

Members angry about huge parking fee increase at Gosford Hospital

Dear Member,

Health workers across Central Coast are angry with the Central Coast Local Health District's forced 67% increase to staff parking, adding over \$500 to their household budgets every year just for the privilege of parking at work.

Everywhere we go throughout Central Coast health facilities, workers are saying this is outrageous and blatant cash grab and demanding that Central Coast treat their employees and community with more respect.

Staff should not have to fork out huge fees just to do their jobs; nor should the community have to pay up to \$20 per day to visit sick friends or family.

While Central Coast LHD say they have consulted and negotiated with Unions, in reality this was a one-sided conversation. Your employer dictated the outcome based on a NSW Government policy, with no regard for your concerns or the impact on your hip pocket.

As a result of this disrespectful attitude, members have decided to hold a lunchtime protest rally to coincide with the opening with the new parking structure:

When: Wednesday 13 March
Where: Gosford Hospital, lawn outside Health Services Building
Time: 12:30pm

At this rally we will be demanding the Central Coast LHD commit to the following:

- Staff parking fees to remain at the current rate
- Guarantee fees will not increase
- Maintain current visitor parking cost, \$4.20 per 4 hours
- Continuation of the Showground Rd parking and shuttle bus service to remain free

Your Union will be on site in Central Coast Health facilities engaging Health workers about the importance of uniting and fighting these fee increases. If this increase happens at Gosford, it will be easier for it to happen at Wyong and other facilities.

It's now time to stand together and show the community who really cares for the Coast.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD