

NNSWLHD Laundry Allowance Update

Dear Member,

Last Friday, your union met with NNSWLHD to try and come to an agreement on back payment of laundry allowances going back 6 years.

Unfortunately, we were unable to reach an agreement on the issue and the matter will now be referred to the NSW Industrial Relations Commission. The LHD maintains that because it did not have a specific policy stating that staff were required to wear a uniform prior to May 2018, then the allowance was not payable. The HSU does not believe that staff were not required to wear uniforms before May.

The stakes are high for this allowance. The HSU has estimated that the total claim may be worth more than \$1 million. Remember that you must be a member to be involved!

The HSU also brought up issues that members are experiencing with other allowances contained in the Award including:

- Meal allowance for staff working overtime at the end of their shifts;
- Meal allowance for staff travelling more than 100kms during a shift; and
- Minimum payments for pharmacy staff working overtime shifts;

We will continue to work with members and the LHD to have these issues resolved. In the meantime, if you know someone who wears a uniform and is not being paid a laundry allowance, tell them to join the HSU and get involved in the claim. They can join by visiting www.hsu.asn.au/join, or by calling 1300 478 679.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD