



## ANMF NEWSFLASH

### Royal Hobart Hospital

## Urgent Member Action Required: Hospital Linen Shortage Reporting Survey

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has received multiple reports from members regarding a critical shortage of linen across the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH).

Members have reported ongoing issues with inadequate access to essential linen items including gowns, towels, and bedding. In particular, a serious concern has been raised around the lack of patient gowns — leaving some patients cold and, in extreme cases, without proper coverage under their bedsheets. When staff request additional supplies from the laundry, they are often told there are not enough available.

Members have also been advised to order paper gowns as a substitute. These are not only unsuitable for patient comfort and dignity, but they are also an imprest item, requiring approval for supply — creating delays and compounding the problem.

The lack of appropriate linen significantly affects the ability of staff to deliver safe, respectful, and dignified care.

To escalate this issue with hospital executives and advocate for urgent resolution, the ANMF needs your help.

**We ask all members to take the following action:**

**Please complete a SLRS if time allows.**



 **Scan the QR code (provided below) and report every time you attempt to access linen, and it is unavailable.**



By collecting real-time data directly from the floor, we can strengthen our advocacy and demand a prompt and effective response from hospital executive team.

 **Please print and place the QR code near your ward's linen trolleys for easy access.**

Thank you for your ongoing engagement with the ANMF. It is through your feedback and action that we can highlight critical issues and continue to support you in delivering the best possible care for our community.

**In solidarity,**

**The ANMF.**

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