

Peer Support Workers August Update

Dear Member,

In the last two months, fantastic and committed Peer Support Workers across the state have convened to commence the important and difficult work of improving your workplace conditions. The Peer Support Worker Industrial Advisory Committee convened on 20th July.

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 Peer Support workers in NSW Health.

During the meeting, the Committee opened nominations for the following positions, with the following nominations made:

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson
- Secretary
- Deputy Secretary

If you wish to nominate for one of the above positions, please write to the email below with an expression of interest. The Peer Support Committee will meet monthly to discuss key issues in the Awards covering Peer Support workers as well as industrial and collective issues impacting the profession. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st August.

A key resolution passed by the Peer Support 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:

- Peer Support Framework.
- Public promotion of Peer Support work.
- Improvement of industrial conditions and professional recognition.

The HSU Committee is continuing to look for expressions of interest for the Committee. Please write to one of the below emails to express interest in joining the Committee. If there is a collective issue impacting Peer Support 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.

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 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