2018 ALEX MACDONALD LECTURE

Matt Peacock

Journalist and author

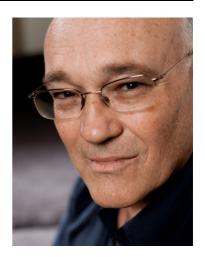
Unions, the media and the fight against asbestos

Thursday 21 June, 5.30 for 6.00 Level 2, QCU Building, 16 Peel St, Sth Brisbane

The mining and widespread use of asbestos is one of the great crimes against workers, condemning thousands to suffer the debilitating and fatal lung disease, mesothelioma.

As an ABC journalist, Matt Peacock led in publicising the dangers of asbestos, and in exposing the continued mining and use of the fibre long after its dangers were known.

His exposes of the former Australian asbestos manufacturer, James Hardie, were brought together in a best-selling book, *Killer Company* (HarperCollins, 2009), and then a dramatic miniseries *Devil's Dust*.



Matt Peacock was a leading ABC journalist for over 40 years. For many years he worked for the prime-time radio current affairs radio programs AM, The World Today and PM, specialising in politics, environment and science. For seven years he also reported from outback Australia.

The Alex Macdonald Lecture is the major event held by the BLHA each year. It is named in honour of the Left activist and former Secretary of the Queensland Trades and Labour Council (1952-69).



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