



Rail, Tram & Bus Union

Tram and Bus Division NSW Branch

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Dear Member,

The next bargaining meeting is scheduled for May 18 2022. In an important development, the company is no longer using the services of a bargaining representative and is going to sit down with unions directly at the next meeting to try and reset the discussions and lay some groundwork that will actually deliver results going forward. Both unions have been meeting to unify our logs of claim and work to get the best deal for all members across the line.

Expect more yard meetings next week, it's vital that everyone shows supports for each other in future actions going forward. Our strength has caused a huge shift in the company's approach and only our continued strength will keep us in the fight for equality and respect in the workplace!

A huge congratulations to every member who has taken part in action over that last 12 months. If it's big or small, every step plays a vital part in getting us to where we are now. The continued negative publicity for the company is a massive pressure, especially in a year where lots of Sydney regional contracts are up for renewal. It'll be hard for TSA to convince TfNSW that they can manage something new when Region 6 has been a mess for almost 4 years.

While the strike action is obviously a big deal, without the smaller actions those big things come out of nowhere and the impact vanishes just as fast; we need to keep things on a constant boil which is why the uniform and fare free actions are so important.

Strike action also affects your income, so it's not something the union pushes for unless it's worth doing. The last strike added to everything else over the last 12 months and helped the company decide on a change of direction at the bargaining table. This is a huge win.

While we welcome the move to more traditional bargaining and expect that it will deliver more results than the last approach TSA tried, further smaller actions are being planned to keep the pressure on! More info to come early next week.

In Solidarity,

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