

My name is Jesse Hooper, and I am standing for re-election as President of the AASW Victorian Branch.

Since November 2024, I have led the re-formation of the Branch Management Committee. Engaging with Victorian social workers has been a core priority in my first term, finding diverse and new opportunities for you to connect with your Branch, and Victoria's social work community. I coordinated the establishment of our branch's sub-committees, and supported the creation of three new practice groups; bringing us to eight, more than any other branch. The Branch Management Committee have run six in-person events across inner and outer Melbourne at low or no cost, returned the budget in surplus, and delivered *Many Voices, One Profession*, a statewide forum of 150 members across 13+ domains of social work. I have rebuilt relationships with key stakeholders including universities and Primary Health Networks, and amplified members' voices to preserve the unique role social workers have in workplaces and communities.

Should you chose to elect me, I will take events to rural and regional Victoria, make sure our work is driven by members rather than decided for them, and fight for the autonomy and resources a thriving branch needs.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at: jesse@petrichorpsychotherapy.au