

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Launceston General Hospital Emergency Department

Over the Christmas/New Year period the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has been contacted by members who have raised concerns with regards to ongoing workloads in the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) Emergency Department (ED), specifically:

1. Overcrowding, due to bed block and demand
2. Short staffing
3. The loss of the COVID PCR specimen collectors
4. Limited numbers of poll staff available
5. Overtime and double shifts on the increase again.

The ANMF has corresponded to Tasmanian Health Service (THS) management regarding the current situation. Further highlighting the previous concerns and solutions raised in September 2022, that are outstanding from the ongoing worked dispute that remains under the jurisdiction of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission. The ANMF has sought an update from THS with regard to:

1. The Business Case approval process for the Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) role that was agreed to in lieu of the nurse navigator role initially secured by the ANMF through the 2021/22 TIC process
2. An update on the current vacant FTE for the department, and recruitment update on the 21.3 FTE.

Further, given the ongoing concerns, The ANMF is looking to meet with members ASAP to understand the nuanced concerns of the current matters in relation to matters already raised in September of 2022 and the solutions previously sought. The intention then will be to establish a meeting with THS management discuss and settle on a resolution of the matter. Or in the alternative, if a resolution to the member concerns cannot be



reached, the ANMF will seek to have the matter relisted in the Tasmanian Industrial Commission for a report back.

Member meeting details to follow. In the interim, If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Member Support Team via email on membersupport@anmftas.org.au. Email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting the team. Alternatively, you can phone 1800 001 241.

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Authorised by Emily Shepherd, ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary
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