federation Uniforms
-	Uniforms
100.00	Apprentice Award
552.00	Depreciation
16,467.26	Total Expenditure
14,276.54	Total Income
-	Profit (Loss) for the year

Balance Sheet as at 1st May 2016

Current Assets	2016
ANZ Bank	5,567.17
Welfare Fund	1,000.00
Stock	3,632.00
Magazine Debtor	2,671.00
Investments	24,582.91
Cash on Hand	112.85
Total Assets	37,565.93
Non-Current Assets	
Computer	1,100.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-1,100.00
	0.00
Total Assets	37,565.93
Less Liabilities	
Welfare Fund	5,080.40
Reimburse Petty Cash	0.00
Total Liabilities	5,080.40
Total Assets over Liabilities	32,485.53
Accumulated Funds	
Balance 1st May 2015	32,913.12
Less/Plus 2016 Gain/Loss	-427.59
Total Equity	32,485.53

Rep's Report

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I would like to start this report by passing on my condolences to Mick Gartrell's family on his very sudden death a month ago. Mick was a popular member of the Greenkeeping fraternity and did renovation work for many over the years. Mick

had his health problems 20 odd years ago and to be able to do what he has been doing for so long was testimony to his character.

I hope everyone came out of the big wet without too many problems.

Two clubs I know of, Corrimal with subsidence along an edge of one green and Picton with sand, silt and general rubbish over the greens, were a couple of the hardest hit. Reagan and Nathan respectively will have them back in good shape soon.

I hope everyone enjoys the winter months after a hard and very long summer and autumn, and recharges the batteries.

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It's time to start planning ahead for next year's Federation Week in Melbourne.

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The first day of play will be **Sunday 30th April** with the Presentation Dinner to be held on Thursday night, **4th May 2017**.

The Vic Greenies assure us it's going to be a great program, based in the Docklands area of Melbourne. There will be visits to some great bowling clubs in Melbourne and great social activities. It will be one day shorter than previous years, but packed with bowls and some night test matches.

Registration fees will be \$350.

Your NSW Committee will take all registrations, and accommodation bookings will be available at Quest Apartments in Docklands. Apartments cost approx \$400 a night and sleep 5 people. A booking link will be available soon. Keep your eye out at nswbga.com.au or join our NSWBGA Facebook group for lots of fun promos from the Vic greenies.

More information and a full program will be available in the next edition.

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Around the Associations

Mid North Coast Report by Danny Knight

After what was the longest growing season for quite a few years, winter has finally arrived. We were well into May and still getting 30 degree days and 18 degree nights. Generally April is the month where the night temperatures drop and the Tiffy goes into semi-dormancy. Most of the local greenies around here were still grooming and cutting regularly into June. The bowlers kept asking when the greens were going to get quick and I kept on saying "When you see me in tracksuit pants and a jumper in the mornings, that's when they'll be quick!"

Pictured right: Danny Knight with Brett Long at State Champs Week

Bowls update

The Pennant season has been completed in our area with the successful sides awaiting the state playoffs. July is carnival time around the Coffs Coast, the extended summer seeing most of our greens in top shape for the busy winter period. Rick Southam is again hosting the prestigious Park Beach Open Singles which attracts numerous elite players. Among the elite are some of our industry colleagues such as previous winner Brent 'Tiger' Norman, his stablemate and travelling companion Shannon White, and last year's Runner up Corey Wedlock. All three are fancied to progress through the sectional stages and challenge for the big prize money on offer. Good luck boys!

Industry news

There have been a few movements around the Kempsey area lately. Rod Sutherland (ex Smithtown BC) previously had felt like a change and took up the role at Fredrickton Golf Club. He mustn't have liked being peppered with golf balls while mowing fairways, deciding to go back to the safety of the Scott Bonnar at Smithtown. Dave Parsons (ex Kempsey RSL Bowls) decided he was up for the challenge and has replaced Rod at Fredo Golf.

Whilst on changes, Dave 'Choppy' Waters (Stuarts Point Bowls) has ditched the Evinrude Outboard for the Malvern Star pushbike. After 25 ½ years of living on Shark Island and commuting by boat, Dave and his family have bought a house with 4 acres on the mainland just out of town. He stated the move was an early step toward retirement and the flat ground would suit his ageing body. I think he may just be chasing easier access to the local watering holes. Moving house has proven somewhat of a challenge as none of the local removalist companies had their own helicopter.

