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The ANMF Tasmania announces Aged Care Excellence Awards at conference in Hobart

What:Media DoorstopWhen:TODAY 11.45am, Wednesday 15 May 2024Who:ANMF Tas Branch Secretary Emily Shepherd and AttendeesWhere:C3 Convention Centre, South Hobart

- The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) will be announcing and celebrating the winners of the annual Aged Care Excellence Awards at the Aged Care Conference in Hobart today, 15th May 2024.
- The annual ANMF Tasmania Aged Care Conference is being held TODAY at the <u>C3 Convention Centre, South Hobart</u> with over 120 Aged Care health professionals, ANMF staff, guest speakers and sponsors attending from around the state.

"We have been astounded by the number and calibre of the nominees for this year's Aged Care Awards. It will be wonderful to acknowledge these extraordinary Nurses and Care workers, who are the backbone of the aged care sector, going above and beyond to deliver quality and evidence-based care to our elderly Tasmanian community members." said ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary Emily Shepherd.

A significant event in the Tasmanian healthcare calendar, the conference unites nursing and midwifery professionals, experts, educators, and students and is a celebration of the passion and dedication of the Tasmanian healthcare community. Keynote Speaker Ngaire Hobbins (Accredited Practising Dietitian and Author) will be talking about Diet and Nutrition in Aged Care, with the line-up of guest speakers covering a wide range of topics.

"We know from the Royal Commission recommendations that increasing nursing care, and highly qualified care workers in the aged care sector, results in better care outcomes for Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation Tasmania

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elderly. The ANMF and HERC teams are proud to deliver not only mandated care minutes in the residential aged care sector assuring increased nursing care, but also to deliver evidence based professional development to nursing and care staff at our annual Aged Care conference.

"The ANMF continue to be a leader in the Aged Care Sector addressing workforce issues by securing paid clinical placements for undergraduate registered and enrolled nurses, and through continuing to campaign for mandated Enrolled EN minutes in the Aged Care Act, which will be a cornerstone of the upcoming ANMF Federal Election Campaign.

"Aged Care needs in Tasmania will continue to rise and we encourage both Federal and State Governments to prioritise the needs of Tasmanians in this area. This includes the new Tasmanian Government who can immediately take action to ensure appropriate care environments for those awaiting nursing home placements in our acute hospitals. They could achieve this by establishing a sub-acute facility that will attract Federal Government funding for those in these facilities awaiting nursing home placement, which is a better outcome for the patient and acute health facilities. This is also supported by the recently released Major Hospitals ED Review Report." Ms Shepherd said.

Media are invited to attend the Aged Care Conference today at 11.45am just before the lunch break to interview Emily Shepherd and attendees.

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