



## BAKING BY DAY IN QUEENSLAND

Tuesday 7 June 2022, 5:30pm, Lectorial Room 1, RSSS Building (146)

**Speaker: Carol Corless, President, Canberra Branch, Australian Society for the Study of Labour History**

In May 1915 operative bakers in Brisbane, Queensland won the right to work only during the day. This dispute was about giving bakers a humane condition of employment so that they could be similar most other workers of the time. The arguments used by the Operative Bakers Union for day baking



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were about the health of the baker, giving the baker time to be with his family, time for the baker to educate himself and the health of the consumer. Bakers held onto this condition of employment for over thirty years with many attempts by the employer group to remove day baking.



**Carol Corless** graduated from UNE in 2017 with a Bachelor of Historical Inquiry and Practice. Carol has a long term interest in labour history through her involvement in the union movement. Carol was a shop floor delegate at a food manufacturer in Brisbane until she was made redundant after 28 years. Through her involvement in the union movement Carol held roles on the executive of her union, United Voice. Carol is currently enrolled in Master of Philosophy at UNE, and serves as the president of the Canberra branch of the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History.