

Psychologists August Update

Dear Member,

In the last two months, fantastic and committed Psychologists across the state have convened to commence the important and difficult work of improving your workplace conditions. The Psychologist Industrial Advisory Committee convened on 18 July 2022 and 8 August 2022.

The purpose of these 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 Psychologists in NSW Health.

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

- Secretary: Michelle Riashi
- Chairperson: Louise Spittles
- Deputy Secretary: Anna Mandalis
- Deputy Chairperson: Pip Bowden

The Committee will meet monthly to discuss key issues in the Awards covering Psychologists as well as industrial and collective issues impacting the profession. The next meeting will be held on 12th September at 12:30pm. 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 Psychology award.
- Developing a consistent state-wide process for HSU members to access personal regrade committees.
- Improving professional recognition and resourcing for Psychologists within public health.

The HSU Psychology Committee is continuing to look for expressions of interest for the following classification to join the Committee: Psychologists and Senior Psychologists. Please write to one of the below emails to express interest in joining the Committee.

If there is a collective issue impacting Psychologist 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 extending to the left.

Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD