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Uniform allowance delivered in full despite State Transit tax blunder

After fighting for over a year against providing a reasonable uniform allowance State Transit has tried yet again to short change drivers.

Members will be aware that after a long and tough battle with State Transit uniform allowances were recently paid into drivers' bank accounts.

However, the RTBU was forced to intervene when it discovered the \$350 allowance agreed between the union and State Transit had not been paid in full.

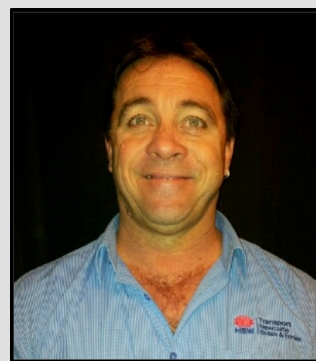
Despite an agreement to the contrary, the allowance was taxed before being paid to drivers.

The RTBU quickly took a complaint to State Transit on discovering the problem and demanded the remaining allowance be paid to drivers.

State Transit will be depositing a second amount to drivers shortly to bring them up to the agreed \$350 shortly.

If you have any questions about this or do not receive the correct payment contact the union office immediately on: info@busexpress.com.au or (02) 9319 7277

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.

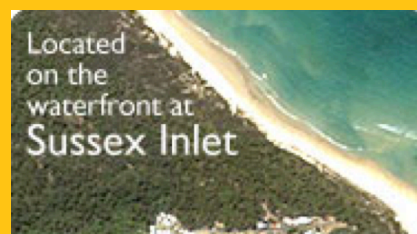
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Radios go down with no security back up for drivers, passengers

Last Monday night the radio service providing the only way for bus drivers to alert police and security to any safety issues on their bus went down at 10 pm and did not come back online until early the following morning.

There was no contingency plan put in place by STA to deal with this serious safety issue. Following the brutal assault of two bus drivers in the past two weeks, this is simply not good enough.

Drivers are coming under increasing danger of assault on the job and what we need to be seeing is more security measures put in place to support them, not instances where their only line to call for help can go down without any notice.

The RTBU's Bus and Tram Division has written to the Transport Minister to request increased security, particularly at night, to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers but so far there has been no response.

But the union will not let this issue be ignored. We will continue to demand better workplace safety for our drivers. Everyone deserves to feel safe and secure at work and we won't allow drivers to be an exception.



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Vice President Brett Peters
Know your Rights

Bus tunnel flagged as solution to CBD congestion

Infrastructure NSW released its 20-year strategy for NSW last week, identifying what it felt the infrastructure priorities should be for the state.

One of the major projects identified by the body is an underground tunnel for buses in the CBD. It recommended:

A CBD Transit Improvement Plan that involves construction of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) bypass tunnel for CBD bus services to take most peak buses off congested streets, delivering better travel times for passengers. It would also involve providing bus/rail underground interchanges at redeveloped Wynyard and Town Hall stations.

Divisional President Gary Way said detail for the project were still unclear but if it was done properly and with consideration for future capacity needs it would be welcomed by drivers struggling every day with CBD congestion.

62. Paid Maternity Leave

62.1 A female employee is entitled to paid maternity leave in accordance with this clause and with State Transit's Parenting Leave Procedures.

62.2 An employee who has, or will have, completed 40 weeks continuous service before the expected date of birth, is entitled to paid maternity leave.

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