

Gosford Hospital New Car Park

Dear Member,

In late 2018, Central Coast Local Health District wrote to the HSU with a view to initiating consultation on the proposed new car park.

During these discussions, the issue of staff parking fees was raised and management insisted that the existing NSW Health Policy would apply without variation. The HSU quickly pointed out that transitional arrangements had been negotiated with numerous other hospitals with respect to their new car parks which included a phased in new fee structure.

To this end, the HSU sought that the existing fee of \$13 per week be maintained for 12 months, which would then transition to the full \$23.60 per week after that period.

At our last USCC meeting on 5 February 2019, management insisted on moving direct to the full fee of \$23.60 per week from the opening of the new car park and indicated that was final. The HSU advised that management's decision to treat health workers on the Central Coast differently to other health workers would be reported back to our members.

Management contacted the HSU late last Friday 8 February 2019 to advise they had decided to institute a transition over 3 months – i.e. the existing \$13 per week will continue for 3 months from the opening of the new car park and then move to the full fee of \$23.60 per week.

This arrangement is better than what was initially intended but still falls short of the 12 months transition requested by the HSU. We are therefore collecting members' feedback on this issue. Please answer some brief questions by following this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Gospital_Carpark.

You can also contact your HSU representatives via brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.au or greg.odonohue@hsu.asn.au should you have any other questions or feedback.

In unity,



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