

## Social Workers update March 2023

Dear Member,

The HSU Social Workers Industrial Advisory Committee has been working diligently over the last few months in identifying key priority issues in the current Awards.

The current Allied Health Award is out of date. The Committee has been working on setting up guidelines around grading and personal regrade processes and making a case for improvements to conditions and salaries for Social Workers in the public health system.

The Committee has been diligently researching, discussing, and preparing the complete list of Award reform issues which will provide a platform for the HSU's efforts to update the Allied Health Award.

The Committee has now finalised the key priority areas that need to be focused on for any Award reform processes. The Committee called a state-wide meeting for all Social Workers working within the NSW Public Health system on March 23rd, to provide a comprehensive update on identified Award reform issues and seek your endorsement. Once the wider membership has endorsed this work, the Committee can commence developing solutions to these issues.

**The HSU Social Workers Committee is continuing to look for expressions of interest to join the Committee.** If you are interested, please write to the below email to express interest.

If you have a collective issue 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).

If you're not a member, there's never been a more important time to come onboard. You can join the HSU here: [www.hsu.asn.au/join](http://www.hsu.asn.au/join).

In unity,



Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD