

## Ordinary Meeting of Council

### LATE REPORT – MAYORAL MINUTE

**Thursday 24 March 2022**

**4.00pm**

**Council Chambers**

**209 Comur Street, Yass**

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**Chris Berry**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - REDUCED PROVISION OF SERVICES AT YASS HOSPITAL

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### SUMMARY

Advising Councillors of the reduced provision of services at the Yass Hospital.

### RECOMMENDATION

*That the report on the provision of services at Yass Hospital be noted and the action of raising this issue with the Local Member for Goulburn be endorsed.*

### REPORT

I have recently been advised that the some of the services provided at the Yass Hospital have been substantially reduced and Councillors would be aware of recent industrial action statewide by the NSW Nurses and Midwives association over staffing levels.

Specifically, I am aware that X-Ray services have been reduced to the point they are now only available between the hours of 9am and 3pm and that the position of Nurse Unit Manager has been downgraded from a NUM5 to an NUM3 and the departure of the current NUM is imminent. This is in spite of the fact that emergency presentations at the Hospital far exceed the average for this grouping of Hospitals.

The experiences of both Councillor Kim Turner and Councillor Cayla Pothan when they recently presented at the Yass Hospital are additional cause for concern. Councillor Turner needed to travel to Goulburn for treatment and stitches and Councillor Pothan had to travel to Calvary Hospital in Canberra to obtain an X-Ray on her fractured arm because the Yass Hospital X-Ray was booked out.

Insufficient staffing, security, and no doctor on site, appear to be regular issues of concern, together with a seeming lack of planning for the expansion of hospital services in Yass Valley.

The General Manager has contacted Mrs Wendy Tuckerman MP for an appointment to discuss these matters which are of real concern to our growing community.

I spoke to Mrs Tuckerman today [Wednesday] when she indicated she was aware of some of the concerns and would be raising them with Ms Bronnie Taylor, the Minister for Regional Health next Wednesday, 30 March 2022. The General Manager and myself will be talking to Mrs Tuckerman on the following Friday, 1 April 2022.

Mayor, Cr Allan McGrath

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil