



Country Non Daily – MEAA Bulletin

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AGREEMENT READY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION VOTING STARTS MONDAY 10 JULY 2017

MEAA delegates and representatives have completed negotiations for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement with Country Press Australia (CPA). This new agreement, to be known as the *Journalists' Country Non-Daily Newspapers (CPA) Agreement 2017*, will cover your wages and conditions for the next three years.

The outcome of our collective negotiations have resulted in a rollover of the existing agreement with wage increase of 1.75% per year for a period three years in which you will be back paid until the April 1, 2017. The additional improvements include clarity on clauses such as paid training leave and new public holidays. You will be entitled to apply for training and the Company will review each application on a case by case basis, no reasonable application should be refused. Additional public holidays that are gazetted by respective State or Territory governments will be granted.

Your Editor and/or General Manager will be in touch will you from May 29 to distribute a copy of the proposed EBA for you to review prior to voting. MEAA encourages all members to read over the agreement and participate in the voting process.

VOTING OPENS – Monday July 10 to Friday July 21

MEAA encourages all people who perform or undertake editorial work at Country Non-Daily Newspaper to vote on your future employment wages and conditions, spread the word and encourage your colleagues to participate in the vote.

Your employer will be in contact with in regards to the manual voting process whereby a staff delegate or MEAA representative will be involved in the process. If you have not heard about the voting process and require further information please contact <u>jenny.farrar@meaa.org</u> or call the membership centre on 1300 656 513.

If you are not already, become a member of MEAA and join the campaign to win the changes you believe are needed to make your working life better. <u>www.meaa.org</u> Membership Centre: 1300 656 512

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