



Queensland Branch

# Bus Circular

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Dear Member,

## Bus E-News: EBA, Award Modernisation & Traineeships

### Award Modernisation

Council have asked the QIRC for assistance in finalising our award. Only a couple of issues are still outstanding that may have to be resolved in the Commission - the definition of part time and the five hour work time issue. Deputy President Bloomfield of the QIRC has already stepped in to assist in trying resolve the five hour matter. These are important issues to our members. The Union has stood by our award all through this process. BT has pushed for more flexibility on these issues. Arbitration by the Full Bench is not desirable.

### EBA

The RTBU is ready to get on with the business of negotiating the new EBA. The CEO put out a circular recently advising employees that we are unable to commence EBA9 talks until all Council awards have been modernised and that this is unlikely to be before the end of September. As this makes it impossible for a new agreement to be in place by 7th October (nominal expiry date) the CEO should guarantee back pay from that date as it would have been budgeted for.

### EBA Survey

Members should get on line and complete the EBA survey - this will help us to focus on your main issues. Access the survey [online](https://surveymonkey.com/r/bteba) (<https://surveymonkey.com/r/bteba>) or get a hard copy from your Delegate.

### Traineeships

Due to the avalanche of complaints from our members about BTs new merit based process to progress casuals to traineeships the Union has had to put the matter into dispute in order to get BT to listen our complaints about the process. The whole procedure has to be reviewed. This may delay things for a while but we need to fix up some of our members issues now.

### Visit to Lord Mayor

We are taking a delegation of casuals to see the Lord Mayor on Friday 19th August to discuss the main issues of insecure employment. Anyone available to come and support the cause should come to City Hall around 3pm. Let's take our issues right to the top.

### Union Picnic

The RTBU Picnic will be held Sunday 16 October at Rocklea Showgrounds again this year. Get this date into your Union diaries.

### Unity is Strength

Tom Brown

**Secretary, Tram and Bus Division**