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RTBU NSW Tram and Bus Division



Union Calls For Increased Security On Bus Services

The RTBU has written to the Transport Minister following another two brutal assaults on bus drivers in the last week.

The union is demanding increased security on services at night particularly in party hot spots such as the city and Kings Cross to help protect drivers from aggressive, alcohol fueled passengers.

Drivers must be able to expect to finish a shift without a trip to the nearest hospital emergency department.

Got to www.busexpress.com.au to read the letter and watch the news stories on Channel 7 and 10.

Bus Driver Safety Must Be A Priority In Kings Cross Fix-It

The callous assault of bus driver over the weekend highlights what drivers have long known. We need increased security for public transport drivers on late night services.

The State Government's proposals to introduce more public transport between 1-4am will put even more bus and train drivers in potential danger.

There is no doubt that increasing public transport so alcohol-fuelled revelers get home faster will help alleviate some of the issues of violence and anti-social behaviour in Kings Cross and surrounding areas.



Source: Daily Telegraph

But this cannot come at the expense of driver safety. That is why the RTBU is taking action and calling for better security for drivers.

Meet your Delegate: Peter Daniel

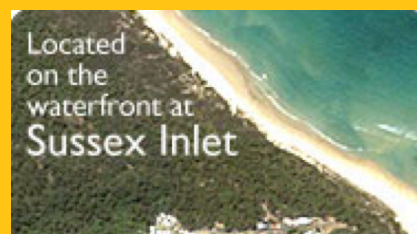


Every month we feature a delegate on the Bus Express website and ask them a few questions about themselves.

Go to the website to check out this month's delegate Peter Daniel from Belmont.

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Protections Negotiated For Members At Western Sydney Buses

The RTBU has been in negotiations to ensure a fair and reasonable outcome for members affected by the upcoming closure of Western Sydney Buses (WSB).

The closure of WSB will come as no shock to the approximately 50 bus operators affected by the changes who have always known STA's control of the service was a temporary arrangement.

At a date yet to be announced in 2013, the T-Way and the entire Western Region (currently private operators) will be awarded to one successful tenderer.

Following negotiations with STA the RTBU has established an agreement to a number of arrangements for affected members. The full list of those arrangements is at www.busexpress.com.au

The RTBU will also make representations for members to the successful Tenderer to ensure the best options for our members.

Tram and Bus Officials would like to acknowledge the efforts of local WSB Delegate Neville Trinder in this obviously unsettling period.



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Vice President Brett Peters
Know your Rights

18. Income Protection

18.1 There will be no roster changes made solely for the purpose of reducing the take home pay of employees covered by this Award.

18.2 No shift changes will result in a loss of take home pay of more than two percent over a twelve month period (based on a financial year), below the average pay of each shift type, e.g. AM, Day, Midday, Broken and PM shifts etc. except for part time rosters. For the avoidance of doubt, shift changes shall include both major and minor shift changes.

RTBU Joins Ryde Community Protest Against Education Cuts

On Tuesday RTBU representatives, including Divisional President Gary Way, joined the Ryde Community Union Alliance to protest outside Ryde MP Victor Dominello's electorate office against the O'Farrell government's cuts to education.

Unions NSW Secretary Mark Lennon addressed the protesters touching on particular concerns for the area including cuts to Ryde and Meadowbank TAFE and the abolition of art courses.



Gary said the RTBU was keen to support the locals in speaking out about their concerns, particularly given the broader impacts the cuts will have on the community.

"Sydney's largest bus depot is at Ryde, employing nearly 500 people. Many of our members live in the local area and will be affected by these outrageous cuts."

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