



## Bus union calls for extra security following passenger assault on Newcastle night bus

The Rail Tram and Bus Union is demanding extra security on buses travelling between Charlestown and Newcastle, following a serious assault.

A 21-year-old man was attacked by a group of teenagers while using the service, with one setting fire to his hair.

"The Union calls for security guards or transit police on Newcastle late night bus services – particularly those which service Charlestown and are known for problem behaviour," Divisional Secretary Chris Preston told local media.



"If the NSW Government is committed to improving security on public transport it needs to act to end the known danger on the late night Newcastle bus services.

Watch the story that aired on NBN TV and read the Newcastle herald story at <http://busexpress.com.au>

## Union wins backdown on safety cutbacks at Moore Park event busway black spot



RTBU Tram and Bus Division has acted on concerns from Randwick depot drivers and forced State Transit to maintain supervision at known dangerous spots for pedestrian accidents and fatalities during special events at the Moore Park precinct, raising safety concerns among bus drivers.

ST had planned to hand supervision to the Centennial Park Trust without any guarantee that the same of same level of supervision currently in place would be maintained.

Divisional President Gary Way said the Randwick bus drivers had considered a work ban on using the bus roadway at Moore Park in the interests of community safety. Read the full story online at <http://busexpress.com.au>

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## Cleaning cuts and privatisation push breeds 'bacteria buses'



The media has this week reported that the filthy state of NSW buses is posing a health risk to commuters. You can read the full story on Bus Express: <http://busexpress.com.au>

The RTBU is not surprised given that the NSW Government has slashed cleaner jobs and outsourced cleaning operations to the private sector – first in rail and now in buses too.

What this means is we have less cleaners being asked to do more work and the result is filthy buses and trains.

That's what happens when you treat functions such as cleaning, like a business instead of a service. Corners are cut for the sake of profit. The travelling public, and transport workers, deserve better.



*Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way*



*Vice President Brett Peters*  
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## Meet your local delegate



Profile - Ashish Sarker, RTBU delegate for Tempe depot

1. Why did you become involved in the union?  
I enjoy communicating with other people and teams to solve problems. The union is constantly challenged to maintain and improve our working conditions. Via communication and unity we are stronger, hence my favourite slogan is "Let's work together to make it better!"

2. What are your hobbies and interests?  
In my spare time I like to try new foods (extra chilli please!) with friends and watch and participate in some sports.

3. Where do you live and why do you like it? I live in the Hills District of Sydney it is close to restaurants and parks.

4. Who would you like to have dinner with (dead or alive) and why?  
Candlelight dinner with my lovely wife. I would go to dinner with my wife daughter before anyone else dead or alive.

### Acting Out of Classification

**22.1** 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.

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

**22.3** An employee who acts in a higher grade position for a continuous period of 124 working days shall be paid at the higher rate for any period of annual leave falling within the same 12 month period

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