

# BUS EXPRESS

News and views from life in the bus lane



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## Union calling for security screens on all buses

Our recent member survey has shown that **53 per cent of bus drivers have reported being assaulted** by a member of the public while at work.

It's unacceptable that so many of us go to work fearing for our safety. The union has called for  $\frac{3}{4}$  security screens to be installed on all buses. Read more on [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)



## STA Grow Perform Succeed Program

STA intends to begin their 'State Transit Grow Perform Succeed Program' (GPS) with Bus Operators. This is an individual performance agreement that you will be asked to sign.

The RTBU advises all members **NOT to sign any documentation relating to the GPS program or any other document that resembles an individual performance agreement.**

Members should note:

- STA Bus Operators are covered by a "Collective Agreement"
- Nobody can force you to sign your name
- Always take union representation into meetings with supervisors or management.

## Still no information on bus route changes

When construction of the South East Light Rail Link ramps up later this year there will be major changes to bus routes.

Transport for NSW recently announced its new stand alone office to deliver the project. But they have not yet explained how buses which currently travel up and down George street will be re-routed.

Read more on [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)



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## How to beat the Opal System

Smart commuters have figured Opal out.

For just \$15 you can get a week's worth of unlimited travel on all forms of transport using your Opal card – and get your weekly exercise at the same time. So how are they doing it?

The most popular way seems to be the light rail stops at Pyrmont, where cash strapped commuters walk back and forth between The Star and Pyrmont Bay stops about 27 times.

That's just under 6 kilometres, apparently – so it's good exercise, too. It's the Opal card's strange fare structure that allows commuters to beat the system and it's perfectly legal.

Find out exactly how it works via [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)



*Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way*

## Meet Your Local Delegate

**Ed Robinson, RTBU delegate, Brookvale**



**1. Why did you become involved in the Union?** I've always been a unionist. I always thought that the working man should be treated more fairly than how he generally is treated. And as the industrial relations environment is getting more and more draconian every day, I want to stand by the guys I work with.

**2. What are your hobbies and interests?** Fishing! I also follow Manchester United – I was born in Manchester.

**3. Where do you live and why do you like it?** I live in Freshwater. It's 10 minutes from the beach and I can put my boat on the back and be at a boat ramp in 20 min. The Northern beaches is a fantastic place. I've never looked back.

**4. Who would you like to have dinner with (dead or alive) and why?** I love having dinner with my four grandkids, two daughters and their spouses. It's great fun. I'd also have Manchester United's George Best come along.



*Vice President Brett Peters*  
**Know your Rights**

### Working of Voluntary Overtime

**31.3** State Transit will establish a record book at each depot, in the Duty Office, for all permanent staff wishing to do additional duties/Voluntary Overtime on the day.

**31.4** Should additional work be allocated, it is to be allocated to full-time staff in the first instance. If no full-time employee is available, then a part-time employee, and if no part-time employee is available, then casual employees may be allocated the additional duties.