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Who: ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary, Emily Shepherd

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch Unveils State Election Manifesto and Invites Political Candidates to Address Key Healthcare Issues at Statewide Face-to-Face Public Forums

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) Tasmanian Branch today unveiled its [State Election Manifesto](#), outlining critical priorities aimed at addressing key challenges affecting nurses, midwives, care workers, and the broader healthcare system.

This comprehensive agenda encompasses vital areas such as Workforce Priorities, Education, Training and Research, Nurse Practitioner Workforce, Infrastructure Investment, Mental Health, Health Administration, Clinical Environment Improvements, Community Health Services, Palliative Care and Dementia Support, Staff Support and Wellbeing, as well as investing in Staff Health through Employee Assistance Programs.

‘The ANMF Election Manifesto is a collation of solutions to long standing issues affecting members and the health system in Tasmania, as well as a range of opportunities to deliver health care differently and support both members and all Tasmanians and their health needs’, said ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary, Emily Shepherd.

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch has communicated these priority areas to all political parties and independent candidates, seeking their policy positions to be shared with members in the lead-up to the election. The ANMF emphasises the importance of understanding each candidate's stance on these critical healthcare issues, which directly impact the well-being of both healthcare professionals and the communities they serve.

In line with its commitment to fostering informed dialogue and engagement, the ANMF Tasmanian Branch will be hosting face-to-face health forums ahead of the state election. These forums provide an opportunity for political candidates to address their policies and demonstrate how they intend to support nurses, midwives, and care workers across Tasmania. Moreover, these events are open to the broader community, encouraging active participation and discussion on healthcare matters.

The health forums will be held as follows:

- **Hobart:** Tuesday, 5 March, Health Education and Research Centre, Level 4, 182 Macquarie Street, Hobart at 7:00 PM
- **Ulverstone:** Wednesday, 6 March, APEX House, 3 Gollan Street, Ulverstone at 7:00 PM
- **Launceston:** Thursday, 7 March, The Tramsheds Function Centre, 4 Invermay Road, Launceston at 7:00 PM

The ANMF have already received commitments from Dr. Darren Briggs (The Greens) and Will Gordon (Labor Party) that they will attend the forums and speak on the ANMF election priorities. We expect more names to be added to that list in the coming days. Interested attendees are encouraged to RSVP via the [ANMF website](#) or social media platforms to secure their attendance.

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch remains steadfast in its commitment to advocating for the well-being of healthcare professionals and ensuring the delivery of high-quality care to all Tasmanians. The ANMF calls upon political candidates to engage actively with these critical healthcare issues and work collaboratively towards achieving positive outcomes for the healthcare sector.

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