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Massive Show of Unity

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Today was an enormous display of unity and strength!

We are so proud of our members!

Yarra Trams' tactics of delay have backfired badly. Our mass meetings are increasing in size. Our strength is increasing. And we are more determined than ever to fight!

We would like to thank the Maritime Union for hosting us. The energy and support at the meeting was amazing. There were passionate and inspirational speeches from our RTBU comrades, including RTBU Women's Officer, Kathryn Breakwell. We'd particularly like to thank the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union State Secretary, Tony Mavromatis, for his fantastic speech and support.

Our sisters and brothers in the trade union movement fully understand and support our fight to protect the future of the tramways. All too often, they have heard employers dishonestly claim to care about diversity as a smokescreen for introducing mass part-time and casual workforces. We all know what happened in the airline industry!

As RTBU Women's Officer, Kathryn Breakwell, said at the meeting, women should not be used as pawns for profiteering agendas. Both women and men want secure, well paid, full-time jobs.

We are so inspired by your determination and support. You have shown us that you are prepared to fight as long as it takes to get a fair deal.

We'd also like to thank the TODs and Starters who couldn't be with us today. We know that you too want a fair deal.

We will not take a backwards step! Together, we will achieve a better deal!

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