

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Royal Hobart Hospital

Media Doorstop – “More Midwives Matter”

Australian Nursing and Midwifery federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) members and supporters are invited to stand together this Thursday in support of our maternity colleagues and their campaign: **“More Midwives Matter.”**

Where: Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) Campbell Street Entrance

When: Thursday 16 April 2026, 0930hrs – 1000hrs

Who: ANMF members and supporters

This action has been initiated by Maternity Services in response to escalating pressures following the closure of Hobart Private Maternity Services in 2025. Since then, demand for maternity care at the RHH has surged significantly — yet staffing levels, resources, and support have not increased to meet this growing workload.

Midwives are raising serious concerns about the safety of women, babies, and themselves. As part of this campaign, members have begun wearing “More Midwives Matter” badges to raise public awareness of these critical issues.

A petition is also being launched, calling on the Minister for Health to urgently implement the following immediate measures:

- **Increase midwife staffing by 10%** to reflect the rise in births and workload, pending a full review of staffing requirements.
- **Allow up to 10 experienced agency midwives** to work within the service to ensure safe staffing levels and protect the wellbeing of mothers and babies.



We are also calling on the Minister to:

- **Meet with midwives and the ANMF** to agree on a pathway forward and deliver sustainable, long-term solutions for maternity services.

On Thursday, members will stand united to call on the Minister to address these workforce shortages and ongoing concerns.

We encourage all members to attend during your break or, if not rostered, to join your colleagues.

Your presence sends a powerful message to the public and decision-makers that maternity services matter.

Together, we can show our collective concern and commitment — because **“More Midwives Matter.”**

Let’s stand strong and united for mothers, babies, our colleagues, and the future of maternity services in Tasmania.

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.

Authorised by Emily Shepherd, ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary

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