

HAWKE'S BAY LOCAL BODIES' GARDENERS AND GENERAL WORKERS—AWARD

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington, Nelson, Westland and Marlborough Local Bodies, Other Labourers and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called “the union”) and the under-mentioned boards and councils (hereinafter called “the employers”):

Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board, Waipukurau.

Dannevirke Borough Council, Dannevirke.

Dannevirke Electric Power Board, Dannevirke.

Hastings City Council, Hastings.

Havelock North Borough Council, Havelock North.

Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board, Hastings.

Napier City Council, Napier.

Napier Harbour Board, Napier.

Taradale Borough Council, Taradale.

Waipawa Borough Council, Waipawa.

Waipukurau Borough Council, Waipukurau.

Wairoa Borough Council, Wairoa.

Wairoa Electric Power Board, Wairoa.

Woodville Borough Council, Woodville.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called “the Court”), having taken into consideration the terms of settlement arrived at in the above-mentioned dispute and forwarded directly to the Court pursuant to the provisions of section 130 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954, doth hereby order and award:

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the Schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the Schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided and shall continue in force until the 30th day of September 1961 and thereafter as provided by section 152 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 19th day of July 1960.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

SCHEDULE

Application

1. This award shall apply to the operations of the local authorities bound hereby and to the workers employed by such.

Hours of Work

2. (a) Except where otherwise provided, the ordinary hours of work shall be 40 per week, not exceeding eight per day, to be worked between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

(b) When any special emergency arises the employers may vary the daily starting-time of their workers, but so that the eight-hour day and 40 hour week be not exceeded without payment of overtime.

(c) Any of the foregoing provisions as to hours of work may be varied in respect of any particular class of work by mutual arrangement between the employer and the union.

(d) *Special Engagements (Baths and Motor Camps)*—Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this award, the hours of work and remuneration of workers engaged for seasonal periods for attendance at baths or motor camps shall be subject to mutual arrangement between the employer concerned and the union: Provided such arrangements are settled prior to any engagement.

(e) For the purposes of calculating the hours of work, each of the statutory holidays mentioned in clause 10 shall be deemed to be a day worked for the number of hours usually worked on that day of the week, although no work shall have been done on such holidays.

Wages

3. (a) All workers coming under this award (except those specified in subclauses (b), (c) and (d) of this clause) shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £12 6s. 8d.

(b) All casual workers coming under this award shall be paid at the rate of 6s. 5½d. per hour.

(c) All first-class gardeners and plant propagators shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £14 0s. 6d.

(d) Refuse collectors and tipmen shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £12 18s. 2d. but they may be employed outside the clock hours prescribed, provided they shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £13 3s. 9d.

Turncocks shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £13 14s. 10d. but for the supervising turncock of the city of Napier subclause (a) of clause 2 and clause 9 shall not apply and he shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £16 7s. 9d.

Pumping-station attendants shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £13 7s. 8d.

Nightwatchmen shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £12 11s.

Bath attendants shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £13 5s. 3d. Local bodies where the population is not more than 4,000 shall be exempt from these provisions.

Cemetery sextons shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £12 8s. 6d. Local bodies where the population is not more than 4,000 shall be exempt from these provisions and shall pay to casual workers the rate of 6s. 11d.

Men regularly employed on water reticulation shall receive a minimum weekly wage of £13 0s. 6d.

Where the work of the local body requires that men shall be employed continuously on night-soil collection, they shall receive £3 per shift of eight hours and shall be exempt from the clock hours prescribed in subclause (a) of clause (2).

(e) In addition to the rates prescribed in this clause, the following classes of workers coming within the scope of this award shall receive the following rates:

Drainlayers and/or caulkers: 1s. 3d. per day extra.

Drainlayers and/or caulkers (dirty work) and men cleaning blocked sewers or working in defective drains or coming into contact with faecal or sewerage matter: 3s. per day extra.

