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RTBU NSW Tram and Bus Division



Government announces CBD congestion cure

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian announced this week that the NSW Government would implement a number of initiatives to reduce congestion and improve reliability for buses coming into the Sydney CBD from the north.

The Minister says the changes will be implemented from early next year.

To begin with the Government will re-direct more than seven per cent of current morning peak bus services coming across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and entering the city by York Street.

This will see around 60 morning peak buses from the North West enter the city by the Cahill Expressway and travel down Bridge, Pitt, Hunter and Castlereagh streets before terminating at Market Street.

This initiative forms part of a huge raft of bus and tram initiatives included in the Transport Masterplan. You can read more about this at www.busexpress.com.au

Other initiatives already in progress to deal with congestion include:

- The formation of a dedicated Police motorcycle team for the CBD of Sydney, to specifically deal with congestion and avoid traffic stopping in intersections
- Sydney Harbour Bridge toll booth removal
- Double decker bus trial
- Introduction of bus marshals
- Traffic signaling and parking changes.

What do you think of these initiatives? Will they work? What else needs to be done?

Go to the Hot Topic at www.busexpress.com.au now to let us know what you think about these changes.

Meet your Delegate: Bruce Eddy

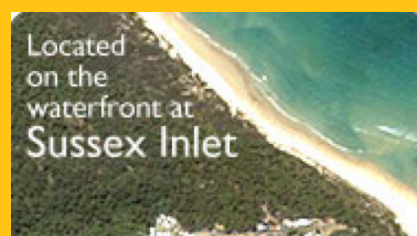


Every month we feature a delegate on the Bus Express website and ask them a few questions about themselves.

Go to the website to check out this month's delegate Bruce Eddy from Randwick.

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Wynyard ticket office back in action

In a huge win for the union the Wynyard Transit Shop ticket office has been reopened.

After complaints from commuters about the lack of information and the annoyance of having to buy tickets from convenience stores, not to mention the tireless agitation by Peter Gretch from North Sydney, State Transit has agreed to reopen the office.

This will also mean that the workers who looked after the ticket office can return to their jobs.

The site was originally closed due to OH&S concerns about poor air quality from the air conditioner. However despite the site getting the all-clear months ago, there has been an inexplicable delay in reopening the office.

Members have long suspected that State Transit would like to see if closed permanently to save money but the overwhelming public support for the important service forced them to back down.



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Vice President Brett Peters
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21. Career paths

21.1 Where an employee covered under this Award takes up an Apprenticeship or Traineeship with State Transit, the employee will maintain their current rate of pay under this Award, until the pay rate in the new position has exceeded the afore-mentioned rate.

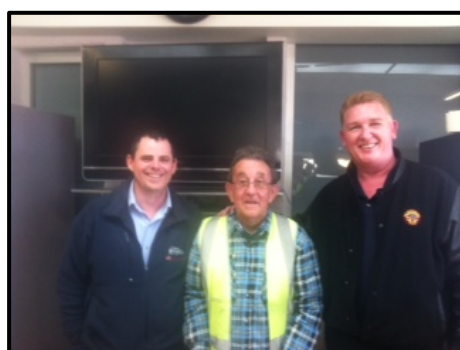
Farewell Mark Brady

The RTBU would like to wish a fond farewell to Mark Brady who, after 47 years with State Transit, has decided to step out from behind the wheel and retire.

The RTBU recently threw a farewell BBQ at the Ryde depot and the Divisional Secretary, Chris Preston presented him with a plaque in honour of his years of service.

About 150 people turned up to say goodbye and good luck Mark who was a conductor for his first six months on the job, then worked as a driver at Ryde for the rest of his career.

For years he has run the 'tea club' at the depot and also represented State Transit in lawn bowl competitions against Queensland drivers. We'll miss you Mark!



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