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Happy Christmas

As another year draws to a close we would like to wish all our members a happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable festive season.

We'd like to thank all Tram and Bus Division members for their support and commitment to the union this year.

In particular, a huge thank you must go to our dedicated delegates in each depot who worked tirelessly this year to stand up for the rights of all workers.

We had some big wins this year including around our Enterprise Agreement, travel time payments and the part time broken dispute.

Security, workers rights and conditions, and supporting better transport for the public were our top concerns this year – and will continue to be our priorities into the new year.

We look forward to working with you all in 2015.

- **Divisional Secretary Chris Preston**
and Divisional President Gary Way



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Sydney's friendliest bus driver

Willoughby bus driver and RTBU member David Thomas made the front page of the North Shore Times recently, named 'Sydney's Friendliest Bus Driver'.

David's friendly attitude and big smile made him very popular with passengers. In fact, the affection of the community towards David was so great that he received cards and gifts when he changed bus routes.

After 54 years working as a driver and a conductor on Sydney's buses and 1.65 million km on the road, David clocked off for the last time on December 5th.

We wish him well in his retirement, in which he plans to spend more time with his family.

Read the full article on busexpress.com.au



Randwick bus depot gets into the Christmas spirit

Around 50 people came out into the sunshine to enjoy the recent childrens' Christmas party festivities at Centennial Park.

It was hard to tell who had more fun – the children or the adults.

The kids battled it out to the tunes of wild cat Webster in the dance off competition while the adults flung themselves into the annual tug of war challenge which was won controversially by the ladies team.



Santa's effort in the heat was remarkable even more so was the effort of the cook standing in the heat next to the BBQ plate all day.

It was a great day had by all and a big thank you goes to the Randwick bus depot institute for their hard work.