

ASPA AGM 2025

Agenda and President's Report



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ASPA AGM Agenda

- Opening
 - Acknowledgement of Country
 - Welcome members present
 - Confirmation of quorum
- Reports
 - President's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - AJSI report
- Election of Management Committee and Office Bearers
- General business
 - Questions from members
 - AOB



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President's Report

- Operations and governance
- Membership, events and networks
- Communications and engagement
- Strategy and planning



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Operations and governance

- New website www.aspa.org.au and membership portal (giving access to AJSI)
- Regular Management Committee meetings
- Three wonderful volunteers: Jack McDermott; Calista Castles; and Olivia Halls
- Key records and policies developed (Privacy Policy & Procedures; Data Breach Policy & Response Procedures; Volunteer Policy)



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Membership, events and network

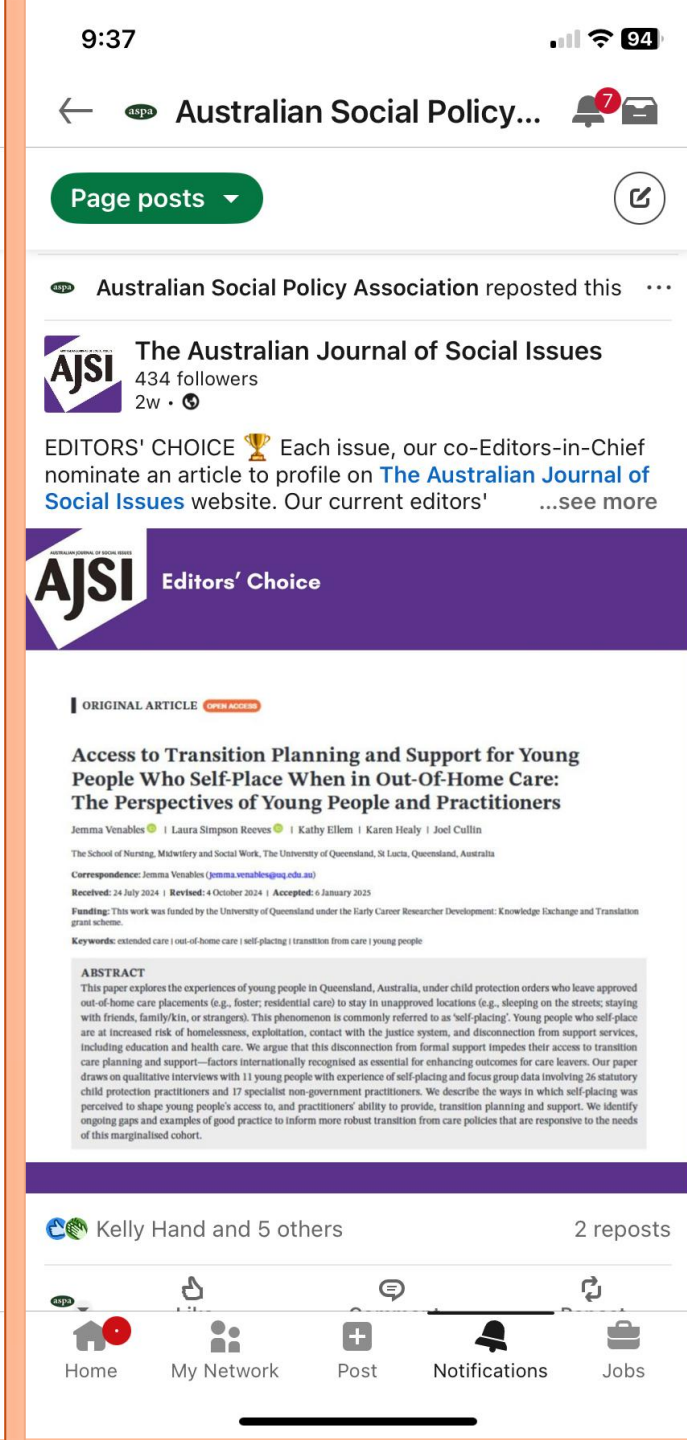
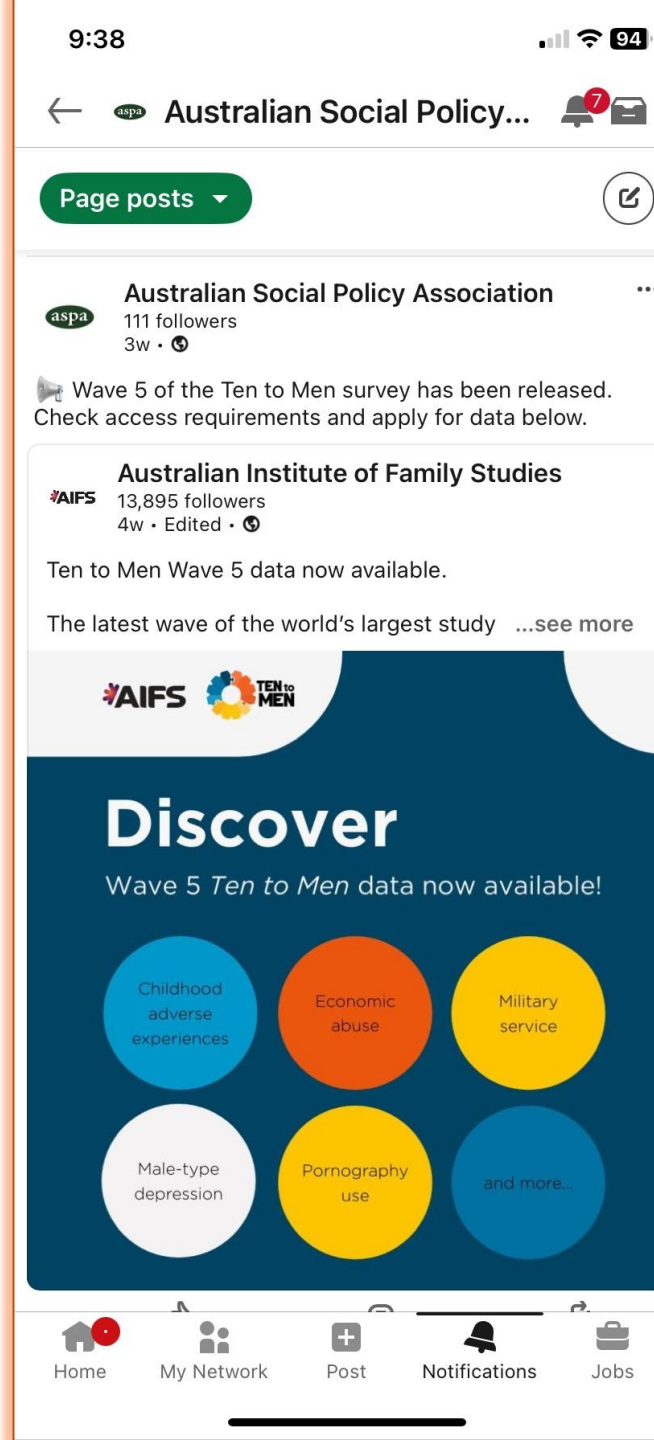
- Growth in membership – MC approved 70+ members in 2025
- HDR Conference 2025
- Henderson event in partnership with UNSW SPRC
- SPA UK meeting
- 2026 ASPC with UQ



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Communications and engagement

- Membership survey
- Social Media
- HDR network
- Newsletter plans



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Strategy and planning

- Refreshed strategy, following membership survey
- Development goals for 2025-26



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Vision, Purpose & Objectives



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Vision: A vibrant community of social policy researchers, educators, practitioners and policymakers

Purpose: To strengthen the field of social policy in Australia and foster collaboration both nationally and internationally

Objectives:

- **Support and promote work in social policy**—including research, teaching, and practice—across universities, government, and community organisations.
- **Create a space for sharing ideas and information** about social policy, both within Australia and internationally.
- **Encourage and support postgraduate students** who are doing research in social policy.
- **Build connections with other organisations** in Australia and overseas that are interested in social policy issues.

Development goals 2025-2026

1. Improve ASPA's value proposition (by building activities and networks that align with members' interests)
2. Grow and diversify membership
3. Improve communication with and between members
4. Consolidate organisational and financial stability



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