

## Aboriginal Health Worker August Update

Dear Member,

In the last two months, fantastic and committed Aboriginal Health Workers across the state have convened to commence the important and difficult work of improving your workplace conditions. The Aboriginal Health Worker Industrial Advisory Committee convened on 19 August 2022.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Discuss the Terms of Reference for the Committee and have it endorsed by Committee members.
- Discuss structure and logistics of the committee – regularity of Committee meetings, mode of communication.
- Election of positions including committee Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
- Discuss Allied Health survey preliminary results.
- Discuss issues impacting AHW in NSW Health.

During the meeting, the Committee nominated the following members for positions:

- Secretary: Kaylene Dennis
- Chairperson: Nic Connor
- Deputy Secretary: Matthew Dumas
- Deputy Chairperson:

We are still seeking nominations for position of Deputy Chairperson.

The AHW Committee will meet monthly to discuss key issues in the Awards covering, as well as industrial and collective issues impacting the profession. The next meeting will be held on 16th September. A key resolution passed by the AHW Committee is to ensure transparency for the work that is being completed by Committee members. The identified priority areas of the Committee thus far are:

- Award reform and modernisation.
- Scope of practice.
- Building a sustainable, democratic, and transparent Committee for AHW.
- Promoting cultural accountability.

The HSU Committee is continuing to look for expressions of interest for AHW looking to join the Committee. Please write to one of the below emails to express interest in joining the Committee. If there is a collective issue impacting AHW that you'd like the Committee to explore or issues you'd like placed on the agenda for the next Committee meeting, please contact HSU Industrial Officer Blake Adair-Roberts on [Blake.adair-roberts@hsu.asn.au](mailto:Blake.adair-roberts@hsu.asn.au).

**Not a member of the HSU? Now is time to join and have your say! You can join online at [www.hsu.asn.au/join](http://www.hsu.asn.au/join) or call 1300 HSU NSW and join over the phone.**

A union's effectiveness and negotiation power depends on the strength and density of its membership base. Join your work colleagues today by becoming a member of the Health Services Union and help us continue to protect and improve your working life.

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Hayes', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD