



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Statewide Newsflash

Mersey Community Hospital Incident

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) is advising members statewide of the significant damage sustained at Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) following destructive winds overnight. A Code Yellow internal emergency has been declared, and Ambulance Tasmania is diverting patients to Launceston General Hospital (LGH) and North West Regional Hospital (NWRH).

We have been advised that both LGH and NWRH are currently able to absorb the increased demand. However, the ANMF is acutely aware of the systemic pressures already impacting our hospitals and the workforce.

Members are encouraged to escalate any concerns through internal management in the first instance. If concerns are not addressed, please contact the ANMF immediately so we can escalate directly to the Secretary of Health for urgent resolution.

Member Entitlements During Natural Disasters

The ANMF reminds members that under the *Nurses and Midwives (Tasmanian State Service) Award*, employees may be eligible for special leave in circumstances where natural disasters prevent attendance at work. This includes situations such as road closures, flooding, or other emergency conditions that make travel unsafe or impossible. If you are unable to attend work due to these conditions, please contact your manager and the ANMF Member Support Team for guidance. Leave may be granted at the discretion of the employer under special or miscellaneous leave provisions, and alternative work arrangements may also be considered.

We understand the pressure our health services are under daily, and we know how challenging these new events are for our members and our community. The ANMF stands beside you during this time to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all involved.



We call upon the State Government to invest in health, invest in infrastructure, and invest in the workers who continue to deliver care under extraordinary circumstances.

We remind all members to please remain vigilant during this time of unprecedented weather and stay safe.

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch is 8000 plus members strong! Supporting nurses, midwives, and care workers as the only union in Tasmania employing nurses, midwives and care workers to represent members. This is why our Organisers and Member Support Team are uniquely positioned to understand your experiences, represent you in your workplace, and offer industrial advice that's relevant to you.

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