

## **PMBH Radio Communication Update #2**

Dear Member,

The HSU has received formal correspondence from Port Macquarie Base Hospital management, advising that they are purchasing new digital communication devices to be initially used within the Department of Surgery by the Operations Assistants. This purchase is to take place immediately.

The purchasing of new and improved communication devices is a result of HSU members at PMBH again coming together to support each other. This is a significant win for our Operations Assistant members. It is also the direct result of the HSU PMBH sub branch standing up and fighting for necessary WHS improvements. The win also will assist greatly in better patient care pre- and post-surgery.

The HSU congratulates OA members at PMBH and the sub branch for supporting each other on this issue.

In unity,



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Dear Mr Hayes,

**Digital Communication Strategies at Port Macquarie Base Hospital (PMBH)**

I am writing further to our 27 November 2018 correspondence to provide progress on the communication strategies at PMBH.

Initial field testing has been completed and has identified clear improvements in most of the areas. Engineering mapping is required to advise on the positioning of the digital base station, however, MNCLHD does not want to delay due to the obvious enhancements.

Therefore, MNCLHD is purchasing 12 digital handsets for the Operation Assistants immediately.


The implementation of the 12 handsets will be under a "trial" format as further handsets and enhancements are expected with the installation of the base station and monitoring will continue until this is achieved.

Theatre Management discussed the results, trial implementation and plan moving forward with Operations Assistants on 11 January 2019 and the information was very well received.

Current communication meetings and rostering support practices will continue until the project is completed.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office on 5524 2100 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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