

COLONISED LABOUR



Histories of unfree work in Queensland

Aboriginal women working on a Qld cattle station, ca. 1930s. SLQ Image 154773

ScoMo's assertion that 'there was no slavery in Australia' (2 June 2020, 2GB radio) is plainly wrong. In the 19th and 20th centuries, abduction, coercion, violence, extreme exploitation and wage theft were constant features of the labour relations imposed on Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people in Queensland. Why do politicians and conservative commentators continue to deny or downplay this history? Why does this history matter? How can we overturn the legacies of inequality and racism?

Join us for a day of talks and discussion about colonised labour in Queensland, the rich history of industrial, political and legal resistance by First Nations workers, and the significance of this history today.

Free event! Gold coin donations welcomed.

Speakers

- Uncle Bob Anderson
- Dr Jonathan Richards
- Dr Tamsin O'Connor
- Dr Valerie Cooms
- Aunty Mavis Lawnton
- Uncle John McCabe
- Aunty Lesley Williams
- Paul Richards
- Sam Waiburra

Saturday 27 March 2021

10:00am (for 10:30) to 3.00pm

AHEPA Hall, 126A Boundary Street, West End

Presented by the Brisbane Labour History Association and The Cloudland Collective



South Sea Islanders loading sugar, ca. 1890s. SLQ Image 169641