

TRAM & BUS NEWSLETTER

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As we are now up to our third newsletter, we remain still unnamed. All staff are invited to suggest an appropriate name. The staff member whose suggestion is selected will WIN A PRIZE... Suggestions should be forwarded to Anna Alfirenko, 18/60 Market Street. Or you can phone on 56059, or fax it too me on 56077.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECRUITMENT

Management and staff extend a warm welcome to the new conductors who joined our group on Tuesday 10th March, 1992.

GLENHUNTLY

Subagyo Wioroyodihardjo, Bradley Stein, Jayendra Weerawardana, Cheryl Rogers and Cedric Michael.

MALVERN

Reejeeva Gunasekera, George Jacob, Victor Wesley, Roland Zubiri and Sandra Ann Fuller.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Chrysostom Jayasuriya, Darren Gordon Jones, Luis Morales, Sean William Solley, Rosemary Evely Hite, Russell Irvine and Nigel Thomas.

We appreciate staff sending friends and family to the depots in seeking employment. The P.T.C now refers all employment inquiries to the C.E.S as they become available. Unfortunately recruitment has ceased for the present time.

MOOMBA SERVICE - LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Special services operated to cater for the New Moomba, these services ran in conjunction with a holiday timetable, to cater for extra patronage for the parade. Thanks goes to all employees for their efforts in assisting to maintain our services under difficult circumstances.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW SERVICES AT NORTH FITZROY AND DONCASTER

A revised roster was implemented at North Fitzroy and Doncaster Depots on the 1st March, 1992. Among the issues addressed by the roster were improved running times, assistance to area services, improved early morning services and improved freeway services. A concerted effort by all North Fitzroy and Doncaster staff ensure that smooth implementation of the roster. Many thanks to all. As with any major roster alterations, there have been 'hiccups'. Every effort is being made to identify and address these 'hiccups'. In the meantime I encourage everyone to maintain a positive outlook. Marketing is currently working with Doncaster to ensure that problems are identified and rectified as soon as the matters are drawn to our attention, via staff and customer complaint.

VEHICLE AVAILABILITY

Tram availability at the beginning of Period 9 was unacceptable with shortages of W class trams between 20 and 30% at East Preston, Glenhuntly and Malvern Depots. The number of trams either at or awaiting Preston workshops attention was 113 trams at the start of the period, with a further 43 trams out of service for Depot repairs. Preston workshops worked overtime and reduced the number of trams for workshop attention to 77 trams by the end of the period, with a further 31 trams out of service for Depot repairs. The vehicle availability at the end of the period was sufficient to meet all am peak services. Further improvements are required by reduction of trams at Preston workshops, to provide sufficient spare trams in the depot.

OLYMPIC DREAM

There was a 200km run in a relay fashion around the bay on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March 1992. 5 teams ran for the P.T.C out of the 100 teams representing various corporate organisations. The representatives from Tram and Bus include: S. Vosti - Manager Personnel. L. Lopez - North Fitzroy. D. Long - Kew. E. Mathuranayagan, G. Silivarich - Glenhuntly and K. Walker - South Melbourne.

In addition an agreement was reached with the P.T.C to provide MAN buses to ferry the runners in between legs. Drivers enthusiastically volunteered to participate and they include current drivers, former drivers and management. The run offered a great opportunity for all P.T.C staff, white collar, blue collar, Management, workers, tram and bus, metrail, v/line and union representatives. To all work together in the interest on raising funds for our olympians. Thanks goes to all staff who made the weekend such a success and congratulations to all teams who ran so well on the weekend. Our highest ranked place was 13th with P.T.C1.

P.S Russell Nathan is still anxious to ascertain the person who destroyed his bed early in the morning.