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RTBU NSW Tram and Bus Division



## Union supports bus dedicated tunnel for the Northern Beaches

The RTBU Bus and Tram Division has called on the NSW Government to commit to a two-lane bus dedicated tunnel from Spit Junction following the release of the Northern Beaches bus rapid transit pre-feasibility study.

The bus rapid transit prefeasibility study released by the government covers six options but only a bus-dedicated tunnel will ensure ongoing reliable bus travel.

Dedicated bus lanes over the Spit Bridge have provided some relief from congestion but the tunnel would bypass congestion from Spit Junction along Military Rd and ensure a smooth run into the city.

It is good to see some work towards solving the congestion problems long-suffering commuters face on the Northern Beaches, but now we need to see action.

"The people of the Northern Beaches have been stuck in traffic jams for way too long. It is time to see investment in transport infrastructure for this community."

## Newcastle crib creak dispute resolved

A notice has been released to members at Hamilton and Belmont Depots regarding the resolution of this dispute.

You can read the full notice at [www.busexpress.com.au](http://www.busexpress.com.au)

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## Meet your Delegate: Brett Peters

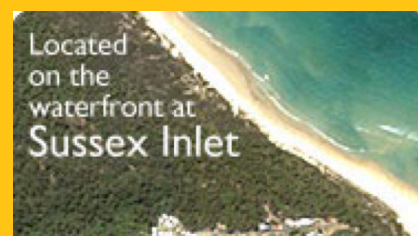


Every month we feature a delegate on the Bus Express website and ask them a few questions about themselves.

You hear from him each week in Know Your Rights, but now's your chance to learn a little bit more about Brett Peters.

## RTBU Holiday Park

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## New caretaker delegate at Port Botany

The union welcomes the announcement that Mick DeMeo has been elected as the caretaker delegate at Port Botany.

In a tight-run ballot on July 6 Mick received 74 votes and David Sousa 73. The pair has agreed to work closely together until the AEC announces a date for the ballot for the permanent delegate.

Thanks to Mick and David for taking part in the vote and in particular to Phil Cooksey (pictured) who stepped down from the delegate's role to pursue his new job as a mechanic. The union wishes Phil all the best and congratulates him on his tireless work as a delegate.



*Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way*



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

## The BBQ tour continues....

The BBQ tour of duty continues with a great get together at Ryde depot last week.

The RTBU has now acquired a new BBQ trailer which "Masterchefs" Claassens, Way, Preston and Woollams have given the tick of approval. It made its debut at the Ryde BBQ and will now continue on the tour to other depots. The BBQ will even be given some extra Masterchef flare with vegetarian options to be included after feedback from members.



As always it was great to take a moment to chat to members and hear from them how things are going and any concerns or suggestions they have. It is when we work together that we are at our strongest so it is great to get the ideas and feedback from members that will maintain the RTBU as the strong union it is.

If we haven't been around to your depot yet, we will be coming around soon. We look forward to seeing you then.



### 22. Acting out of Classification

22.1 An employee engaged temporarily in a higher grade shall be paid the rate to which they would be entitled if they were appointed to that grade.

22.2 The conditions applying to the classification in which an employee acts shall be their conditions whilst so acting.

22.3 An employee who acts in a higher-grade position for a continuous period of 124 working days shall be paid at the higher rate for any period of annual leave falling within the same twelve-month period.

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