



## **B-Line bus battle erupts on Sydney's northern beaches**



The saga over the potential privatisation of the B-line bus service between the Northern Beaches and the Sydney CBD continues. Most recently, former Labor premier Barrie Unsworth slammed the potential privatisation of the line and called the proposed service a "Trojan horse" for development.

"We've had government bus services for as long as anyone can remember. We're all happy with the operation of the buses now," Mr Unsworth told Fairfax Media.

Last month, the Tram and Bus Division called on Jason Falinski MP to come clean on his demands for the B-line to be privatised and to apologise to hard working Sydney bus drivers for attacking them and their work.

Read more on Bus Express.

## **Tempe members bond over a BBQ**

Tempe RTBU members enjoyed another Tram and Bus Division BBQ earlier this month, and were treated to a feast, thanks to the culinary skills of delegate Ash Sarker and his team.

Secretary Chris Preston and President David Woollams were also on hand to discuss union issues with the members.



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### SECTION 65

#### Career Break

65.1 A permanent employee who has been continuously employed with State Transit for a minimum period of five years may make application to take a fixed period of time off work, in order to fulfil family or personal commitments or to pursue personal development without loss of job security.

65.2 The terms and conditions under which an employee may take a career break are as follows:

- (i) The minimum period for a career break is six months. The maximum period for a career break is 12 months.
- (ii) An employee must provide three months notice of a request to take a career break.

# May Day March and Family Fun Day

This year's May Day March is just around the corner and we're planning a big RTBU presence! We hope you'll join us in standing up for workers' rights while having fun at the same time.

**WHEN:** Sunday, 7th May 12-5PM

**WHERE:** Hyde Park North

**RSVP via Facebook** [here](#)

Speeches will kick off from 12pm and will be followed by a march to Prince Alfred Park for food, live music and entertainment. With activities planned for all ages this is a family fun day that's not to be missed.

This year the theme for May Day is fighting inequality, with a focus on workers' rights. Under conservative Governments we've seen the gap between the rich and the poor widen, cuts to penalty rates with 700,000 workers' losing up to \$6,000 a year, the loss of decent secure employment, the soaring costs of living and the introduction of the ABCC.

With so much at stake for the working class, May Day is our opportunity to come together and fight back for a better future. Let's make this year's May Day the biggest we've ever seen to show conservative Governments that the workers' united will never be defeated.



## In the headlines

**Glebe Island Bridge may yet host light rail:** An idea to run trams over the disused Glebe Island Bridge has re-emerged in the wake of Google's decision to pull out of using the White Bay power station as its Australian HQ.

**Govt finally agrees to extra buses for UNSW:** The NSW Government has finally agreed to put on extra bus services for UNSW students and staff, who have had to wait for up to an hour for a bus, sometimes in the pouring rain.

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