

TRANSPORT UPDATE -

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TRANSFIELD SERVICES RAIL

Transfield Rail Services CEPU Members voted for a new Union Collective Agreement on the 26th of March 2007.

The main points of this agreement are:

- 4.5% wage increase back paid to 8th of November 2006 (to be paid Wednesday the 2nd of May)
- 4.5% wage increase November 2007
- 4% wage increase November 2008
- A Classification Review to be completed within 6 months
- Period of operation 7th of November 2009

WAGE RATES IN THE SA TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

- **Transfield Services** (Rail) Base Trade (100%) - \$21.38 all purpose hourly rate (38 hours)
- **Trans Adelaide** (Signals & Power) Base Trade (100%) - \$21.92 all purpose hourly rate (38 hours) + Licence & Construction Allowance
- **Trans Adelaide** (Glengowrie) Base Trade (100%) - \$21.56 all purpose hourly rate + Licence Allowance (38 hours)
- **DTEI Transport SA** Base Trade (100%) - \$20.63 all purpose hourly rate (38 hours) + licence allowance
- **Bombardier Transportation (Rail Car depot North Terrace)** Base Trade (100%) - \$23.11 all purpose hourly rate. (38 hours)
- **Great Southern Rail** these members are on AWA's (Australian Workplace Agreements)

WAGE RATES IN THE SA POWER INDUSTRY

For your information the following rates apply to CEPU Members in the South Australian Power Industry

- ETSA Utilities Base Trade (100%) - \$27.14 per hour (July 2007) 36 Hour Week
- Transfield Power Services Base Trade(12 months exp)(100%) - \$32.94 (August 2008)
- Electrix Power Industry Base Trade(12 months exp)(100%) - \$32.94 (August 2008)
- Tenix Alliance Base Trade (12 months exp) (100%) - \$30.01 all purpose hourly rate (July 2006)

Transfield, Tenix Alliance and Transfield Power have Income Protection, \$70 Redundancy per week, All-Purpose Site Allowances and a 36-hour week.

TAX TIME

Do not forget to claim your Union fees as a Tax deduction at Taxation time.

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WORK CHOICES PROTECTION

CEPU Members in DTEI Transport SA have been **protected against the Howard Governments anti worker Work Choices Legislation.**

The State Rann Labor Government created the Statute Amendment (Public Sector Employment) Bill, which has passed both houses of Parliament.

This means that as of the 1st of April 2007 CEPU Members in Transport SA now have all of their industrial relations activities regulated by the State Industrial Relations Commission. The South Australian Government Parity (Federal Metal Trades) Enterprise Agreement 2005 now becomes the South Australian Government Parity (Metal Trades) Enterprise Agreement 2005. This Agreement is now covered by the SA Fair Work Act not the Federal Governments anti worker Work Choice Legislation. **This is a good result for CEPU Members.**

CEPU WEB SITE

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FEDERAL ELECTION ELECTORAL ROLE TO CLOSE EARLIER

Traditionally, voters have had a **full week** after the announcement of the election date to enrol or update their electoral details. The Australian Electoral Commission uses this week to conduct extensive advertising campaigns informing the public of the looming deadline, which is also widely published in news reports. Under the Howard Government changes, **THE ELECTORAL ROLES WILL BE CLOSED TO NEW VOTERS AT 8PM ON THE DAY THE WRITS ARE ISSUED (announcement of the election date).** To understand how many people are likely to be disenfranchised, in the 2004 Federal Election, there were 423,000 changes to the electoral role including 78,008 people enrolled for the first time. **If you are not enrolled properly enrol now!**

ETU MEMBERS BENEFITS INCLUDE

All **financial ETU Members** in addition to Industrial and Work Cover assistance receive the following additional benefits:

- Free standard Will making service.
- One free legal appointment
- Cheaper Home Loans and Credit Card Facilities
- Discounts from Union Shopper on a wide range of goods and holidays

(For more information on these benefits contact the Union Office on 82342130)

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