

## Dietitians August Update

Dear Member,

In the last two months, fantastic and committed Dietitian across the state have convened to commence the important and difficult work of improving your workplace conditions. Unfortunately, the Committee has been delayed in progress because we have not reached quorum yet, it's crucial that we have any interested members attend so we can progress the crucial work of the Committee.

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 Dietitians in NSW Health.

Due to limited attendance at the first Industrial Advisory Committee meeting, election of positions could not take place. The Dietitian Committee will decide on the regularity of their meetings to discuss key issues in the Awards covering Dietitians as well as industrial and collective issues impacting the profession.

A key resolution passed by the Dietitian 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:

- Developing HSU proposals for reform to modernise the award.
- Developing a consistent state-wide process for HSU members to access personal regrade Committees.
- Improving professional recognition and resourcing for Dietitians within public health.

The HSU Committee is continuing to look for expressions of interest for the following classification to join the Committee: Senior Dietitians and Dietitians. Please write to the below email to express interest in joining the Committee. If there is a collective issue impacting Dietitians 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 Anam Rafi on [Anam.Rafi@hsu.asn.au](mailto:Anam.Rafi@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