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Privatisation Not The Answer To Better Services

There is no doubt that NSW commuters deserve better transport services, but the number one question is what **really** needs to be done to achieve it.

This Government, and a number of lobby groups, would have us believe that privatisation is the answer to greater customer service and efficiency.

But where are the examples of success? Frankly, they're pretty hard to find.

Privatisations have failed numerous times overseas and Victoria has tried privatising public transport three times and each time the Government has had to bail private operators out.

The public doesn't even like the idea of privatising services.

When things go wrong, they want to rely on the Government to step in, rather than a private company with one eye on the bottom line.

And STA has a long history of providing a quality service.

This is in no small part due to drivers' hard work. They take pride in their work, will go the extra mile for customers.

We know that drivers do a great job but now we want to give you the chance to tell us all about it.

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Meet your Delegate: Brett Peters

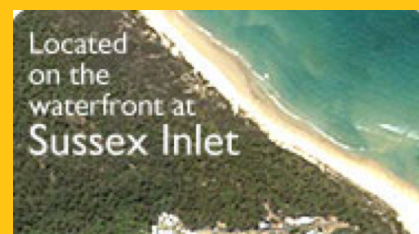


Every month we feature a delegate on the Bus Express website and ask them a few questions about themselves.

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

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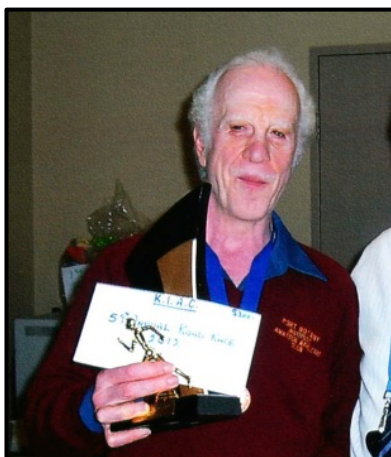
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Kingsgrove Depot Dominates Annual Road Race

It was a bumper turn out for the 58th Kingsgrove Depot Road Race this year with 48 representatives from every depot including Newcastle – and even some walkers from Mona Vale and Brookvale.

The winner of the \$300 prize this year was Emil Boulos (pictured). Mahendra Singh came in second and Mark Mezzano third. All were from Kingsgrove.



The Union is proud to be a sponsor of STA Institute Road Races. Well done to all participants. See you next year!



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Vice President Brett Peters
Know your Rights

Bus Drivers Left Stranded During Wynyard Breakdowns

Every day drivers are forced to deal with congestion at the Wynyard Bus Exchange. But when two buses broke down near Clarence St during peak hour on Tuesday that frustration went through the roof.

And who was left to deal with it? Drivers. On top of dealing with even tougher driving conditions and more passengers, they were also expected to act as a community liaison and information service.

Leaving aside the problems with infrastructure that mean two breakdowns can cause these delays, drivers need and deserve proper support when problems occur. Not to be left stranded to bare the brunt of the failings of a congested transport network.

Notice: Standing Time Dispute

A Notice to Members has been issued about a matter placed in dispute regarding standing time arrangements.

The RTBU will continue to fight against the constant short cuts that STA tries to take with drivers' conditions.

You can read the full notice at www.busexpress.com.au

11. Job Share

11.1 The parties agree to enable employees covered under this Award, to participate in job share arrangements where possible. The intention is to improve employee retention rates by providing more flexible patterns of work through job share arrangements, with particular emphasis on:

- a) employees contemplating a reduction in working hours prior to retirement; and
- b) employees needing to balance work commitments and family responsibilities.

11.2 Job share arrangements must be agreed to by the employees' manager and documented in writing.

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