



## ANMF NEWSFLASH

# Public Sector Negotiations and COVID-19 Bonus Update

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) attended a meeting on Thursday 15 September 2022 with the Premier, Jeremy Rockliff with regard to the public sector wages and the cost of living. Whilst the ANMF is currently not negotiating for nurses and midwives and not expecting to receive a letter or offer in 7 days, unlike those unions who are negotiating, it did provide an opportunity for the ANMF to reflect on challenges to recruitment for nurses and midwives, including poor wages growth.

The ANMF also highlighted that rental accommodation and purchasing of real estate in the major metropolitan areas is not only difficult to locate but is also cost prohibitive. Therefore, it is also important for wages to match housing costs for existing and new employees.

The ANMF can confirm that consultation surveys will be released next week for members to commence consultation on the upcoming public sector nurses and midwives Enterprise Agreement negotiations and the State Budget.

Meanwhile the frontline COVID-19 Bonus Agreement will be registered this week (date to be set) and then the ANMF will advise when payments should commence. The ANMF can also confirm that vaccination clinic staff will be included in the COVID-19 Bonus as these sites are classified at Tasmanian Health Service (THS) sites and they will therefore be covered under the agreement.

The ANMF acknowledge that the hard work of staff working in the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) during the pandemic working long hours and overtime to deliver critical services to the community, however, despite the ANMFs best advocacy, the Government will not include these members citing the fact that



they are were not direct clinical positions and, unlike those working in clinical sites full PPE, has not been required.

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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Member Support Team via email on [membersupport@anmftas.org.au](mailto:membersupport@anmftas.org.au). Email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting the team. Alternatively, you can phone (03) 6223 6777 or 1800 001 241 if outside Hobart.

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