

# BUS EXPRESS

News and views from life in the bus lane



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## What happens when bus drivers have to slam on the breaks?

As all bus operators know, it takes much longer to stop a heavy vehicle than it does to stop a light one.

But it's clear that many pedestrians, cyclists, and people driving cars don't get it. We see many accidents caused when other vehicles cut in front of buses and assume the bus will be able to stop in time.

Channel 7 recently tested a bus and a car to measure the difference in distance it took to stop. They found that a full seven metres extra distance was needed for the bus. Watch the video on Bus Express. [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)



## INJURY ADVICE SERVICE

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## Free Injury Advice Service for RTBU members

Since the Government changed the legislation around workers compensation claims, it has been more difficult to get compensation when they are injured at work.

If you are a member of the RTBU and your workers compensation claim has been rejected, we recommend you contact Matthew at the injury advice service.

## Working with Children Check - Decision

A decision has been made regarding the working with children check. The decision was handed down by the NSWIRC Full Bench in regards to the Crown's motion to dismiss the application for a new Child Protection (Working With Children) Award. The Crown's motion was successful and the application for the new award has been dismissed. See the full decision here [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)

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## We've just about had enough of Opal

Earlier on Bus Express we wrote about bus drivers' frustration with the Opal system which constantly crashes, causes safety problems and is responsible for delays.



We've made sure that this issue is all over the media. You can see Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way interviews on TV, radio and in the newspaper via the Bus Express website. [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)



*Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way*



*Vice President Brett Peters*  
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## Meet Your Local Delegate

*David Grant, RTBU Delegate, Belmont*



**1. Why did you become involved in the Union?** I started helping out and found I enjoyed it and really liked helping my workmates.

**2. What are your hobbies and interests?** I play a fair bit of golf and I like all sorts of sports. I also like travelling and next year I have 15 weeks off so I am planning to travel around Australia in a caravan.

**3. Where do you live and why do you like it?** I live in Lake Macquarie

and I enjoy the country lifestyle. It's laid back and it's not too far from the wineries.

**4. Who would you like to have dinner with (dead or alive) and why?** I'd have dinner with Greg Norman. He's a boyhood idol and I'd ask him what made him get so far in all those tournaments.

### Hours of Work

**27.5** Length of shift.

The ordinary hours of duty on any shift shall be no greater than nine hours and no less than seven

**27.6** Length of shift – broken shifts

On any broken shift portion the ordinary hours of duty shall be no greater than five.

**27.7** The maximum spread of hours on any broken shift shall be 12.