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RTBU NSW Tram and Bus Division



UNION WILL FIGHT TO KEEP BUSES IN PUBLIC HANDS

Following news reports in the Sun Herald on Sunday 3 June 2012 that the State Government could hand Government buses to the private sector the RTBU vowed to fight to keep State Transit in public hands.

Drivers know better than anyone that a sell off of the State's public bus system would result in less services, less often and a huge reduction in overall service levels.

There is no evidence that privatisation has led to any benefits for commuters, but there are plenty of examples of privatisations gone horribly wrong.

Divisional President Gary Way says NSW needs investment in better transport services – not another crazy privatisation experiment. "We will fight to keep our buses in public hands," he said.

Read more and get updates as they come at www.busexpress.com.au

UNIONS UNITE AGAINST WORK COVER CUTS

Workers from across the state turned out in the thousands on Wednesday13th June 2012 to protest against the O'Farrell Government's attack on hard-won Workers Compensation rights and entitlements.

The Government's proposed changes include workers losing protection on their way to and from work, the capping of medical expenses and Compensation being cut off after twoand-a-half years, regardless of the condition of the victim.



RTBU members gathered in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong to show their disgust at this unfair policy.

Sign the petition at <u>www.nswforall.org.au</u> and get regular updates on the campaign to keep workers protected in NSW.

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Meet your Delegate: Neville Trinder



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This month it's Neville Trinder from Bonnyrigg. Check out the website now to find out more about your delegate!

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WYNYARD TRANSIT SHOP CLOSURE HAS DRIVERS SEEING RED

The closure of the Transit Shop inside Wynyard station, just off Carrington Street is causing chaos for drivers in the area.

The shop was shut down about eight weeks ago after an OH&S check by WorkCover revealed air-conditioning unsafe an system. State Transit maintains it is not their problem – it's up to RailCorp to fix.

The three staff who sold tickets and gave information and advice to travellers have been



put on other duties. As a result, drivers are having to deal with irate passengers who can't get any information about bus routes or which ticket is appropriate for their journey - and drivers are reporting that many are ending up with a ticket that is more expensive than they need or are underpaying for their journey.

Peak hour is particularly bad as people are directed to buy tickets at local convenience stores where they can get no advice or information, and worse, are hit with a surcharge for using EFTPOS and credit cards, or are told they can't us EFTPOs unless they buy some other product.

The Union has been fighting to keep this shop open for years and some drivers suspect that State Transit do not want to reopen the shop so they can redeploy the three staff elsewhere.

Peter Grech from the North Sydney depot has written to the Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian two weeks ago but has received no response.

This is one of the busiest Transit Shops in the city centre, serving both local commuters and tourists.

"The importance of this shop is immense," says Divisional Secretary Chris Preston. "It has huge sales and it means that passengers at Wynyard can board the buses without having to worry about where they can get their ticket from."

It's a disgrace that State Transit and RailCorp are busy passing the buck when travellers are being seriously inconvenienced and bus drivers have to bear the brunt of their frustrations.

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Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Vice President Brett Peters **Know your Rights**

Table 4. Sign on and off allowances: Broken Shifts

b) Broken Shifts

- First sign off bus to shed -5 mins
- First sign off relieved at relief point – 5 mins
- First sign off staff bus/car to shed - 5 mins

c) Broken Shifts

- Second sign on bus ex. shed - 5 mins
- Second sign on pick up bus at relief point – 5 mins
- Second sign on staff bus/car ex. shed - 5 mins



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