

Northern Beaches Hospital Update

Dear Member,

This week marked a year since the opening of Northern Beaches Hospital.

Since the hospital started operation, there have been numerous problems in the delivery of patient care and in the treatment of staff.

And there is a battle ahead of us as we count down to the second anniversary.

As many of you are aware, the working conditions of transferred public health workers will expire if and when a new agreement is reached. We know that Healthscope is keen to undermine those conditions.

These conditions are the result of decades of workers fighting for what is fair. We must now begin organising for the fight ahead in order to ensure these conditions are protected and extended into the new agreement.

I want to acknowledge the incredible work of members and local delegates who have stood together in unity and ensured the union structures of Manly and Mona Vale have remained strong. These local delegates have been responsible for not only resolving issues, but also growing the power of the union at the Hospital.

To all our new members who have joined under Healthscope: we will be fighting to deliver the same pay and conditions your colleagues from the public system are currently entitled to.

If your colleagues are not yet members of the Health Services Union, I urge you to ask them to join and inform them how unions drive positive change in the workplace. New members can join at www.hsu.asn.au/join or by calling the Union on 1300 478 679.

If you wish to be active in organising your workplace or if you have questions about the process, please contact your Organiser Patrick Craven at patrick.craven@hsu.asn.au.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
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