

Poverty in the Hunter Rally

Dear Member,

The HSU possesses very strong community values by virtue of what we do in our day to day lives. The Union represents low paid workers in health, aged care and disability support across NSW, ACT and QLD. As health workers, we know what it is to help others, and we know what it's like to need help ourselves.

On **Thursday 18th October**, Hunter Workers are holding a rally at Civic Park, Newcastle West to highlight poverty in the Hunter.

One week is set aside nationally to highlight the blight of poverty on our communities. Many HSU members provide care for and assist these people on a daily basis. In the lead up to Anti-Poverty Week, we are presented with the opportunity to reach out and start a conversation with our community. The reality is that too many members of our society struggle on a daily basis. The reality that poverty exists, and without us doing something, it will continue to grow.

By focusing on our similarities and not our differences will we be able to tackle the inequities in the system that lead to working people experiencing poverty. We all know someone worse off.

Unity across our communities is essential in identifying and highlighting our common experience – unity in our efforts to combat the root causes and providing the solutions so that all in our communities can plan for a dignified and prosperous future.

The HSU urges members who are available to attend and support the rally. Bring your families and encourage your neighbours and friends to attend. Together, we are stronger!

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD