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KD GOLD COAST CIRCULAR

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Dear Member,

Tram E-News Update

Enterprise Agreement Negotiations Update

Weekly meetings are continuing and the new EA is taking shape. We are pleased with progress, and see that the current clauses being debated are improvements on our current position. There's still much to do.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 April at 10am. RTBU representatives will be in the Depot from 9am and will stay back after the meeting because we're interested in your direct feedback on negotiations.

New pay rates have been proposed by KDGC and while they are an improvement they don't cover the needs of members according to our feedback. The interest from the workforce is high and that's encouraging – keep it coming and if you have any questions come and see us before or after the negotiations as listed above, or drop us a line.

Moves are underway to ballot the Controllers to see if they would like to be covered by the Enterprise Agreement (EA) rather than an individual agreement. One of the main benefits of being under an EA is that a third party (Fair Work) can be called upon to settle any dispute between workers and employee. Working together always gives people more bargaining power too, it just makes sense.

Labour Day Parade and Festival

Labour day is our chance to celebrate what we can achieve together. This year there will be a parade and festival on the Gold Coast. It's a family day, so you can bring your partner and kids for a relaxed day in the park.

We kick off with a parade starting at 10.30am on Sunday 1 May heading to Southport Broadwater Parklands. There will be entertainment, free ice cream for the kids and refreshments for the adults.

We encourage everyone from KDGC to come along and enjoy a relaxed fun family day. Let Veli know if you can come or ring me or Bennett Roche directly.

Unity is Strength

Tom Brown
Secretary, Tram & Bus Division