



Victory for our union: Fire prevention systems to be installed on all buses

Our union has had a big victory this month with the NSW Transport Minister Andrew Constance finally agreeing to fit all State Transit Authority buses across the state with fire suppressant systems.

Drivers and passengers have until now been put at the very real risk of a serious incident or death because buses have been on the roads without a fire prevention system in place.

Over the last few years we've seen too many of our buses catch fire while on the road, creating an extremely dangerous situation for drivers and passengers. A spate of incidences earlier this year highlighted how risky it is to have buses on the roads without any fire prevention system installed.



The union has been campaigning for all buses to be fitted with the fire safety systems for a number of years, and this commitment by the NSW Government is a big win for us. Read more on Bus Express: www.busexpress.com.au

Melbourne tram drivers go on strike

RTBU tram drivers in Melbourne have been forced to take strike action to resolve a dispute with Yarra Trams over pay and conditions.

Yarra Trams is attempting to undermine some existing conditions while offering only a negligible pay increase over four years – and despite countless meetings with the company the RTBU hasn't been able to come close to an agreement.



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The Opal card is changing commuter behaviour

We'd already heard about Opal card users running between light rail stations to max out their card on a Monday morning.

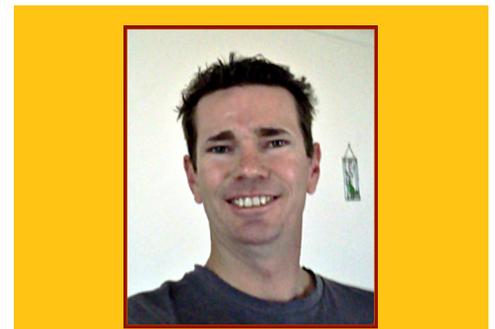
Now the Opal stats are revealing other ways commuters are changing their behaviour to save money using the Opal card's strange fare structure – like waiting until 9am on the dot before swiping on to train stations to save on off peak discounts.

It's clear that the Opal card's fare design is already encouraging new commuter behaviour patterns – for better or for worse.

What do you think about the data being gathered about commuters when they use the Opal card? Do you think it's an infringement on privacy, or do you think it has the potential to be used for good – to help design better transport routes and schedules for commuters? Have your say at www.busexpress.com.au



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Vice President Brett Peters
Know your Rights

Saturday and Sunday Time

28.1 Ordinary time worked on Saturdays shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

28.2 Ordinary time worked on Sundays shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

Connect with RTBU Women - NSW

The RTBU is proud to have an active and passionate Women's Campaign Committee (WCC) who met this month in Sydney to discuss the way forward on a number of their key issues – including recruitment, retention and progression of women in our industries, issues around uniforms and specific training for women.

Regional WCC groups have also held meetings in Newcastle and Brookvale and a delegation of RTBU women from across divisions have met with Planning Minister Pru Goward to discuss their concerns.

The women's committee plays an instrumental role in campaigning for positive change for the females in our workplaces. To find out about upcoming events and campaigns, and to show your support, you can now connect with them on facebook by searching for RTBU Women – NSW or via the link on www.busexpress.com.au

