

Gosford Hospital staff car parking fee set for drastic increase

Dear Member,

The HSU has now been advised what we have long suspected – that staffing carparking fees will increase drastically once the new parking structure at Gosford Hospital is opened in early 2019.

The Union has been informed that while staff currently pay \$27.50 per fortnight or \$13.75 per week, under the new scheme staff will face an increase of nearly 69% to \$23.20 per week.

At this stage Central Coast LHD have provided very little other information other a copy of the memo that all their employees were sent.

While there is a policy in place, we believe it's unfair and unacceptable for your employer to enforce this massive increase from day one. We believe that your employer should be open to negotiations about limiting the impact of this huge increase and not hide behind a policy.

HSU are now in the process of arranging a series of meetings with your employer to obtain answers to members' questions, with the first meeting scheduled for Wednesday 5 December at 11am. At this meeting we will be suggesting a gradual increase to the fees over a 2 to 3 year period, something that almost every other Hospital or LHD agreed to when dealing with similar situations in the past.

In order to ensure all our members' concerns are raised, we are seeking expressions of interest from members interested in being part of our first meeting and subsequent meetings.

If you have any comments, feedback, questions or want to nominate for the consultation committee please send an email by Monday 3 December to either HSU Organiser Brendan Roberts at brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.au, or HSU Industrial Officer Greg O'Donohue at greg.odonohue@hsu.asn.au.

In unity,



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