

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Royal Hobart Hospital

Bike Cage Thefts, Parking and Member Safety Concerns Raised

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) would like to sincerely thank all members who engaged in the media doorstep on Friday 8 May 2026 to help raise community awareness regarding ongoing staff safety, bike theft and parking concerns at the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH).

Your willingness to speak up and share your experiences continues to highlight the real impact these issues are having on nurses, midwives and Assistants in Nursing (AIN) across the workplace.

Following ongoing reports from members regarding thefts of bicycles, scooters and other personal items from the THS bike cage located on THS property, the ANMF has formally written to the Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery (EDONM) seeking an urgent response and immediate action. This correspondence comes following a meeting with the Minister for Health who agreed that bike security and safe storage locations should just be a given.

The correspondence outlines member concerns regarding:

- Multiple thefts occurring on THS property.
- Delays in access to CCTV footage to assist police investigations.
- Lack of compensation or support for affected members.
- Ongoing security concerns surrounding the bike cage and staff parking areas.
- Safety concerns for members walking to parking areas during evening and night shifts.
- Financial pressures associated with parking costs and rising fuel prices.

The ANMF has formally raised member requests including:

- A confirmed date for installation of the proposed roof over the bike cage.

- Swipe card access for entry and exit to the bike cage.
- Increased security patrols and security presence around member parking and transport areas.
- Security escorts to car parks, particularly after hours.
- Consideration of compensation pathways where theft occurs on THS property if adequate preventative measures are not implemented.

Importantly, the ANMF has also continued to raise car parking and staff safety concerns as part of the current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) negotiations and Log of Claims (LoC).

Claims currently being pursued include:

- Car parking should be allocated to nurses and midwives where their safety is at increased risk, including shifts commencing or finishing between 1800hrs and 0600hrs.
- Concessional parking rates for all members.
- Development of a local staff parking policy that considers work health and safety employer obligations.
- Security escorts to car parks by security staff.
- Shuttle bus options to and from designated all-day parking locations.

The ANMF considers these issues to be significant work health and safety matters and will continue advocating strongly for improved protections, safer facilities and fairer parking arrangements for members.

Thank you again to all members who have continued to engage, report concerns and support collective action on these important issues. Your voices are making a difference.

Members with further concerns or experiences they wish to share are encouraged to contact the ANMF Member Support Team. Further updates will be provided as this matter progresses.

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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