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TOUCH ONE – TOUCH ALL



Luba Grigorovitch
 State Secretary

Earlier this month, an RTBU contingent marched through the city to oppose the indiscriminate sacking of workers at Carlton United

Breweries in what was an attempt to crush the wages and conditions of their maintenance team. The whole union movement has backed in these workers knowing that if we don't fight, we lose. And if they win, they won't stop there.

Union members across the state have been pledging to boycott CUB products until the workers are reinstated. You can read more about the dispute and the significance of this event in broader industrial relations in an earlier article by me on our website:

<http://www.rtbu Vic.com.au/from-union-to-union-how-solidarity-makes-us-stronger/>

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 - State Secretary



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55 loyal C.U.B. maintenance workers were sacked and offered their jobs back at **65% LESS PAY.**
Boycott C.U.B. products until the workers are reinstated on full pay!

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METRO ROLLING STOCK EA SET FOR VOTE



Bryan Evans
Organiser

After a long 15 months of negotiations, the Unions and Metro have reached an in principal agreement delivering significant

improvements to wages and conditions for Rolling Stock members.

RTBU members should be especially proud of the delivery of our top 3 claims being, **Skills & Apprenticeships, No Forced Redundancies and Personal Leave paid at shift length.**

The EA also delivers an industry standard wage rise of 14% plus a 3% once off payment linked to fleet redeployment, trauma leave and a strengthened disputes settlement procedure.

This agreement opens the door for RTBU members to have a say in the skills they acquire and the work they undertake over the coming years, with a solid footing and confidence that their jobs will remain secure.

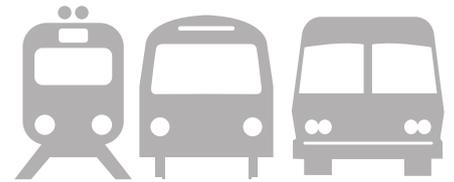
Members should now have received a copy of the proposed EA. The RTBU urges all members to review it. It is **your** agreement and it represents **your** working conditions for the next 3 years.

Voting is underway this week and we urge all members to vote openly.

If you have any questions contact your Delegate or myself on 0457 006 739 prior to voting.

In Unity,

Bryan Evans ■



VISITING THE REGIONS



Joe Maisano
Acting Organiser

Last week I spent time visiting the V/Line regions including Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh and Melton.

It was great to get out to the regions and visit members allowing me to put a face to the names of the many members with whom I have spoken to on the phone over the years.

While visiting I updated members on the progress of the V/Line Operations EA and allowed members to raise any local issues they were having.

I hope to be able to see many more members around the regions in coming months.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call on **0421 122 437**. ■

V/LINE GEELONG



Darren Galea
Organiser

Last week I spent time visiting Geelong. It was great to catch up with members in the Geelong area and discuss any local issues.

Since discovering this, Branch Secretary Luba Grigorovitch has written a letter to PTV Acting CEO Jeroen Weimar and V/Line Acting CEO Gary Liddle officially requesting that a cover be put up at Marshall station as soon as possible.

We are still awaiting response from the companies, however I will update the members in due course. ■

While at Marshall station, it was brought to my attention that there is no cover on the platform. On rainy days, both staff and customers at Marshall station are forced to stand out in the bad weather.

Rail Divisions Committee of Management

Members wanting to get more involved with the RTBU are encouraged to attend the next meeting of our Committees of Management.

This meeting is an opportunity to listen to reports from Union Officials and have your say in general business.

The next meeting of the Rail Divisions Committee of Management will be on Thursday 6 October 2016 at 2pm.

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