

HNELHD: John Hunter Hospital Staff Parking Afternoon & Night Shifts

Dear Member,

The HSU has received correspondence from the Hunter New England Local Health District informing that changes to access for after hours car parking is to be changed from 1 October 2018. The correspondence informs that the after hours car park for afternoon and night shift staff will not be accessible until 1230. Currently staff working from 1000 can access this area.

The HSU is seeking feedback from members regarding this proposed change. Please email HSU Organiser Michael Kearns, michael.kearns@hsu.asn.au with your feedback. The letter from the HNELHD is attached for your information.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD

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Attention: Michael Kearns, (michael.kearns@hsu.asn.au)

Dear Mr Hayes

On Thursday 12 July 2018, I had a productive meeting with Clare Bolton, President John Hunter Hospital Branch, Nurses' and Midwives' Association and her colleagues, to discuss concerns regarding parking on the hospital campus.

I appreciated the opportunity to meet and understand the concerns she raised around the safety of all staff working the afternoon and night shift. This does apply to some of our members, so I wanted to ensure you were aware of the issue.

Some staff working these shifts have at times not been able to find parking close to the hospital when they will be leaving the hospital well after dark.

I am pleased to say we were able to come to a solution and am writing to formally advise that the agreed strategies will be implemented from 1 October 2018.

From that date, the entry time to the afternoon shift car park will change from 10am to 12.30pm, which will restrict any staff working day shift or in business hours from parking in this section.

This afternoon shift car park is situated right outside the hospital entrance and is well lit to ensure the safety of staff leaving in the dark. We want to ensure your members who are in this situation have priority access to this parking.

Signage will also be added to the car park to indicate to staff and visitors the parking is reserved for afternoon shift workers only. We will also undertake extensive communication to ensure all staff are advised.

Overflow arrangements will also be available if afternoon shift workers cannot find a park in the designated areas.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will evaluate the effectiveness of this new arrangement.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Lauren Cruz on 4921 4923.

Yours sincerely

Michael DiRienzo
Chief Executive