

Media Release

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

Calvary Hobart Emergency Department hours temporarily reduced

Calvary Hobart, Lenah Valley Hospital, is temporarily reducing its Emergency Department (ED) hours, in line with ensuring we meet our commitments to deliver safe clinical care to the Hobart community.

From Friday, 10 February and until further notice the ED will be closed every week between Friday, 5.30pm and Monday, 7.30am.

Anyone requiring emergency medical assistance during these hours should attend the Emergency Department at the Royal Hobart Hospital. Please contact your General Practitioner if it is not urgent.

Calvary Hobart prides itself on delivering high quality, safe clinical care to the Hobart community. We have done so for more than 80 years, and will continue to do so into the future.

The temporary reduction in hours is due to medical staffing shortages, which prevents the safe operation of the ED around the clock, seven days a week.

“We apologise for the inconvenience this decision presents to the broader Hobart health care system, and assure the community we are making every effort to ensure a clinically safe ED service as our highest priority,” said Calvary Hobart General Manager, Marcus Di Martino.

The community will be advised when we can increase the hours of operation at the Calvary Hobart ED.

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For media enquiries call 1300 450 108 or email media@calvarycare.org.au

About Calvary:

Founded in 1885 by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Calvary is a charitable, not-for-profit, Catholic health care organisation. Our mission is to provide quality, compassionate health care to the most vulnerable, including those reaching the end of their life. With over 18,000 staff and volunteers, we have a national network of 14 public and private hospitals, more than 70 residential aged care homes and retirement villages, and 19 community care service centres.

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