



Newsletter

- May 2018

Welcome to the May Newsletter.

We would like to remind everyone on the importance of wearing your seat belt. Seat belts are on all driver's seats, this is not only for your safety but is also a legal requirement. There is no reason why they shouldn't be worn. Please ensure you are wearing it all times when operating a vehicle.

If anyone has anything they would like to see included please email: naomin@busbiz.net.au and I will aim to put it in the next newsletter.

An update on Moose

For those who have been asking or thinking about Moose after his accident on 24th April, he is doing well and has been released from hospital, a little battered and bruised but thankful to be home.

Moose sends his gratitude to all of those who took the time to visit or send their well wishes whilst he has been recovering. Moose will continue his recovery at home and is looking forward to joining everyone back at work.

Operations:

Operations would like to remind all drivers to be checking their bus for passengers before leaving at the end of each shift. If we be vigilant with this process no one should be locked in a bus.

Also, a reminder to please sweep your bus every night so we can keep the presentation of the bus in the best possible way.

Maintenance:

A couple of reminders: Please keep an eye on your service sticker and notify the workshop at least a week prior to the service date, this will help in the maintenance of all vehicles.

Please call the maintenance number **(03) 5032 7908** when needing to contact either Brain or Lachlan. Do not call them direct and only text when requested to do so.

Staff Profile

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Commonwealth Games

Drivers

This month we have chosen to do our Staff Profile on the 6 drivers who represented BusBiz at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The drivers chosen to go to the games were:

Glen Gray - Renmark,
Peter Bell - Wycheproof,
Wendy Hood - Dubbo,
Charlie Dixon - Mildura,
Steve Gittings - Ballarat
Peter Hood - Dubbo.
Pictured below.

Peter Pickering personally received positive feedback from people within the Bus and Coach Industry in which he has had a longtime association with.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this event, for a job well done.



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Over the last couple of months, we have been overwhelmed with the number of compliments received for our drivers, we would like to congratulate the following drivers on a job well done.

Stephen -Trainlink- for fostering a safe environment for all road users

Graham, Dale and Will - V/Line- for your efforts with coach replacement in Swan Hill and Ballarat

Peter & Alan - Swan Hill Charter Drivers-how wonderful you both were with the children on your recent charter-SHPS

Bruce - Renmark Charter Driver- excellent driver, very friendly and knowledgeable- Eric George Group



From the 21st to the 27th of May 2018 is Volunteer Week. We would like to acknowledge and thank all those who give their time. Above is a photo of the Swan Hill SES undergoing training in our Swan Hill Workshop.

A Letter from Peter....

Hello

Well 2018 has hit with a bang, already it's May and a lot has gone on.

The commonwealth games have come and gone, unfortunately not every driver that expressed interest in going got a gig, many thanks to the drivers that did go up to play with the Gold Coast traffic over this very busy period. I'm sure a little bit of better organization from the organizer's up there may have helped Emma P, which in turn would have made your job as drivers a little easier. We as a company learnt a lot from this experience and have put changes in place to help combat uncertainties whilst drivers are away from their normal duties. In one way or another whether operational, driving, accounting etc it has been a bit of a nightmare but we have all survived. Thanks.

Back on the home front, Michael from Dubbo handled multiple SSTS shifts (NSW Boarding School students being returned home from their schools) across NSW with the help of coaches and Drivers from Swan Hill and all went very well. On one particular day in early April we had 13 Coaches roaming across NSW alone. Added to this in March we commenced two new trial TrainLink services out of Tamworth. Tamworth – Dubbo return (twice a week) and Tamworth-Muswellbrook/Scone (three times a week) and involves two coaches/drivers just to add to an already busy time. All went like clockwork, Thanks.

Renmark still surprises me with the amount of charter they are doing. This even saw Leigh don the driver's cap and do a charter into Adelaide, great stuff and again many thanks.

Across all BusBiz depots everyone was exceptionally busy over March/April period which saw everyone chip in as one, not only helping each other, but each location working together as a team which just gives me a lot of heart, thanks all.

Also, to date this year we have taken delivery of five new buses thus far: The first being a low floor into Renmark, Phil (Stawell) received a new school bus as did Leo (Swan Hill), Murray (Murrabit) and Anne-Marie (St Arnaud). Enjoy!

On an unhappier note one of our Swan Hill buses was involved in a fairly major accident, fortunately there was no passengers on board and Barry our driver survived with non-life threatening injuries, which in itself is nothing short of a miracle. Barry we are all thinking of you and wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to you and your humor returning to work, look after yourself.

Thanks again everyone for the great work you are all doing, its much appreciated.

Peter Pickering