

RTBU EXPRESS

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WE PUT THE LIBERALS LAST



**Luba
Grigorovitch**
State Secretary

The recent Federal Election was called on the back of the Abbott/Turnbull Government desperately trying to

smash the rights of workers.

The RTBU joined forces with the ACTU and VTHC in an effort to protect these rights. We invited members to get involved in this campaign. Although we did not tell RTBU members how to vote, we did have one clear message and that message was to put the Liberals Last.

It was the longest election campaign in over 50 years, and we have come out of it feeling proud and united.

I would like to thank every member from the RTBU for your help to fight the Coalition in the 2016 double dissolution election. We campaigned long and hard to get the Australian public to put the Liberals last in order to give the ALP a fighting chance and we succeeded.

We may not have come out on top, however ultimately the Coalition has formed a very narrow majority which can be attributed to the work of millions of union members.

The Liberals went in to the election feeling very secure and confident, with all pre polls and experts telling us that it was over. But what the Coalition failed to understand is that our greatest strength is the fight of a collection of real, working class people. People like you, the RTBU members.

The union movement campaigned at train stations, called union members and door knocked, asking people to put the Liberals last. The work of the union movement this election has been outstanding, with almost every union on the phones talking to their members.

The Turnbull Government's anti-worker agenda was evidently rejected by the Australian public, with over 3% swing against them nationwide, and even more in the seats that were deliberately targeted. In some seats, it resulted in a swing of up to 12% which ultimately put some of the safe Liberal seats in doubt.

We have fought the right wing Government's before and we will continue to do it again. Our values stay the same, and I am proud of the efforts of the union movement and all RTBU members that helped out during this election.

No Government is ever perfect, but I am more confident in the future for workers in Australia, given the result that was achieved. ■

Luba Grigorovitch
- State Secretary

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HEALTH & SAFETY

The Rail Industry is rife with dangerous interactions. Your health and safety is paramount and your voice **MUST** be heard.

Identified a potential hazard?

Feel unsafe performing a task?

Unsure and need advice?

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WOMEN'S ADVOCATE NOMINATIONS



DARREN GALEA

Organiser

Women's advocate nominations will be going up in different areas over the coming weeks.

Listed below are areas that are currently open for nominations. If it is an area where there are two rosters, please note that ideally we would like one women's advocate per roster.

Once nominations close at the designated time, there will be an election held, unless there is an unopposed nomination. ■

See listed the times and dates for areas in which nominations close, and elections will be held:

Metro - Nominations close Friday 29 July 2016 at 10:00am

Hawthorn AOs – A and D Rosters – Nominations close Monday 18 July 2016 at 12:30pm

Hawthorn AOs – B Roster – Nominations close Tuesday 26 July 2016 at 11am

Malvern AOs – A and D Rosters – Nominations close Thursday 11 August 2016 at 12pm

Malvern AOs – B and C Rosters – Nominations close Wednesday 27 July 2016 at 12pm

MMAOs - A and C Rosters – Nominations close Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 1pm

MMAOs - B and D Rosters – Nominations close Friday 29 July 2016 at 1pm

North Melbourne AOs – A and B Rosters – Nominations close Friday 22 July 2016 at 12pm

North Melbourne AOs – C and D Rosters – Nominations close Tuesday 9 August 2016 at 12pm

TPH – A and B Rosters – Nominations close Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 12pm

TPH – C and D Rosters – Nominations close Wednesday 3 August 2016 at 12pm

If you have any questions or queries, please contact me on 0407 512 494.

RTBU LAUNCHES RAIL, TRAM & BUS ACCIDENT & ILLNESS BENEFITS PROGRAM



BRYAN EVANS

Organiser

The RTBU has been working closely with Incolink over the last 6 months to deliver an Income Protection Program catered

specifically for modern day railway workers.

Income protection Insurance is designed to help members and their families in the unfortunate circumstance that you become ill, or have an accident that prevents you from working.

As well as providing personal accident insurance and illness insurance, which pays out a value of \$1450 per week for a period of up to two years, the RTBU program also delivers, TAC top ups, Workcover Top ups, Workplace Death and trauma insurance, Funeral cover for you and your family, Emergency Transport cover and accidental dental. It also covers members who suffer from mental illness or depression for the full period of 2 years.

Covering members up to the age of 70, the RTBU is proud to deliver such a high quality program for members and their families. The program will initially be available to

all members covered by the Metro 2016 Infrastructure Agreement and remains a live claim in Metro Rolling stock, Bombardier West Melbourne and regional agreements. ■





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