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RTBU NSW Tram and Bus Division



## More security needed on Sydney buses



The State Government has announced additional bus services for Sydney.

The RTBU Bus Division appeared in Channel 7's TV news coverage, warning that more security is needed to protect bus drivers.

"A much bigger police and security presence is required on these services, and especially if there are going to be a lot more services," said Bus Divisional President Gary Way.

For more information and to watch the news story: <http://busexpress.com.au>

## Sick Leave Support

If you or one of your colleagues has had a serious accident or illness and are running out of paid leave, the State Government's sick leave support policy may help.

Sick leave support can assist with long term illness or accidents through a paid miscellaneous special leave equivalent to 75% of the employee's salary.

It applies to employees who are medically unfit for work, meaning they cannot work at all, who have exhausted **all** leave and who have a satisfactory record.

This special leave payment is at the discretion of the employer. The employee seeking support must make a written request and provide medical evidence or a report from their treating doctor. Applications are assessed by a panel and recommendations are made to, and approved by, the General Manager of Human Resources.

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## Newcastle Herald: Bus every 10 minutes

Members will be interested in a recent front page story by the Newcastle Herald reporting that buses will run every 10 minutes in the Newcastle CBD. Read the full story on Bus Express: [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)

## RTBU General Election

The RTBU Australia-wide will be undergoing an election across all areas for all positions.

A **postal ballot** will be held to decide National and State branch positions. Eligible members will receive ballot papers in the mail. The ballot will commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and will close at 5pm on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

An **attendance ballot** will be conducted for Tram and Bus Divisional positions. Eligible Tram and Bus division members will vote at their workplaces on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

For more information, see: [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)



*Divisional Secretary Chris Preston  
and Divisional President Gary Way*



*Vice President Brett Peters*

## Know your Rights

### Purchased Leave for Personal Or Family Needs

**61.1** The personal and family leave scheme is voluntary and available to all permanent employees covered by this Award who have been continuously employed for a period of twelve months who wish to extend their leave options for personal reasons or family responsibilities.

**61.4** Employees are required to re-apply annually if they wish to participate in the scheme.

**61.8** The minimum amount of personal or family leave that can be taken in any one period will be one week and the maximum will be four weeks in a twelve-month period.

## Meet Your Local Delegate



*Profile – Ian McPherson RTBU Delegate  
for Ryde depot*

**1. Why did you become involved in the Union?** I've always been a supporter of the Union movement and after being on the "outside", looking "in", I decided it was time to get involved to help protect members' rights.

**2. What are your hobbies and interests?** I like to make sure that my lounge chair is still comfortable, my TV is still working and that the beer is at the correct temperature for drinking.

**3. Where do you live and why do you like it?** I live at Ryde, which I like because it's very close to the Depot.

**4. Who would you like to have dinner with (dead or alive) and why?** Well, if invitations are going out, then I'd like to have dinner with Mark Delohery's cousin, Miranda Kerr, as well. Probably for different reasons though.