



GOODBYE 2019

Another big year for ambulance with continued growth in membership, new delegates taking the leap in becoming workplace leaders and many cases being run where union representation was paramount to the positive outcomes that we have achieved.

Next year we look forward to EB 2020. The organising team and delegates have already been

talking to members out on the ground on what our next log of claims may look like.

Not a member and you would like to have your say in the next EB?

Join today by contacting your state councillor, delegate or organiser.

FINISH ON TIME

Members have been working with the union in ways to address the on-going issues around shift extension and not being able to finish on time.

Although the opportunity to perform overtime is often welcomed by many officers; a continuous shift extension does cause much stress and angst when trying to have a reasonable work/life balance.

Many a time an extended shift means not being able to pick your kids up from childcare, missing medical appointments, missing out on family member's birthday celebrations or coming home to that special meal that has now gone cold.

Patient care and keeping Queenslanders safe is at the forefront of what Ambulance Officer's do.

Paramedics, EMD's and PTO's all know that patient care comes first and that part of your job will not change.

United Workers Union have been advocating to QAS to work on ways continuous shift extensions or being able to finish on time for those important events can be managed and prioritised better without compromise to patient care.

Following feedback from staff at the workforce forums, the commissioner has made the commitment to revise some of the operational strategies and procedures to address this concerning issue.

We want to hear from you, our members, on the impact that lengthy shift overruns and not being able to finish on time has on you and your family.

You can let us know when, how long and the impact by contacting your organiser or delegate, or emailing us on gldambulance@unitedworkers.org.au



CHRISTMAS EVE PUBLIC HOLIDAY RATES

Recently the state government declared Christmas Eve a public holiday in recognition for those workers who have to give up their family time in order to serve the community.

Since the announcement, there has been a lot of work done by QAS behind the scenes to ensure payroll has the capacity to accommodate the penalty

rate changes.

A communique has gone out this week to all staff explaining how you will be paid and how to fill out time sheets.

If you have any questions about your pay, your first point of contact is your OIC.



CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

During the Christmas/New Year period our hotline will be monitored by one of our delegates.

Nick will be available to support you through any industrial issues that may occur during this time. Many of the LASNs will also have your State Councillor on call for any industrial support; please check to see if they are available. Some of the United

Workers Ambulance Team will also be on call for any emergencies. Best point of contact is to phone the Ambo Hotline 3291 4550.

From the Ambulance Team we wish you all a happy, safe and festive season and a big thank you to those who will be working, away from your family and loved ones, keeping Queenslanders safe.

2020 DIARY ON ITS WAY TO YOU

Your official United Workers Union 2020 pocket diary and end of year newsletter has just been posted.

LOOK OUT FOR IT IN THE MAIL.

If you haven't kept your address details up to date you can do so by sending us an email on gldambulance@unitedworkers.org.au

