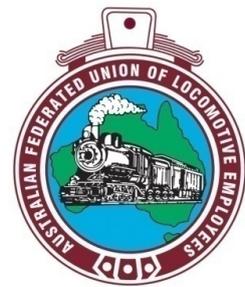


AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Citytrain Update

Dear members,

An LCC meeting for Mayne and Ferny Grove Depots was held on 7th September. Topics discussed included:

Citytrain currently have 88 North and 60 South sector drivers. 4 are currently with tutors and 3 with route mentors learning other areas of the network. Initiatives to make training with the route mentors more efficient (i.e. only travelling on routes needed to be learnt) is being investigated.

Nambour tuition for drivers – so far 8 of the 21 nominated have completed their qualification. Training of the depot transfers (particularly to Gympie and Nambour with the 2-driver operations) has taken precedence to ensure operational running.

Elimbah and Woombye tuition for guards – training will start to take place. A HF train has been booked for every Wednesday until the end of the year but will be dependent on availability of tutors.

Wulkaraka training - there are a couple of HF trains for guards organised. Management are investigating numbers for drivers training.

Diesel training – there will be 4 spots available for Mayne drivers to attend the school in October.

Confusion on terminating trains and crew handovers – details of what empty service a train will form and what service the crew are picking up to form their empty service has been missing off some cards. If you come across any cards like this, can you please inform your delegates with the job card number and what information is missing. If you do end up with a card like this, you can search the timetable for the train number and this will give you the information that is missing.

iPad use – if you are performing any safety critical tasks while onboard a train, iPad are not to be used during this time. Apps to help with certain tasks while onboard (for example advising of the location for a wheelchair user) are still being explored. In the interim, anyone with a work iPad will know that they have a 2GB maximum usage. There have been some excessive data usages on these devices which are being investigated.

Turn back drivers during closures has been working well and will continue (0001, 0800, 1600).

Traincrew representing Traincrew

Meals at Robina – the meal room on the platform is very small and can become overcrowded. Job cards have been designed taking the allocated number of persons allowed in a particular space. Members are asked to take your meal breaks in the location as per your job card. To reduce the crowding in the Robina meal room it was suggested that any crews who break and then continue in the same direction as they were initially travelling (e.g. DG** to Robina, break, then DG** to Varsity; or DP**, break, then DP** towards the city) go to the humpy for a meal break as there is almost 60mins between workings, therefore enough walk time to and from the humpy.

Trolley bags – there has not been enough interest shown in this style of bag to make it available in stores. If this is something you would like, please let the Team Leader know.

Upstairs BHAB hot water and low-pressure issues – an inspection was done last week and appears to be rectified. If there are any other issues, please report to the Depot Facilities Co Ordinator.

Leave requests – management have requested that everyone follows the leave process (apply online). The daily numbers of how many are allowed off changes from day to day depending on a number of things affecting how many drivers/guards are available to work a service (e.g. whether training is occurring). If you receive a rejected notice, please speak to a Team Leader or Union delegate if it is an urgent request.

Out depot transfers – if training goes to plan, 100% of the guards should be in their transferred depots by next week. Drivers are still ongoing with their training.

Guards' mirrored links – with the transfers being finalised, guards will be contacted within the next fortnight to be advised on moving into the master link (seniority will determine spots filled).

Extra AR and answering of calls while on duty – members are warned that management highlighted that they have seen a concerning pattern regarding AR crews not answering phone calls whilst on duty. Management advised that they will actively commence documented conversations with Traincrew found to be non-responsive during an AR shift which may lead to a formal HR process.

If you would like more information, please contact your local AFULE representative or your state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au

In Solidarity,



Mick McKittrick,
State Secretary