Workers employed cleaning or flushing septic tanks shall be paid 5s. per day extra.

Men using explosives: 3½d. per hour extra.

Quarrymen, metal-pit workers, and men employed in excavation over 12 ft and under 40 ft in depth or face, provided such men are actually working on such face: 2d. per hour extra.

Quarrymen, metal-pit workers, and men employed in excavations over 40 ft in depth or face, provided such men are actually working on such face: 3d. per hour extra.

Gangers or leading hands: 3s. per day extra.

Bitumen or tar workers: 2s. 6d. per day extra.

Pumping-station attendants (part-time): 4d. per hour extra.

Tunnel-men or timber-men: 4d. per hour extra.

Men employed in sinking sumps or pier holes over 6 ft: 2d. per hour extra.

Men employed in feeding concrete-mixer, or handling, mixing, or spreading wet concrete: 2½d. per hour extra.

Grass-cutters (hand scythe): 2½d. per hour extra.

Motor mower operators: 3½d. per hour extra: Provided that this payment shall not apply to workers paid as first-class gardeners.

(f) Men casually engaged on water reticulation: laying mains, 2½d. per hour extra; service repairs and well-sinking, 3½d. per hour extra.

(g) No reduction shall be made in the wages of any worker at present employed by virtue of the coming into force of this award.

(h) (i) Workers who have been employed continuously for two years but less than three years by any employer bound by this award, and who may subsequently be employed continuously for two years but less than three years, shall be paid a service bonus of 8s. 4d. per week additional to the rates prescribed in this clause.

(ii) Workers who have been employed continuously for three years but less than four years by any employer bound by this award, and who may subsequently be employed continuously for three years, but less than four years, shall be paid a service bonus of 10s. 4d. per week additional to the rates prescribed in this clause.

(iii) Workers who have been employed continuously for four years or over by any employer bound by this award, and who may subsequently be employed continuously for four years or over, shall be paid a service bonus of 13s. 4d. per week additional to the rates prescribed in this clause.

For the purposes of this clause the word "continuously" shall mean regular employment by any of the employers covered by this award, and shall include any temporary absence from work due to sickness, accident, or other cause not due to any wilful default of the worker.

Requirements of Economic Stabilisation Regulations

4. No worker bound by this award shall in any week be paid a lesser amount by his employer than the worker would have been entitled to be paid under this award if it had specifically applied the general order of the Court dated 18 September 1959 otherwise than by incorporation pursuant to the pronouncement of the Court dated 18 September 1959.

Definitions

5. (a) A foreman or overseer is a worker responsible for the carrying-out of the work and not performing manual work, and who may proceed from job to job, and who gives directions and/or instructions. Nothing in this award shall apply to such worker.

(b) A ganger or leading hand is a worker in charge of three or more other workers or who is appointed by the employer as such.

(c) *Wet Place*—A “wet place” shall be deemed to be a place where workers are required to work in water over 1 in. in depth or where water other than rain-water is dripping on them.

(d) *Tunnel-work*—A “tunnel” shall mean any underground excavation that is over 10 ft in length or any shaft or excavation over 12 ft in depth, or which required timbering overhead.

(e) A “first-class gardener” is a worker who is competent to, or who is engaged to, do the work of a nurseryman, or a landscape gardener, or a plant-propagator. The employer shall supply the union with the name of any worker coming under this classification within one month after his engagement or after the date of this award.

(f) *Casual Workers*—A casual worker shall be paid on an hourly basis. A “casual worker” is one employed for less than one week.

(g) *Weekly Workers*—Weekly workers shall be paid on a weekly basis. A “weekly worker” is one employed for more than one week.

(h) A tar or bitumen worker is a worker working with tar or bituminous substances.

(i) Men regularly engaged on water reticulation are men who work more than 21 hours in any one working-week on such work, and who are engaged in laying mains or service repairs or well-sinking.