Our Carnival day will be held at Stuarts Point on



August 15th. The Club is always a wonderful host so let's get plenty of numbers along to ensure our main fundraiser is a success. For the past few years our excess funds have been donated to the very worthy charity "Give me Five for Kids". This charity is endorsed by Port Macquarie radio station 2MC. Our Secretary **Gary Witte** (Scotts Head) (*pictured below*) is a regular contributor and has arranged another donation to coincide with an upcoming meeting at Port City.

Port City's greenkeeper Nigel Perry has been seeking advice on a challenging project. With the goal of hosting major playoffs, the club is considering adding one rink to their small half green. With limited space, the problem is the unknown of what is under the ground that could be used. Like many other clubs that have evolved over time, accurate plans often don't exist. Costing the project could prove difficult. If anyone has experience I'm sure Nigel would appreciate a call.



State Champs Week

South West Rocks again hosted an awesome Championship Week. The weather was superb and Mark and Nathan's greens were second to none. The standard of play was outstanding come finals time once all of us also-rans became spectators. Congratulations to Jason Aurisch and Dan Ryan for winning the Pairs but the big surprise (except for us who know his many sporting talents) was the win of our own Dave Croad (Hat Head) in the singles.

Untouched in the betting, much to the relief of this year's rookie bookies who faced a big payout on Jason and Dan in the pairs, Croady set to work. He had been quietly knocking over big names on the path to the final. To finish the job he had the mammoth task of overcoming none other than the Herculean and blood thirsty Brent 'Tiger' Norman. Tiger had finished runner up on too many previous occasions for his liking and his hunger was ravenous. His aura on the green has seen many an opponent crumble and concede. We witnessed at Port Macquarie in disbelief Tiger kill an umpire with his bare hands over a contentious call and word has it he ate his own lead in a tournament for putting down too many short bowls.

None of this had any effect on Croady. He respected Tiger's talents but was focused on making the most of this rare opportunity. From the start of the game Dave was looking relaxed and had settled into a rhythm. Tiger wasn't making it easy by any means but Dave was coming up with the answers. As the game progressed the possibility of an upset was becoming real. No one doubted that Tiger would fight back and he did level up the scores at around 20 all. Most assumed Tiger would gain control and run away with the game but Dave regrouped and powered away to a stunning victory. Tiger was gallant in defeat and both had showed great sportsmanship throughout the course of the game and after it. Dave's celebrations carried on well into the night as word spread that a local lad had reigned supreme. Congratulations!

Three of us recently made the trek to Bankstown for this year's Conference. This was a great event and you can read my wrap up on page 8.

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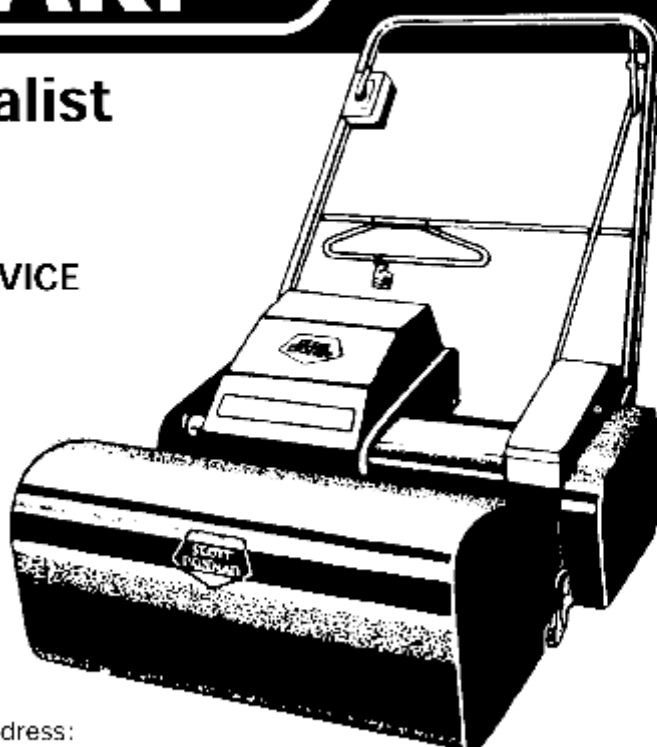
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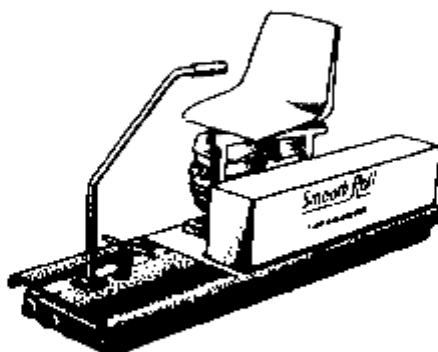


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Northern Rivers Greenkeepers Advisory Council with Duncan Elphick

Autumn was kind to most around the Northern Rivers. Dry and warm daytime temperatures with cool crisp evenings had most Greenkeepers around producing really slick surfaces. Let's hope we all still managed to get Spring Dead control out throughout the susceptible season as symptoms can be quite severe following a dry Autumn.

