



LOCKOUT NEWS

20 JULY 2007
DAY 6

WE GAVE THEM THE BOOT!

Over 400 hundred members, around 100 from Waitakere Hospital, 120 from North Shore Hospital and 2-300 from Middlemore Hospital along with supporters from NDU, EPMU and the NZNO spent a couple of hours making noise and adding to a pile of shoes to 'Give Spotless the Boot'.

After 6 days of lockout members from Whangarei to Invercargill are losing their voices while support from other unions and the public has been huge so far, with large donations from MUNZ, the Meat Union and other organisations.

Most members are planning to spend the weekend in city and town centres throughout NZ, collecting donations and letting people know about what their nasty Australian boss, Spotless, is up to in public hospitals.

Spotless meanwhile are still refusing to resolve the situation and after 6 days of lockout called an urgent mediation yesterday to ask if strikes could be called off until Tuesday, except they wouldn't have an offer ready until then. Of course, members were not prepared to wait on a 'mystery deal' and have voted to keep on going until Spotless accepts the same deal as all the other employers.

Global support has flowed in during the past 48 hours in the form of over 1000 emails from as far away as Finland and Turkey. The emails to DHB chiefs, demand that they rein Spotless in.



Above: We gave Spotless the Boot!
Below: And everyone joined in!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LOCKOUT SITES

KAITAIA

Spent the day at the WINZ offices.

WHANGAREI

Visited the DHB Ceo Karen Roach to deliver our demands. Workers Charters & MP Paul Chalmers will help out with collecting donations in the weekend.

NORTH SHORE (AKL)

Crashed 'Hospital Crisis' meeting called by MP Wayne Mapp (National) and featured on TV coverage. MP Anne Hartley joined the picket line in the morning.

WAITAKERE (AKL)

Members inspected the state of the hospital - Health and Safety concerns were raised with the DHB.

MIDDLEMORE (AKL)

Campbell Live crew bought along a \$1000 donation from Sheetmetal Workers in Northland who saw the story about Mama on TV & wanted to help.

TAURANGA

Members are planning on making collections over the weekend in the city.

ROTORUA

Members featured on the front page of the local paper! In solidarity with Auckland members they piled boots in front of their picket line.

GISBORNE

"We're still strong and fighting hard!"

WANGANUI

DHB Board members will be getting visits from locked out union members and their supporters over the weekend.

HASTINGS

Will visit CEO Chris Clark tomorrow to pass on our demands.

PALMERSTON NTH

Members visited DHB CEO Ian Wilson's home, his wife said he wasn't home but the local paper quoted him saying "Im not happy, this is getting scary."

INVERCARGILL

Received \$500 from the local Maritime Union. Local DHB CEO again refused to meet and abused the organiser and blamed all actions on the union.

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