Varying Duties

6. (a) Where a worker is engaged for any period on more than one class of work he shall be paid at the rate specified for each class of work for the actual time he has been so employed on each class.

(b) Nothing in this award shall prevent any worker covered hereby from doing work covered by another award: Provided that while so engaged he shall be paid at least the rate which is fixed in such other award.

Allowances for Motor-cars and Bicycles, etc.

7. (a) When a worker is required to use his own bicycle in conjunction with his work he shall receive a bicycle allowance of 3s. per week.

(b) Workers required to use their own motor-cycles or motor-cars for the purposes of their employment shall receive an allowance as agreed upon between the worker and the employer, but any such agreement shall be subject to review between the employer and the union if necessary.

Tools

8. (a) All tools shall be supplied by the employers.

(b) Protective gloves and overalls shall be provided for workers engaged in the removing or disposing of refuse and to men engaged in clearing blocked sewers, or in night-soil removal, or who come in contact with faecal matter. Employers shall keep in each convenience or rest-room in which attendants are employed a pair of suitable water-proof rubber gloves.

(c) Workers working with tar or bituminous substances shall be supplied with boots and overalls and a cleansing substance as approved by the Department of Health.

(d) Employers shall supply suitable oilskin raincoats, sou'westers, leggings and waterproof footwear to surfacemen when they are required to work in wet weather and to workers required in wet weather to clear sumps, culverts, drains or water tables, and to men employed on night-soil and refuse collection. Workers using oilskin raincoats shall be held responsible for any loss or damage due to wilful destruction or neglect.

Overtime

9. (a) Work performed outside or in excess of the daily or weekly hours specified in clause 2 hereof shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter.

(b) Work performed on Sundays or holidays shall be paid for at double ordinary rates with a minimum payment of two hours.

(c) Any worker who has completed a day's work and left the job and/or who in ordinary circumstances would not be on duty and who is called upon to resume duty shall be paid a minimum of two hours at overtime rates.

Holidays

10. (a) All workers covered by this award shall receive and be paid for the following holidays: New Year's Day, 2 January, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign (or any day substituted therefor), Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, a show day, or one other day to be agreed upon by the employer and the union.

(b) In the event of a holiday, other than Anzac Day, falling on a Saturday or Sunday, such holiday shall be observed on the succeeding Monday, and in the event of another holiday falling on such Monday, such other holiday shall be observed on the succeeding Tuesday.

(c) Except as otherwise provided, any work done on any of the above holidays or on Sundays or Anzac Day shall be paid for at double time rates. Such payment shall be in addition to the payment provided for in subclause (a) of this clause.

(d) The provisions of the Annual Holidays Act 1944, shall be deemed to be incorporated in this award and shall have effect according to their tenor.

(e) Workers whose duties are continually spread over a week of seven days shall be granted three weeks' holidays in lieu of the holidays provided in subclause (d) of this clause.

Deductions

11. (a) Subject to the provisions of subclause (b) of this clause, the employer may make a rateable deduction from the weekly wages prescribed for time lost by the worker through default, accident, or sickness.

(b) Employees shall be entitled to be paid for five days' sick-leave during any year of service. If such payment is not made in any year, the leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 15 days.

(c) If the absence from work extends for more than one day the worker, if required by the head of the department concerned, shall supply a medical certificate to establish the reason and nature of the sickness.

Payment of Wages and Termination of Engagement

12. (a) Wages shall be paid weekly in the employer's time not later than Thursday in each week. Such day may be changed by agreement with the union in any case where local banking facilities preclude paying on Thursday.

(b) All time workers are kept waiting for wages beyond the ordinary knock-off time on pay-day shall be paid for at overtime rates.

(c) In the case of weekly workers, one week's notice on either side shall terminate the engagement. In the case of casual workers, two hours' notice on either side shall terminate the engagement.

