

HNELHD: Changes to James Fletcher Operations for V8 Supercars Weekend

Dear Member,

The HSU has received correspondence from Hunter New England Local Health District outlining disruptions and changes to the James Fletcher Campus due to the V8 Supercar race meeting in Newcastle on the weekend of 23-25 November. The correspondence reads as follows:

As you would be aware following the City of Newcastle hosting the inaugural Coates Hire Newcastle 500 V8 Supercars last year (2017) – The Coates Hire Newcastle 500 has cemented its place on the sporting calendar. This year the event will run from 23rd – 25th November 2018.

The lead up works are not as significant this time around as in 2017 as the long overdue upgrades in Newcastle's east end have recently been completed.

The event will impact on access to the James Fletcher Campus with road closures anticipated for the period 7am-7pm, 23-25 November 2018. In line with HNE Local Health District's Policy Compliance Procedure Leave During Periods of Planned Reduced Activity, staff working on the James Fletcher Hospital site particularly on the Friday 23rd November 2018 are either being encouraged to take leave or work at an alternate location with agreement from local management. Should staff not have leave or are required to work, such cases will be discussed on an individual basis to ensure a mutually agreeable outcome.

The majority of services on the James Fletcher site are Monday to Friday services and largely Mental Health Services with a small number of Hunter Institute of Mental Health and Nursing & Midwifery staff who work Monday to Friday. For the small number of Mental Health staff (Newcastle Acute Care Team and Mental Health Line) that are rostered on Saturday 24th November and Sunday 25th November 2018 ongoing discussions are occurring regarding options given limited access, restrictions and anticipated noise over the weekend.

If you have any concerns regarding these changes, please contact the HSU Member Services Division on 1300 478 679 or email Organiser Michael Kearns at michael.kearns@hsu.asn.au.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD