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Excess Travelling Time Paid for Sundays

Members should be aware by now of the long running Excess Travel Time Payment Dispute.

The Union can report and update members, that State Transit are now paying the Excess Travel Time for Sundays worked at another depot. This payment is being backdated 2 years.

Members who are entitled to this backpay should be noticing payments occurring in their bank accounts.

Members who believe they are entitled to this payment and have not received anything by MID JULY 2015, should contact their local delegate.

This payment is on top of the Excess Travelling Time payment received for DOC's.

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Rear Door Loading: Report your concerns

Transport for NSW has begun a trial which allows passengers to board through the rear doors of buses at designated times and locations in the presence of marshals.

The RTBU has a number of concerns about the trial, including the safety risk, potential for overloading, and confusion of passengers.

If you have been affected by this trial please report your experience to the union in writing.

The union is monitoring the trial but we need to hear from members on the ground.



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Brookvale driver to run 250km through the desert



Brookvale driver Steve Hill will be competing in the Big Red Run this year – a 250 kilometre, multi-day race through the Simpson desert.

Steve will be racing through the outback on the 27th of June through to the 2nd of July to raise money for juvenile diabetes.

The money he raises will go to JDRF – the world's leading not-for-profit supporter of type 1 diabetes research. Steve says he's inspired by the work of

JDRF Australia and hopes that people will donate to the cause and share his page.

Find out more and sponsor Steve via www.busexpress.com.au



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Life in the Bus Lane

Meet Shadi Chamas, Kingsgrove Relief Delegate

"I love my job. I like interacting with the people and Sydney is my office.

The hardest thing is the traffic, the roads. My advice for dealing with chaotic traffic is to be patient - that's all you can do. Take it as it comes.



The worst traffic I drive through every day is around the domestic and international airports. In the afternoon peak the roads are clogged with taxis around Mascot, it's really bad. The main problem is the phasing of the traffic lights.

I tell the passengers that my job isn't to be on time, my job is to get you there safely. Of course, I'll do the best I can to get you there on time too, but at the end of the day safety is the priority."

Acting out of Classification

21.1 An employee engaged temporarily in a higher grade shall be paid the rate to which they would be entitled if they were appointed to that grade.

21.2 The conditions applying to the classification in which an employee acts shall be their conditions whilst so acting.

