

## **Wagga Wagga Base Hospital: Update on proposed change to Medical Imaging**

Dear Member,

On 24 July 2018 HSU representatives convened a USCC with Hospital Management. During the meeting, HSU workplace delegates put forward proposals to improve the proposed trial of overnight medical imaging.

Hospital Management have undertaken to provide draft rosters so that HSU members can see for themselves how the trial would affect them. Management also agreed to consider a proposal to retain the current on-call arrangements for CT and having the overnight shift for General X-ray only.

Management provided clarification on two further issues. First, the reference to 'basic level CT' in the proposal previously sent was intended to refer to non-interventional CT only. Management also advised that there was approval for an additional 1.64 FTE Radiographer and 1.72 FTE Technical Assistant to support the trial and (if the trial is successful) to support the ongoing implementation of overnight medical imaging services.

At this stage, the change is only proposed to be trialled for a period of three months. In order to secure ongoing support, the Hospital will need to show that it has secured permanent funding for additional support of these positions.

HSU Organiser Tracey Gaddelin will be at the Hospital on 13 August 2018 to discuss the new proposals and a further USCC will be heard following further feedback from HSU members.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD