



The Blue Light



The RTBU Train Guards Sub Division Newsletter

"To Organise Workers In The Transport Industry To Protect And Build Their Rights At Work"

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Removal of Transit Officers

The NSW Government is currently considering a proposal to transfer the Transit Officer functions to the Police. On Monday, the 20th of April 2009, representatives from the RTBU and ASU including Train Guards and Transit Officers met with the Minister of Transport to discuss this proposal. The Minister advised that the Government had not yet made a decision to transfer transit officer functions to the Police Service.

Then Minister also said that the Government would be willing to consider alternative proposals from the Unions regarding the role of Transits. However, no time frame could be given to submit alternative proposals. The Minister stressed that any future roles of Transits would most likely include looking after trains, buses and ferries.

At the time of printing the government has still not made a final decision regarding the future of Transits.

ITF – Rail Safety Rally

On the 28th of April 2009, there was a rally held at Central Station as part of the International Transport Federation's Rail Safety Day. RTBU Secretary, Nick Lewocki, spoke to RTBU members and members of the Public. He said we need to hold the Government and RailCorp responsible for the safety of Rail workers. The Government needs to do more to improve the safety and protect workers from assaults in the workplace. Members are encouraged to report any incidents in the workplace to insure RailCorp are aware of where they need to deploy security resources.

RailCorp Terminates Safety

Guards at Mortdale are saying no to the decrease in safety as a result of RailCorp removing station staff from Cronulla and Hurstville. The decrease in staff led to the issuing of a dispute due to Guards safety being put at risk. RailCorp have advised that they are undertaking risk assessments but as many members would be aware their risk assessments usually fit into their decisions regardless of the risk!!! Guards will now be asked to join in our **"Don't Terminate Our Security"** campaign as this has highlighted the many locations that Guards are expected to de-train passengers in unsafe situations. Please see over for details on how you can get involved in this campaign to protect your safety.

Distribution of Overtime

Certain depots will adopt a new system to distribute overtime ensuring all guards are offered overtime fairly and equitably. Contact your local delegate for more information or to see if your depot will adopt this system.

RTBU 2009 Elections

Congratulations to those elected in the recent RTBU National NSW Branch Council and Sub-Division elections. Paul Collimore was re-elected Secretary, Brian Ready was re-elected President and Mick Sullivan was elected Vice President. Members with any issues, concerns, or questions are encouraged to contact these elected representatives or their local delegates.

NEXT SUB-DIVISION MEETING

The next RTBU Guards Sub-Division meeting will be held on **Friday 24th July 2009** and each depot will be represented by a local delegate or representative.

Members with issues they want raised should contact their local delegate prior to the meeting. To ensure issues are clearly raised and minuted at the meeting can be concerns should be provided in writing to your delegate.

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