

# RAIL TRAM & BUS UNION



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## Massive show of unity

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Today we sent Yarra Trams another powerful message. We reminded Yarra Trams of our unity and strength! We are so proud of our members! We are more determined than ever to fight! We want to congratulate all the members that participated in the stoppage today and showed solidarity by rallying at Trades Hall.

The energy and support at the rally was amazing. There were passionate and inspirational speeches from our RTBU comrades, including Victorian Secretary Luba Grigorovitch and RTBU's Women's Officer, Kathryn Breakwell. We'd also like to thank everyone at Trades Hall for having us and Luke Hilakari, Secretary of the Victorian Trades Hall Council, for hosting the rally.

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, both women and men want secure, well paid, full-time jobs.

We are so inspired by your determination and commitment. You have shown us that you are prepared to fight as long as it takes to get a fair deal. Yarra Trams' dishonesty, stubbornness, unreasonableness and above all, its ruthless pursuit of maximum profits are the only reason a deal has not been reached.

We will not be fooled by Yarra Trams' dishonest and delaying tactics. We will fight as long as it takes to get a fair deal!

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