Wet Places, Tunnels, and Underground Work

13. (a) Where workers are called upon to work in water, slush, mud, or wet concrete 1 inch or more in depth, the employer shall provide such workers with gumboots suitable for the work and shall pay them 2½d. per hour extra. If proper gumboots are not supplied in such circumstances, the employer shall pay the workers a total payment of 5½d. per hour extra.

(b) Six hours shall constitute a day's work in tunnel-work when workers are working in wet places or foul air. Workers employed under this subclause shall be paid for each shift of six hours as if eight hours had been worked. A "wet place" shall mean a place where a worker has to stand in not less than 2 inches of water or where water other than rain is dripping on him.

Suburban Work

14. Workers shall be at the place where the work is to be performed at the time appointed for the commencement of the work, but should such place be beyond 1½ miles from the employer's chief or principal depot in any of the towns covered by this award the workers shall be paid for the time reasonably occupied by them in walking to and from such work beyond the 1½ miles, or they shall be conveyed to and from such work at the cost of their employers; but no worker residing less than 1½ miles by a convenient mode of access for foot-passengers from the place where the work is to be performed shall be entitled to the allowance mentioned in this clause. All time shall be allowed for at the rate of 3 miles per hour walked. On suburban work, wages may be paid as agreed upon by the employer and the workers concerned in such work.

Under-rate Workers

15. (a) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until 14 days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed in this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Workers to be Members of Union

16. (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 174 (5) and 175 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954, it shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this award to employ or to continue to employ in any position or employment subject to this award any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this award.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of 18 years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this award for workers of the age of 21 years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(c) Every person who, being obliged to become a member of any union by the operation of the foregoing provisions, fails to become a member of that union when requested so to do by his employer or any officer or representative of the union, commits a breach of this award, and shall be liable accordingly.

(NOTE—Attention is drawn to section 174 (3) of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954, which gives to workers the right to join the union.)

Sanitary Accommodation, Shelter, and First-aid Outfits

17. (a) At the main depot each employer shall provide accommodation to enable workers to change and have their meals. Such accommodation shall include washing facilities including hot and cold water, soap and towels. The employer shall also provide proper sanitary accommodation.

(b) A suitable first-aid outfit shall be provided by the employer on all jobs and with each refuse-truck. A suitable stretcher shall be provided by the employer in each metal-pit and quarry.

(c) Where the work of the local body requires men to be employed continuously on night-soil work they shall be supplied with suitable accommodation to take their meals and change their clothing. They shall be supplied with hot and cold showers, towels, and soap.

Disputes

18. The essence of this award being that the work of the employer shall not on any account whatsoever be impeded but shall always proceed as if no dispute had arisen, it is provided that if any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties bound by this award, or any of them, as to any matter whatsoever arising out of or connected with this award and not dealt with herein, every such dispute or difference shall be referred to a committee to be composed of two representatives of each side, together with an independent chairman to be mutually agreed upon or, in default of agreement, to be appointed by the Conciliation Commissioner for the district. Either side shall have the right to appeal to the Court against a decision of any such committee upon giving to the other side written notice of such appeal within 14 days after such decision has been made known to the party desirous of appealing.

Application of Award

19. This award shall apply to the original parties named herein, and shall extend to and bind as subsequent party hereto every industrial union, industrial association, or employer who, not being an original party hereto, is, when this award comes into force or at any time whilst this award is in force, connected with or engaged in the industry to which this award applies within that part of the industrial district to which this award relates.

Scope of Award

20. This award shall operate throughout that portion of the Wellington Industrial District which is comprised in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, and shall apply to borough councils, town boards, power boards, and harbour boards; but this award shall not apply to county councils or hospital boards.

Term of Award

21. This award, in so far as the provisions relating to the rates of wages to be paid are concerned, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of May 1960, and so far as all other provisions of the award are concerned, it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 30th day of September 1961.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 19th day of July 1960.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

The award, including the operative date of provisions relating to wages, embodies the terms of settlement arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.
