

# BUS EXPRESS

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RTBU NSW Tram and Bus Division



## Division pleased to launch Bus Express TV for members

To better cater for member communications, the Tram & Bus Division is pleased to announce the launch of Bus Express TV.

The monthly broadcast of news from the division will be filmed, uploaded to the Bus Express website ready for members to watch.

During the broadcasts Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way will answer questions and update members on the latest happenings in union wins, disputes and changes that affect them.

The broadcasts are filmed in a studio beneath Sydney's Trades Hall and are then uploaded to the internet.

Stay tuned to the Bus Express website for the latest TV broadcast.

If you have a question that you would like to see asked on Bus Express TV, feel free to ask us here: [info@busexpress.com.au](mailto:info@busexpress.com.au)

## Members benefits – what you need to know

Tram & Bus Division officials want all members to be aware of the benefits available to them.

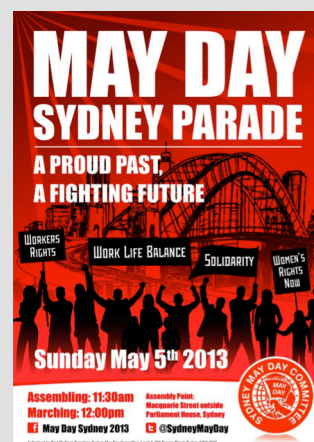
To realise this the Bus Express team have uploaded a complete guide to members benefits and what it means for you.

It includes details for the union's Traffic Fund, the RTBU Loyalty Rewards Program, the Mortality Fund and the annual union picnic.

Check out the full document on the Bus Express website address below and feel free to contact your local delegate if you have any further questions:

<http://busexpress.com.au/members-benefits-what-you-need-to-know/>

## RTBU members join May Day in Sydney



RTBU NSW members joined thousands of unionists, workers and their families on Sunday at Sydney's annual May Day parade.

Workers from across the state celebrated all that has been achieved through progressive solidarity, under the theme: "A proud past, a fighting future."

Attendees assembled at 11.30am at Macquarie St, outside Parliament House before starting the march at 12pm. For photos and reports from the day, check the Facebook page here: <http://www.facebook.com/events/325282700910529/>

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## Bus drivers demand better safety in light of abuse from unruly passengers

The tram & Bus Division has called for greater security for bus drivers amid continued risk of abuse from unruly passengers.

The union has demanded the Government introduce three-quarter security screens currently being trialed in Newcastle after dark to protect drivers. The RTBU is also demanding the Department bring forward the introduction of 150 revenue protection officers to take the pressure off drivers who are being asked to fix fare evasion.

"At least once a week we get a report of an assault on a driver and many more incidents of spitting, swearing and verbal abuse go unreported," NSW Secretary Chris Preston said. "Some of these are sparked by as little as a driver requesting a passenger to produce their ticket."

"Minister Berejiklian's ill-informed comments are simply an insult to all of our members who have been abused, spat on and punched while trying to ensure correct ticketing."

Read the full *Daily Telegraph* story here: <http://busexpress.com.au/drivers-demand-better-safety-in-light-of-abuse/>

The union has advised drivers against getting into confrontations with passengers over potential fare evaders given their vulnerability. **Have you been abused or dealt with unsavoury passengers? Tell us your story here:** [info@busexpress.com.au](mailto:info@busexpress.com.au)

## Leichhardt members enjoy union BBQ

The BBQ trailer turned up at Leichhardt Depot recently, where members took the opportunity to have an informal chat to Tram and Bus Division Officials.

Divisional Secretary is pictured here turning the meal whilst Assistant Branch Secretary and Divisional Organiser David Woollams catches up with well known Leichhardt Union identities Austin Harrison and Leon Barnard (Acting Delegate).



**Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and Divisional President Gary Way**



**Vice President Brett Peters**  
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### Section 21. Career paths

21.2 Employees who take an apprenticeship or traineeship and are subject to sub-clause 21.1 herein are to take the conditions of the relevant Award for the work performed.

21.3 State Transit will provide guidance to employees covered by this Award:

- (i) In the preparation of resumes, job applications and the interview process; and,
- (ii) Regarding career opportunities and professional development

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