

# AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**“Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over the determinants of health and thereby improve their health.”**  
(World Health Organization, Ottawa Charter 1986).

## VISION

A healthy, equitable Australia.

## PURPOSE

Leadership, advocacy and workforce development for health promotion practice, research, evaluation and policy.

## OUR PRINCIPLES

To achieve AHPA’s vision and purpose the Board and members commit to:

### → ETHICAL PRACTICE

Supporting culturally informed, participatory, respectful, and safe practice.

### → HEALTH EQUITY

Addressing the sociocultural, economic, political, commercial and ecological determinants of health in order to build health equity.

### → INNOVATIVE + EVIDENCE INFORMED APPROACHES

Promoting and supporting evidence informed research, policy and practice.

### → COLLABORATION

Working in partnership with other organisations to improve health and wellbeing.

## OUR STRATEGY

1. Promote the health promotion profession and our members
2. Advocate for health promotion
3. Build the professional capacity of AHPA members
4. Support career pathways in health promotion
5. Promote equity, diversity and inclusion
6. Provide responsible and sustainable governance and management

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Come what come may. Time and the hour  
runs through the roughest day.  
(Shakespeare's Macbeth)

At AHPA, we started the year with a message to members: *Be Informed, Be Prepared, Be Smart, Be Safe, Be Supportive, Be Careful, Be Alert, Be Kind*. These words were our touchstone throughout the year as individuals and as an Association.

Because 2020 was a tough year for our members and constituents, for our partners and our communities. We became preoccupied with finding ways to stay spatially distant while remaining socially connected. We watched and lived through the real and urgent impacts of climate change. We found new words and phrases to share—pivot, agile, abundance of caution, flatten the curve, the new normal, you're on mute. We fetishised toilet paper, breadmaking and hand sanitiser. We participated in social movements, cautiously and often from behind a keyboard. We counted down a vaccine. We re-joined book club and exhausted Netflix offerings. We became tribal, within and across country borders. We donated and advocated. We counted our lucky stars. Epidemiologists, Chief Health Officers and Premiers became rockstars (well some did anyway). We Zoomed ourselves silly. We lectured to dead air online. We changed our entire mode of service delivery overnight. We signed up to a bewildering array of online professional development events and tried to convince ourselves we liked it just as much as face to face. We wore tracksuits. We enthusiastically bought into dolphins returning to the canals of Venice. We decided maybe TikTok could be for us. We commiserated, grieved and celebrated – together at a distance. We put our plans on hold.

Faith in science and justice had never been more important and more under attack. Fingers were pointed, breakthroughs achieved and opportunities lost and gained. In the wash up there were and continue to be many lessons to learn. We wondered about our health promotion contribution in a pandemic. We returned to our roots – health literacy, a focus on equity, social justice, evidence informed practice – as the impacts of the year made gaping wounds out of previous gaps in health and social outcomes within and between our communities.

And hard as it was, 2020 was also a year of great importance for the Association, marking 30 years of representing the health promotion profession and discipline in Australia. This milestone provided us an opportunity to reflect on our shared history, navigate the challenges that 2020 presented, while looking ever forward with our new strategic plan providing the basis for us to write the next chapter of the Association's story together. Because the health promotion fraternity is a wonderful thing. For many the discipline and profession have offered great purpose and vocation. Whilst it may be that many of us were left searching for purpose in 2020, it is also the case that we were galvanised by our membership of the health promotion community, its drive and wisdom, and collective pursuit of a healthy equitable world. So, despite the uncertainty, it was another busy year and our achievements as outlined against our strategic priorities demonstrate significant output relative to resources.

Throughout all the ups and downs, we remained steadfastly committed to our purpose: *Leadership, advocacy and workforce development for health promotion practice, research, evaluation and policy.*

As I have frequently remarked, the amount and scope of work required to achieve our strategic directions is considerable and often challenging to sustain. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge members, supporters, partners, committees, Branches (particularly Branch Presidents) and the 2020-2021 AHPA Board. The Board has a responsibility to ensure AHPA is a sustainable organisation and able to effectively represent, promote and build the health promotion profession and advocate for good health. As always, my deepest appreciation to this dedicated group of stewards for the Association and for health promotion as a profession and discipline. Along with our members and supporters, you carefully and thoughtfully take up the mantle as custodians of our collective history and champions of our collective future. You are friends, mentors and trusted colleagues committed to furthering the work of AHPA. You continue to create a forum for courageous conversation making often tiring and challenging work and decisions easier. The Board is responsible not only for AHPA's strategic directions but also for operationalising many of these directions. In many organisations, this could be the death of innovation. Because if you have the bright idea, in all likelihood you will also be the one driving the innovation. But, to their credit, this is not a group to shy away from hard conversations, hard thinking or hard work. It is a group of big brains and big hearts. They are charting the course, scouting ahead, and making the future path for our profession just that little bit easier.