In contrast, Winter has been eventful. Two low depression events has left soils saturated and minimum temperatures higher. Colour is back in the greens, mowers are more active and soft slow greens are the norm.

We had four members attend the NSWBGA Championship week in beautiful South West Rocks. Once again it was a great week to attend. The conditions for bowls were first class, club facilities are excellent and the comradery of the Greenkeeping fraternity makes the event worthwhile. Congratulations must be extended to Mark Wilcher and his staff for the standard of the greens and thanks to the NSWBGA for the seamless running of the event.

July takes us to Brunswick Heads Bowling Club for our next Northern Rivers Greenkeepers Advisory Council bowls day. Josh Greenhalgh is fresh from both club and district singles triumphs and will be putting out the welcome mat to clubs from Tweed Byron and Northern Rivers associations. A percentage of the funds raised by our days goes to a nominated charity each year, also helps subsidize members to attend NSWBGA events. In the past six years we have raised around \$9,000 for local charities. This has been happening for many more years but recent records show our efforts are not just about getting together for a beer and a chat, but can have a direct and beneficial result for our communities, in turn raising our profile with news outlets covering some of the events.

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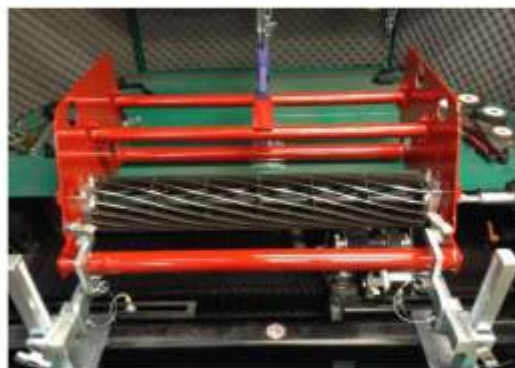
It has now come to the machinery maintenance and painting time of the year. Most of us here in frosty old Canberra have rear rollers from mowers pulled apart, replacing belts, bearings, doing oil changes and machinery servicing and painting numbers and boundary pegs.

Most greens would have their cutting heights raised a fraction to keep a little extra cover of grass to get them through the non-growing period.

Coming up in Canberra on Wednesday 27th July at Tuggeranong Vikings Club is the annual STA ACT Conference. They have acquired the legendary Wade Turner to give a presentation on "His Career in Bowling Greenkeeping" which I'm sure will be interesting.

After a successful Greenkeepers bowls day at Queanbeyan RSL, Mark Dagwell and his "Turf Team" will be hosting the next bowls day in August, hopefully with similar success.

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A horticulture apprentice is paid at a percentage of the Standard Rate.

1st year	55%
2nd year	65%
3rd year	80%
4th year	90%

More information, including a list of Modern Awards, is available on the Fair Work Australia website www.fwa.gov.au or the Fair Work Australia Ombudsman at www.fairwork.gov.au.

Available now – Relief Greenkeeper

Ray Cooper is an experienced greenkeeper with more than 35 years experience, currently available for relief greenkeeping statewide.

If you need an extra pair of hands or holiday relief, please contact Ray on 0421 004 642.

Frequently Asked Questions: Awards & Pay Rates

What can I do if my take-home pay is lower than the modern award?

You can't have your take-home pay reduced as a result of the commencement of the new Fair Work System. Modern awards commenced on 1 January 2010, along with the new National Employment Standards.

The commencement of these new entitlements is not intended to result in employees receiving a pay cut. If you believe your take-home pay has been cut, you can apply to Fair Work Australia to make a 'take home pay order'.

What is a take-home pay order?

A take-home pay order can preserve your existing rates of pay while you remain in the same job. It can apply to wages and allowances, as well as incentive based payments and overtime. An order can apply to an individual or a class of employees or outworkers who are in a similar position.

A take-home pay order can be made if:

- A modern award applies to the employee or employees, and
- The employee or employees are in the same job as they were before the modern award commenced, and
- The amount of the employees' take-home

pay for working the same sort of hours or the same sort of work has been reduced, and

- This reduction in take-home pay has occurred because of the commencement of the modern award.

Who can apply for a take-home pay order?

You or your union can apply to Fair Work Australia for a take-home pay order. In addition, a person acting on your behalf or on behalf of a class of employees may apply.

An application for a take-home pay order can also be made by an organisation representing outworkers on behalf of those outworkers.

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