

56. HOURS FREE OF DUTY

56.1 The hours of duty for MPG employees shall be rostered so as to provide at least the following time free of duty:

56.1.1 4 days (each of 24 hours duration) free from duty in each 28 day cycle.

56.1.2 In applying 56.1.1, a MPG employee will be rostered 1 weekend free of duty in each 28 day cycle.

56.1.3 A MPG employee will not be required to work in excess of 8 consecutive days, except in an emergency necessitating as much medical care being available to the employing authority as possible or where in the employing authority's reasonable opinion additional patient care is warranted and reasonable alternatives do not exist.

56.1.4 A MPG employee required to work in excess of 8 consecutive days in accordance with 56.1.3 of this Agreement will be paid an additional 50% of the Hourly Rate applicable to the MPG employee for the additional day(s). This penalty is in addition to any penalty that might be payable in accordance with clause 59 subject to a maximum total penalty payment of an additional 100% applying to any hours so worked. This shall not limit payment for full-day or part-day public holidays.