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Tertiary Scholarship Program

Application forms are NOW available

CPSU in conjunction with SGE Credit Union will continue our tertiary scholarship program this year, awarding \$750 per year to support those members and their families attempting a suitable tertiary course with a demonstrated need.



A scholarship will be awarded in two categories with a total amount of \$750 each year for a maximum of 3 years to be awarded for each category.



[Find out more](#)

Paid Maternity Leave

Call to Fund Scheme in Federal Budget

Working women, families and unions are sending a message to the Federal Government that we want to see a new national Paid Maternity Leave scheme in the 2009 Federal Budget.

It's time to deliver Paid Maternity Leave!



It will be good for the economy, good for employers and good for families.

Our State Government already recognises these benefits and funds 14 weeks paid parental leave in most CPSU Agreements.

Mums need time to recover from their birth and time to bond with their newborn and adjust to motherhood.

We also know that families will spend the money they receive; giving an extra stimulus to the economy.

[Find out more](#) | [take action online](#)

International Women's Day Rally for Peace, Justice & Equality

CPSU and Trades Hall Council invite women to Rally in Melbourne on Friday 6th March 2009 at the State Library to celebrate International Women's Day (8th March) this year.



[Find out more](#) | [Download](#) an [IWD Poster](#)

2009 International Womens Day

RALLY

Peace, Justice & Equality

Where: State Library, Corner Swanston & LaTrobe Streets
When: Friday 6th March 2009. 2.00pm - 3.00pm

A Woman's Place Is In Her Union

Support for Earth Hour

Turn Off ALL Lights for One Hour in March

On **Saturday 28 March at 8:30 PM**, people around the world will turn off their lights for one hour to show how by working together we make a difference in the fight against climate change.



Earth Hour is

Australian in origin, beginning in Sydney in March 2007. In 2009, Earth Hour aims to reach 1 billion people in 1,000 cities to illustrate world support for action on climate change.

Register your participation at www.EarthHour.org and by communicating the Earth Hour message to your family and friends.

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