

## **Gosford 'My Food Choice': Management concede more staff needed**

Dear Member,

Ever since the introduction of My Food Choice at Gosford Hospital Food Services, members have been suffering under the burden of unmanageable workloads and work schedules. This is despite the Union raising obvious issues and concerns prior to the new system commencing, and daily since it started.

We hate to say 'we told you so', but yesterday Union delegates and officials had a meeting with HealthShare Management during which they admitted there are issues with staffing levels, workloads and work schedules. We were also told that over the past 6 months there has been an approx. increase of 13% in activity, you don't need to a rocket scientist to know if you expand the Hospital and open a new Emergency Department activity will increase.

Following this meeting several actions were agreed upon to help address members' concerns:

1. A complete review of the workloads and work schedules with a Committee being formed with representatives from all groups of employees as well as Union delegate being involved.
2. A completed review of staffing levels.
3. An extra 8 hours per day added to the roster to help with back log, this is on an interim basis to Feb 2020 while the review is completed.
4. A commitment to have the review completed within the next 6-8 weeks with a progress report to be provided in 3 weeks' time.

While this is only a start, by standing together and staying united, management have finally started to listen and take our concerns seriously.

To get more information you can contact your organiser or delegate.

Not yet a member? You can join at [www.hsu.asn.au/join](http://www.hsu.asn.au/join) or call the union on 1300 478 679.

In unity,



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