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Part-time broken and expanded use of casuals

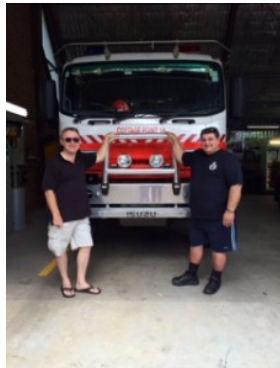
The STA has lodged an appeal to the Full Bench of the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) disputing decisions handed down by Justice Staff in favour of the RTBU on 6th December 2014.

The appeal will be heard on Wednesday 30th April 2014 at 10am in the IRC building at 47 Bridge Street Sydney. Members are encouraged to attend (in their own time).

It is unfortunate and uncommon that State Transit are refusing to accept then original umpire's decision but members should be assured the union and our solicitors will fight this appeal as hard as ever.

Members are a vital part of the community

Jon Russell is one of those blokes who you can rely on in an emergency. He's driven buses out of the Willoughby depot for almost a decade – an achievement in itself – and dedicates countless hours to the community as a Brigade Captain for the Rural Fire Service. He's responsible for a crew of 35, but can have the lives of double or triple that number in his hands when responding to fierce fires. He's also a proud member.



Last month, Tram and Bus Divisional President Gary Way visited Jon at Cottage Point Bushfire station, where he thanked Jon for his dedicated volunteer service (pictured left).

Share your story: We want to hear from other RTBU members who make a difference in their community. Tell us about your service and email your contact details to info@busexpress.com.au

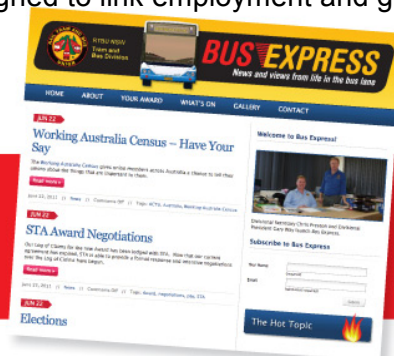
Bus use rises fastest on the fringes

The growing concentration of jobs in central Sydney does not mean that new transport initiatives should be funnelled into the middle of town. That is the finding of an analysis of one of the major additions to Sydney's transport network in the past decade – the high-capacity Metrobuses designed to link employment and growth centres along the city.

Read the full story online at <http://busexpress.com.au>

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It's BBQ time: Chris and Gary grab the tongs

As we start a year that will be dominated by Award negotiations and fighting for our rights, the RTBU Tram and Bus Division is committed to continuing to listen to members concerns and ideas, and our BBQ gatherings provide the perfect opportunity.

Time permitting, the Union intends to repeat the efforts of recent years and conduct member BBQ's during the course of the year.



The picture (left) is from the Port Botany RTBU BBQ at the end of last year. Pictured is RTBU Port Botany Delegate Mick De Meo and RTBU Assistant Branch Secretary David Woollams.

If you'd like to nominate your depot for a visit, email info@busexpress.com.au



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way

Vice President Brett Peters
Know your Rights

Bridging Sydney: Sydney Alliance Assembly

RTBU, is an active member of Sydney Alliance (www.sydneyalliance.org.au). With a year to go before the next NSW state election, the Sydney Alliance will launch its campaign to alert the NSW Government and those vying for public office of its demands.

More than 2000 people are expected to attend the launch event from 6.15pm on Wednesday 26 March at Sydney Town Hall. Sydney-siders will assemble, stand up and use their voices to send the clear message, "We want you to consult us about public transport! We want affordable housing! We want pathways to work, regardless of our backgrounds!"

Th launch will be a show of solidarity, showing Alliance members and supporters they are not alone in efforts to improve life in Sydney. It demonstrates to political leaders that people from across Sydney, people with different backgrounds, are united around a common agenda.

Register to be part of this experience: email Maryanne Stuart, mstuart@rtbu-nsw.asn.au or call (02) 9264 2511. RTBU only has 100 places available so be quick to join the delegation.

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39.1

An employee who operates an articulated bus shall be paid an additional amount per shift, as set out in Part B, Item 2 of Table 2, of this Award.

39.2

An employee who operates an articulated bus on 124 or more shifts in a 12 month period immediately prior to clearing paid leave, shall be paid the allowance set out in Part B, Item 2 of Table 2, of this Award for the period of the paid leave.

