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Newcastle information session leaves questions unanswered

Five months since the first announcement that public transport in Newcastle faced privatisation and ongoing demands from the union, Transport for NSW have finally met with workers.

But drivers and staff walked away with more questions than answers as TfNSW refused to give any guarantees on the future of the Hunter depots, with questions about redundancies ignored, and a valid response on why STA isn't allowed to tender for the proposal not given.



This will be a long fight to ensure that jobs are protected, and members get treated fairly throughout the whole process.

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More delays for drivers in Kensington

It's about to get even worse on the roads of Kensington as construction begins on the south east light rail.

From Saturday May 7, a number of changes will occur on Anzac Parade including the removal of bus lanes.

Construction will take place between Todman Avenue and High Street, and will include the permanent removal of the centre lane in both directions and conversion of the two dedicated bus lanes to 24-hour general traffic lanes.



Work in this area also requires the removal of the city bound bus stop on Anzac Parade outside of Caltex (between Doncaster Avenue and High Street), with alternate stops located a short distance to both the north and the south.

With the removal of dedicated lanes, bus operators now face added delays on their routes, and many of these changes will not just be for the two years of construction, but will be permanent.

Yeomans clocks up 500 games for UNSW

Randwick Depot's own Robert Yeomans, chalked up his 500th game recently for UNSW.

Robert is a valued member of the union and having commenced his playing career way back in 1977 with the colts, he is just as valuable for the club.



Success comes and goes in sport but Robert tasted premiership success in 92 - winning a second grade competition 12 to 3 over Hornsby at the wild old age of 34.

Robert's love for Rugby Union has carried through his whole life.

So it's a remarkable feat at 56yrs of age to still be lacing on the boots and playing competitive Rugby. Congratulations Robert we salute you.



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston



Vice President Brett Peters
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SECTION 2 - EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

7. Skills Competency

7.1 The Employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties where practical, as are within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training consistent with the classification structure of this Award provided that such duties are not designed to promote deskilling.