

Westmead cleaning staff concerns: Urgent meeting called

Dear Member,

What: Mass meeting for all Westmead cleaning shifts
When: Tuesday 5 March
Where: WECC Lecture Theatre, Westmead Hospital
Time: 4:30pm

Your local HSU Organiser recently met with Westmead human resources and management regarding ongoing issues for cleaners in the general services department. Current staffing levels, coverage of shifts for leave, inappropriate behaviour, resources to perform the role and other related issues that are affecting members have all been raised by focus work groups. Disturbingly, all of these issues are yet to be unresolved. Your HSU organiser has spoken with members on all shifts this week regarding what transpired in the meeting. Management has offered to hire 6 casuals and 1 permanent employee, but members have reported this is not sufficient to cover the shortfall they are currently experiencing. Members are under enormous pressure to clean near double their allocated area and at times when very short staffed, the hospital is not cleaned to expected standards. Catch up work is then required to clean the shortfall from previous shifts.

As for the focus work groups, human resources reported that they will not attend to issues arising from groups until end of April 2019. They are sending a message that these issues are not urgent as far as they're concerned.

We can't wait for management to decide that our issues are worth addressing at some point down the road. For this reason, the HSU is holding a mass meeting for **all cleaning shifts on Tuesday 5 March @ 4.30pm, WECC Lecture Theatre, Westmead Hospital.**

Hope to see you all then.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD