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Statement: Balmain East tragedy

The NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association (NSWNMA) is extending its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of the Community Mental Health nurse who tragically lost his life while working in Sydney's inner west on Thursday afternoon.

NSWNMA General Secretary, Brett Holmes, said devastating circumstances such as the incident at Balmain East took a heavy toll on everyone involved, from the brave first responders, through to those who are subsequently impacted.

"Our Community Mental Health nursing members support each other day after day and are passionate about the delivery of care they provide to clients," said Mr Holmes.

"All healthcare workers, regardless of their chosen specialty or field of work, are incredibly resilient individuals. None of them ever go to work not expecting to return home.

"Our immediate thoughts continue to be with our member's partner, family, friends and co-workers at this difficult time.

"He was a very well respected mental health nurse, a mentor to his nursing colleagues and an advocate for improvements in mental health.

"We are providing support directly to our members who've been impacted by this terrible tragedy and we are assisting with all necessary investigations now underway."

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