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Campaign Update #2

Since our last update, HACSU has been continuing to press for the start of negotiations for a new Wages and Conditions Agreement, as discussed at Membership Meetings. There has been a frustrating series of delays, with the industry body, Aged & Community Services Tasmania (ACST), initially advising that they were awaiting advice from their IR representatives, the TCCI.

Over the past few weeks, it has appeared at times that there may be some movement, with representatives of ACST informing HACSU they expect to be able to advise on progress shortly. Most recently, HACSU had been advised that we could expect a response this week; we have now been advised that the process will be delayed for one further week.

HACSU is concerned that members are becoming frustrated with the lack of progress, particularly given the tremendous turn out at our recent State wide Aged Care Meetings. It is intended to continue to seek discussions with ACST, to discuss Wages and Conditions for Aged Care Workers in Tasmania.

There will be a further bulletin soon, to advise members of progress.

In the meantime, Campaign Supporters across the State have been sent Supporters' Packs, seeking supporters' help with two vital tasks: firstly, to discuss the issues with members at their worksite, to be sure HACSU is taking into account all the members' concerns in relation to their claim; and secondly, updating current membership details.

The response from members has generally been fantastic. Despite the tight initial time-frame, a number of ideas and suggestions have been discussed at worksite meetings and forwarded on to HACSU, along with updated member contact details. Some worksites have yet to respond, and the good news is that the delayed start to negotiations means that there is still time to return updated details for your worksite, and members views on what we need in the Agreement, to HACSU.

If you want to get more involved, be included on the mailing list or lend a hand during the campaign, HACSU would be keen to hear from you. The way you can do this is simple. Contact the HACSU Helpline on 1300 88 00 32.

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