

# Politics in the Pub

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## Jobs or Income?

A discussion of Universal (or Guaranteed) Basic Income.

**Family Hotel, 15 Parke St, Katoomba FREE ADMISSION!**

**Saturday, 25th March, 2017 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm** includes Q&A's from the audience

**Have we become a country of working poor? What can we do to address income inequality?**

Local jobs in the Blue Mountains are disappearing: supermarkets and banks - replaced by machines while other jobs are sent offshore or becoming insecure with casualisation or outright exploitation. Our middle class is vanishing.

Is a guaranteed or universal "basic income" - a form of social security where each citizen has an entitlement to enough income to pay for basic needs - a viable way of sharing collectively generated wealth?

Past Australian governments addressed income inequality with policies of "full employment" - not permitting unemployment rates to exceed 2%. These policies were abandoned in the mid 1970s with the start of neoliberalism.

**Blue Mountains Unions & Community have invited two experts to discuss the pros & cons of "Basic Income".**

How could basic income work? Can we overcome a cultural desire to make people "pay", even suffer, for any support they receive as our Government demonises Centrelink recipients as "leaners" and "fraudsters"? Would it be more effective to ensure that Australians are not unemployed or underemployed?

**Join us and our speakers in our discussion of "Basic Income".**

## Dr John Tomlinson

BSocStud, BA(Hons), MSocWk Qld, PhD Murdoch.

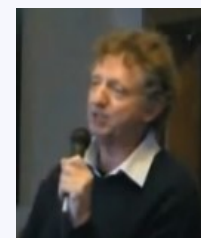
John Tomlinson, a retired Senior Lecturer from the Queensland University of Technology has long campaigned for a Basic Income. He completed his Doctoral Thesis, entitled: Income Maintenance in Australia: The Income Guarantee Alternative in 1989, which was awarded by Murdoch University, Western Australia. John's thesis is available on this BIGA (Basic Income Guarantee Australia) site under 'theses'.



## Dr Victor Quirk

B.A Hons (Latrobe), PhD (Newcastle)

A Research Associate at the Centre of Full Employment & Equity (University of Newcastle), Dr Quirk's PhD examined the political opposition to full employment.



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*And don't miss a very special Politics in the Pub coming up on Saturday, 29th April, 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
at the Family Hotel*

*In honour of workers who have died of occupational accidents & illnesses.*

Speakers: Rita Mallia, CFMEU and Emma Maiden, Unions NSW. MC Rowan Kernebone, Injured Workers' Support