

## Perfusionist August Update

Dear Member,

In the last two months, fantastic and committed Perfusionists across the state have convened to commence the important and difficult work of improving your workplace conditions. The Perfusionist Industrial Advisory Committee convened on 19 July 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 Perfusionist in NSW Health.

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

- Secretary: Andrew Lahanas
- Deputy Secretary: Grace Agbulos
- Chairperson: Adriano Luongo
- Deputy Chairperson: Neesha Ghedia

The Committee will meet quarterly to discuss key issues in the Awards covering Perfusionist as well as industrial and collective issues impacting the profession. A key resolution passed by the 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 Perfusionist award.
- Improving professional recognition for Perfusionist within public health.
- Improving working conditions of Perfusionist.

The HSU Perfusionist Committee is continuing to look for expressions of interest for the following classification to join the Committee: Perfusionist working in rural and regional areas Please write to the below email to express interest in joining the Committee. If there is a collective issue impacting Perfusionist 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