

# YOUTH FORUM

IF you read the newspapers and listen to the politicians it seems strikes are the biggest ill affecting this country. But if you speak to non-working people, namely school students, you get a completely different picture.

To Australia's youth, strikes are a fact of life which they have become used to.

Balmain High School's Year 11 agree Australia is the hardest-hit country for strikes, and that most strikes are unnecessary.

"The government should pay workers more money. Most people's wages don't keep up with inflation," says Anuja.

The students didn't know the full details

behind the recent train strike nor the petrol strike, but then who does?

When asked if they thought people were apathetic towards strikes, Anuja says: "The public whinges about strikes more than it needs to."

"Sometimes the strikes are valid, but I guess they can be avoided," she says.

"It's the only way to let the government know how you're feeling and what you want," says Dale.

"We have freedom to say what we want and the unionists are using that freedom," he says.

Dale walks to school and Anuja catches a bus so the recent train and petrol strikes didn't affect

them except for weekend plans to go away.

However, they've seen how it affects and inconveniences their parents.

"But if you complain you're only encouraging people to strike more," added Anuja.

One of the most worrying effects of strikes, according to Anuja, is that it brings out the greed in people.

"I noticed a lot of people buying extra

petrol, even though they had plenty during the petrol strike," she said.

The students agree strikes should be controlled by the government. But how?

About 12 months ago Queensland Premier Joe Bjelke-Petersen threatened to publish the names and addresses of power strikers if they didn't go

back to work. They were back at work next day.

Dale suggests threatening to stand down strikers as another solution, but agrees it would be unfair to those workers forced to strike by their union.

**NEXT week we go to Drummoyne Boys' High school and speak to the students about leaving home.**



On Saturday, March 13

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**GUSTIN M. INDEPENDENT (Mamma Lena) FOR LOWE**

Anuja Ramrakha

Dale Dinham

Gustin Lena, affectionately known as "Mamma Lena" not only to migrants of various origin but to the community in general. Migrated to Australia from Italy with her husband Dino and two children in May, 1955. Since her arrival she has:

- Been member of the National Women's Advisory Council.
- Managed the Italian programme radio 2KY, 2CH, 2SM and now 2SER-FM.
- Been president of the NSW branch of National Association of families of migrants.
- Been Honorary member of the Asia Club.
- Been President of Soroka Radio Welfare Fund.
- Been member of the Australian Institute of Welfare Officers NSW State Ethics Broadcasting Council.
- Been former editor and contributor to several Italian language newspapers.
- Involvement with Italy-Australian Community including welfare work and interpreting.
- Been a former teacher, speaks fluent French, Spanish and of course Italian.
- Been Director and broadcaster of "Radio Programme" FM 2SER.
- Various community involvement which presently includes the establishment of a Child Care Centre in the Western Suburbs.

Lena Gustin has been referred to as a motherly "Mamma", friendly personality, warmth radiates from her voice whether speaking Italian or English, French or Spanish and it is the warmth which makes her never refuse help to anyone requesting it, which makes her a marriage guidance counsellor, welfare worker and accommodation under all rolled into one.

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