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RTBU NSW Tram and Bus Division



Family-friendly ride in double decker marks May Day



With two double-decker Sydney buses, it was impossible to miss the RTBU delegation at this year's May Day Parade through the city.

The sun came out as large numbers of unionists and community groups made their way through the city to Hyde Park, where they enjoyed several inspirational speeches, including a strong address from Unions NSW Secretary Mark Lennon.

Pictured at left with the vintage decker towering in the background is NSW Assistant Branch Secretary, David Woollams; Tram and Bus Divisional President Gary Way; and RTBU National Secretary Bob Nanva.

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Thank you to all members who participated in the May Day march this year. Hope to see you again in 2015!

Delegate Profile: Matthew Compton, Mona Vale Depot

Get to know your local delegate! In the latest in this series, Bus Express interviewed Matt Compton, delegate at Mona Vale Depot. He talked union activism, hobbies and interests and declared himself a Beatles man.

1. Why did you become involved in the union?

I think we are all very lucky to have a union, after spending most of my working life in retail our working conditions are second to none. Why did I get involved? To stop the continuous attack of our conditions by the less informed.

2. What are your hobbies and interests?

Well while I am at work my only interest is making sure that Union members survive the vicious onslaught that managers put their staff through on a day-to-day basis. I know this is not a hobby but I do love spending time with my wife and kids.

3. Who would you like to have dinner with (dead or alive) and why?

The Beatles. Well you did ask me dead or alive and I'm sure I don't have to tell you why I'd like to meet them.

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Update: Part time broken shifts and casuals appeal

Members are advised that the appeal being heard by the full bench of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission, in relation to STA's desire to make Part Time Broken shifts and use Casuals to cover absences in the first instance, is ongoing.

The scheduled one-day appeal hearing that took place on 30 April 2014 was insufficient time to complete proceedings, and the matter has been set down to continue on 18 June 2014.



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way

Win for the RTBU on bus repairs



Bus Division members at Ryde depot have had a win in their efforts to get management to take action over malfunctioning 0500 series buses.

RTBU Bus and Tram Division President Gary Way said despite bus drivers reporting serious faults with the 0500 series of buses for years, nothing had been done to address the safety of the

1978 model used on public bus routes around Sydney.

Continued inaction by the STA to adequately fix the malfunctioning 0500 series led Ryde Depot drivers and RTBU representatives to warn management that if the buses weren't comprehensively overhauled, the union would launch a public campaign on the issue. This seems to have been the catalyst for management to finally step up and properly repair the malfunctioning buses. Many got new turbochargers and other substantial new part as a result.

Read the full story at www.busexpress.com.au



Vice President Brett Peters
Know your Rights

Meal Breaks

36.1 Employees shall not be rostered to work for more than five hours without an unpaid meal break or crib.

36.2 A minimum of 40 minutes and a maximum of 50 minutes shall be allowed for an unpaid meal break.

36.5 Meal breaks shall be provided at a time when an employee has access to meal facilities.

NSW wages cap includes super, court rules

The NSW Government has had a victory in its long-running battle to include compulsory superannuation increases within the 2.5% public sector pay ceiling after the State's Court of Appeal quashed last year's IRC ruling that the wages cap only applied to Commission-awarded increases.

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