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Union Victory In Commission On Behalf Of Part-Time Members

When STA announced that they were intending to force some of our part-time members to transfer to another depot, the Union filed a dispute in the New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission where we argued that part-time employees are contracted to a particular depot.

During the course of the conciliation process, Commissioner Tabba sought compromise from STA with the end result being that, not one part-time member was forcibly transferred.

Speaking for the Union: Gary Way said that this outcome was a truly remarkable result where the need for arbitration and all the risks attached were successfully avoided.

The Commissioner diligently took into account the circumstances of our members. In the courtroom in front of the Commission, STA chose to abandon their heavy-handed tactics in this matter, and come to the table Mr Way said.

The Union would like to thank all the work place Delegates whose time and effort helped make this win possible.

Driver Earns Praise For Ejecting Racists

A Sydney bus driver won praise for showing the door to a group of drunk, racist teenagers who had reportedly been racially abusing another passenger and drinking alcohol on a service from the city to Maroubra.

A witness was full of praise for the driver who “did a fantastic job in negotiating with these girls, later insisting on their leaving, and the whole time communicating with us, the other passengers.”

Read the full *Sydney Morning Herald* story here:

<http://m.smh.com.au/nsw/girls-shown-the-door-after-racist-bus-rant-20130415-2hv7j.html>

Full election results now on website



The results from the recent union elections have been declared and published.

The results included: Owen Doogan won 4417 votes to be elected Natl Pres. Gary Way won 2590 votes to be elected Natl Vice-Pres (Road). Phil Altieri won 2565 votes to be elected Asst Natl Sec (Tram & Bus Div). Robert Hayden, Douglas Klineberg and Chris Preston were elected as Branch Delegates to the Natl Exec (NSW Branch). Matthew Compton, Mark Delohery, Zivko Ivanovic and Ashish Sarker all elected as Delegates to Natl Council from NSW Branch - Tram & Bus Div. Alan Burke, Bruce Eddy, Peter Grech, William Lekkas and Brett Peters all elected as Branch Div Delegate to the Branch Council

See the full results here:

<http://busexpress.com.au/election-results/>

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Union Joins Push For Greater Safety At Granville Bus And Rail Interchange

Last week in Granville more than 20 members of the Sydney Alliance, who live/work in Granville, asked passengers to sign a letter of support calling upon Liz Ward, Director Customer Service at RailCorp, to meet with them to discuss their concerns about safety at Granville station.

The Sydney Alliance is working on the issue of transport safety. Over the last 12 months, we have undertaken extensive consultation involving over 7000 residents, surveys, research with transport advisers and experts and our own train safety audit.

This has produced several areas of focus, one of which is a Station Staffing Safety Standard. That is an ask of two station staff on until the last train and two police from the Transport command.

Due to the media attention & community support from local businesses & schools (Granville Boys high), Liz Ward has agreed meet with the Sydney alliance.



Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way



Vice President Brett Peters
Know your Rights

Our Safety or Public Relations Exercise?

The NSW Government has announced another 'blitz' on our transport network – targeting ticket evasion, crime and graffiti.

See the story here: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/fare-evaders-face-blitz-on-sydney-buses-and-trains/story-e6freuy9-1226620251956>

But these blitzes mostly just seem to be short-lived public relations exercises. What the transport system really needs is a highly visible security presence throughout the network every day.

Physical and verbal abuse of drivers is all too frequent and many passengers feel threatened when drunk or unsavoury patrons behave badly on the bus. Drivers want to feel safe in their work environment and passengers want to get home in one piece.

Let's stop the spin and start making the safety of drivers and passengers our number one priority.

Have you been abused or dealt with unsavoury passengers? Tell us your story here: info@busexpress.com.au

Section 35.

Shift penalties

35.1 All time worked on a broken shift on Mondays to Fridays after a spread of 9.5 hours shall be paid at the following rates:

- (i) Between a spread of 9.5 and 10.5 hours – time and a half
- (ii) After 10.5 hours – double time

35.2 All time worked on a broken shift on Saturdays and public holidays shall be paid at the rate of double time.

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