

22 APRIL 2016

Public sector mental health enterprise agreement: campaign update #10

1. Next statewide members meeting re-scheduled to Monday 9 May at ANMF - 2.30pm

The next ANMF public mental health EBA members meeting has been re-scheduled from Thursday 5 May and will now be held on **Monday May 9 at 2.30pm**.

The meeting has been changed as ANMF expects we will be in a better position to inform mental health members about the progress of all of our public sector negotiations, including the claims for improved wages. The mental health members meeting will be held at the Carson Conference Centre at ANMF House.

Your negotiation team requests that you commit to attending this important meeting as we will be reporting on the progress of negotiations on your claims and discussing with ANMF members how you want to respond, including determining what and when to commence protected industrial action. Please ensure that as many members as possible from your workplace attend the meeting. Members are encouraged to register with ANMF here: <http://bit.ly/9mayMHmeeting>. If a group of 10 or more are attending from your workplace, and you would like transport to be arranged, please inform us via the registration portal.

2. Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) protected industrial action (PIA) ballot outcomes

The Fair Work Commission has not yet published the results of the protected action ballots. Once these results are declared, ANMF will provide a further update.

3. Forensicare update

The Forensicare protected action ballot opened on 18 April and will close at 5pm on 10 May. The ballot will be counted by the AEC at 10am on 11 May. ANMF encourages members to **vote 'yes' for your right to take protected industrial action, in the event that action is required**. If you have not received your ballot paper by Friday 22 April, you need to contact the AEC and make an application for replacement ballot material. The way you go about this is by contacting the AEC Officer below:

Ms Ann Dougan, Returning Officer, Australian Electoral Commission
Telephone: (03) 9285 7146 or Fax: (03) 9285 7149
Email Ann on vicelections@aec.gov.au **without delay**

ANMF can also report that we commenced negotiations with Forensicare last week and will also report back on these at the statewide members meeting. Please ensure your workplace is represented at the ANMF meeting.

4. Enterprise bargaining update

Our negotiations continue with your negotiation team pursuing your claims. ANMF has also produced mental health specific campaign materials and we have been distributing these to the mental health wards. If you require more supplies please contact your Organiser and they will arrange for you to be provided with EBA 2016 campaign materials.

Join the campaign, attend meetings and achieve the improvements we deserve. Enterprise bargaining time is the most critical opportunity to improve our wages and conditions. Our strength is our membership. Most Victorian nurses and midwives are already ANMF members – if you haven't joined yet or you know someone who hasn't, please encourage them to join.

Non-members can join online here: members.anmfvic.asn.au/CalculateRate

If you don't have a Job Rep on your ward, unit or community team, it's time to put up your hand and help your union and your colleagues achieve your claims for 2016. Speak to another ANMF Job Rep or call ANMF Reception on 9275 9333 and a Job Rep Pack will be sent out to you. ANMF will keep you updated via further campaign updates, our website, emails and text messages where appropriate. Please ensure your details are correct by logging into the member portal: members.anmfvic.asn.au