



AWU UPDATE COVID-19

22nd March 2020

AWU STANDING UP FOR VRTP STAFF

The announcement tonight (22nd March 2020) from Village Roadshow Theme Parks (VRTP) that their Gold Coast theme parks (Movie World, Sea World and Wet n Wild) and their other venues including Paradise Country, Topgold and Outback Spectacular will enter a period of shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic is devastating news for VRTP staff.

We know this is one of the toughest things anyone can go through – and the AWU is here to offer every support possible during this time.

AWU officials will be making it clear to VRTP that AWU members should be treated fairly and afforded every possible benefit to help them get through this tough period.

We'll be calling on VRTP to:

1. Confirm exactly which staff members will be affected as soon as possible so that workers can have some certainty.
2. Ensure workers can make full use of any leave they might have, including personal, recreational and long service leave.
3. Allow workers to access leave in arrears to help them get through this period.
4. Urgently roll out an employee assistance program so that affected workers have access to the support they need during this time.

We'll also be making it clear that any taxpayer dollars provided to VRTP need to go to those who need it the most – the workers.

We expect to have more information from VRTP shortly about what exact arrangements will be put in place during this time and will make sure to keep members updated.

There has never been a more important time to be a member of the AWU.

AWU Officials are working around the clock to make sure you're kept safe and treated fairly at work during this time.

We'll continue to monitor this situation closely and will keep all members updated.

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