

## Gosford members rally in force against huge parking fee increases

Dear Member,

It was great seeing so many members out in force at Gosford Hospital on Wednesday protesting huge increases to staff and visitor parking costs. It's best summed up by an SMS received from a member who attended and asked for it to be sent to all members:

*Resulting from today's overwhelming turnout at the carpark rally, I would like to extend my thanks to those that attended and showed team support towards an objective: to show Management that we can be united in one goal when our resolve is tested. I thank all for continued support. This matter, including others, with your support and determination will achieve results. Again, I thank you all, in unity.*

*Gary Whetton – HSU member and Operations Assistant, Gosford Hospital*

You can view the NBN coverage of the rally at the below link:

<https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/03/13/hospital-workers-up-in-arms-about-parking-fee-hike/>

Wednesday was only the beginning. We must now stay strong and united until we achieve the outcomes we want to see.

We have now written to the Chief Executive (please see attached letter) requesting a meeting, and for CCLHD to commit to the following 3 points:

1. The indefinite continuation of the offsite parking and shuttle bus service from Showground Rd beyond the current cancellation date of 29 March
2. Staffing fees not to increase above the current \$13.75 per week, now or into the future
3. Discussion on fair and reasonable fees for the community

If this meeting is agreed to, the HSU will be taking a significant delegation of members to ensure there is no perception of any backroom deals being made – something your employer has regrettably tried to suggest.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from members who want to represent their fellow members and colleagues. If you are interested, please email your local HSU organiser via [brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.au](mailto:brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.au).

We have also been informed that several health workers have received fines from the Council for parking on Racecourse Rd. If this has happened to you, please let Brendan know straight away by calling 0425 181 361 or the above email.

Given this situation, we are also seeking a meeting with Central Coast Council to raise our concerns and to confirm if it is their intention to install timed and metered parking on the streets surrounding Gosford Hospital.

Remember to stay strong and keep showing your support by wearing the HSU stickers – if you need more, please let Brendan know and we will arrange for more to be sent.

Another way to make your Union stronger is to speak with your colleagues about being joining and taking part in the campaign.

In unity,

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Gerard Hayes  
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**Re: Increases to staff and visitor parking and the cancellation of the Showground Rd shuttle bus service**

Dear Dr Montague,

We write to you on behalf of concerned health workers at Gosford Hospital and the community of Central Coast, whom they service.

As you are aware, health workers and the community held a public rally at Gosford Hospital on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March to protest huge fee increases for both staff and visitors and the impacts on everyone attending Gosford Hospital.

We have now been made aware a number of health workers have been fined by Central Coast Council for parking along Racecourse Rd.

Whilst we recognise parking around the Gosford Hospital precinct is a challenge for both the Local Health District and Council, it is not acceptable to use this as a reason to punish Health Workers while they are doing their jobs. After all, these health workers really care for the Coast. If they are not able to get to work safely, or forced to pay huge fees or fines, they could be lost to other communities.

It has also been acknowledged there will not be enough staff allocated spaces on the campus, with a waiting list of over 500 health workers for a maximum of 300 additional spots.

We believe your decision to stop the Showground Rd offsite parking and shuttle service from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, will force Health Workers to park unsafely. After 29<sup>th</sup> March, it appears Central Coast Local Health District are forcing staff to either find alternate parking on the streets surrounding the Hospital campus, or pay these massively inflated and exorbitant fees. Both options remain unacceptable to the HSU and our members.

For this reason, the HSU is now asking Central Coast Local Health District to commit to the following:

- 1. The indefinite continuation of the Showground Rd offsite parking and shuttle service**
- 2. Staff parking fees not to increase above the current fee of \$13.75**
- 3. Fair and reasonable visitor parking fees**

We would like the opportunity to meet with yourself to discuss these concerns. We also request this matter be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting.

Please contact HSU Deputy Manager, Brendan Roberts by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March via [Brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.asn.au](mailto:Brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.asn.au) or 0425 181 361 to arrange a meeting with HSU and a delegation of health workers.

Regards

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