



SA LHS GENERAL MEETING

FRANCIS WALTER LUNDIE - IN SUPPORT OF THE WORKER

Presented by Phillip John Armanas

Phillip John Armanas, great-grandson of Francis (Frank) Walter Lundie, will be presenting findings from his study of “King Lundie’s” life. This presentation will particularly focus on Frank’s involvement with the South Australian Labor Party, and with the AWU and other associated unions.

Frank dedicated his entire life to the worker. Relatively unknown these days, Frank was an instantly recognisable character during the latter 19th and early 20th centuries on the streets of Adelaide, throughout South Australia and interstate. He earned the title “King Lundie” in the press because of his ability to control the workforce using direct action.

Throughout his life, Frank always referred to himself as a ‘worker’, yet he achieved so much more, holding leadership positions in the SA Labor Party, the AWU and other unions, a Councillor at Port Adelaide and Adelaide City Councils, Trustee of Trades Hall, Board member of the Adelaide Hospital, Board member of the Zoological and Acclimatisation Society, President of the Port Adelaide Literary Society, Leader in the North Star Tent of the Rechabites, President of the Eight Hours Committee, Member of the Royal Commission into the Pastoral Industry, and Patron of the Patriotic Footballers League. All this as well as raising 13 children by two marriages.

A presentation to
the SA Labour
History Society

2:00pm, Sunday
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Box Factory,
59 Regent Street
South, Adelaide

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