I would like to thank all those who continue to help us grow an effective and thriving organisation. AHPA benefits from the many hours, weeks, months, years and in some cases decades you have spent fanning the sparks of ideas into the flames of progress. What a privilege it is to be able to count such individuals as peers, colleagues and even friends. Your work spurs us on -to do more, to do better.

You all reaffirm to me the rightness of our task and of the discipline that we have chosen and show me what we can achieve when working together towards a shared vision. I am grateful beyond measure.



**DR GEMMA CRAWFORD**  
President

*We acknowledge the continuing cultures and knowledges of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who are the original custodians of the land now known as Australia. We commit to working in collaboration with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members, their communities, and workplaces in a culturally secure and respectful way. We honour the knowledges held by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues and will be guided by their ongoing connections to Country as we do our work."*

# OUR BOARD

## EXECUTIVE



**DR GEMMA  
CRAWFORD**

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Senior Teaching and Research Academic - Health Promotion + Public Health, Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin School of Population Health, Curtin University; Director, FoxPollard. **AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL):** Director (2010-); National President (2013-); Member, WA Branch- Strategic Advisory Group (2014-); President/Co-President, WA Branch (2010-2014); Treasurer, WA Branch (2005-2008). **SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** National President; Chair, National Events Committee; Chair, Executive & Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee; Advocacy Activities; AHPA representative, National Population Health Congress Advisory Committee; Chair, Composition Working Group; Chair Leadership and Governance Training Program Working Group.



**MICHELE  
HERRIOT**

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Director, Michele Herriot Health Promotion Consulting; Director Arthritis Foundation SA. **AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL):** Acting President (Dec 2018 - April 2019); Director (2013-); National Vice-President (2013-); Member- SA Branch Committee (2008-09). **SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** National Co-Vice President; Chair, Branch Presidents' Committee; Chair, Mentoring Committee; Advocacy Activities.



**DAVID  
DUNCAN**

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Student Health Coordinator, University of the Sunshine Coast. **AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL):** Director (2012-); National Treasurer (2014-). **SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** National Treasurer



**DR MARGUERITE  
SENDALL**

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Academic QUT. **AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL):** Acting and Co-Vice President (Dec 2018 -April 2021); Director (2015-2021); Member, Queensland Branch Committee (2007 - 2015); **SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** Co-Vice President, AHPA representative, PHAA conference Perth 2021, AHPA representative, IUHPE, Montreal 2022, AHPA representative, IUHPE South West, advocacy activities.



**MELINDA  
EDMUNDS**

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Senior Coordinator, Public Health Advocacy Institute, Curtin School of Population Health, Curtin University. **AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL):** Acting Co-Vice President (Dec 2018- April 2019); Director (2016-); National Secretary (July 2018-); National Co-Secretary (June 2017 - June 2018); President - WA Branch Committee (2014-2016); Member, Branch Presidents' Working Group (2014-2016); Co-Vice President, WA Branch Committee (2014). **SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** National Secretary; Advocacy Activities.



**JENNY  
PHILIP-HARBUTT**

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Advisor - Community Engagement and Service Development, Anangu Lands Partnership; Department of Education and Child Development (SA). **AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL):** Director (2012-2015; July 2016-); Company Secretary (2013-2015, Sept 2016-). **SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** AHPA Company Secretary; Chair, AHPA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group.

# OUR BOARD

## BOARD MEMBERS



**DR DIMITRI  
BATRAS**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Principal Consultant - Attained Success Consulting (Vic). AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (2014-); Member, Vic Branch Committee (2007).



**DR KRYSTEN  
BLACKFORD**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Lecturer, Curtin School of Population Health, Curtin University. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (July 2018-). SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Chair, Health Promotion Ethics Project Working Group; HPJA Digital Strategy Coordinator.



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
MICHELLE DICKSON**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Program Director of Indigenous Health Promotion, Sydney School of Public Health, University of Sydney. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (2019-); Secretary, NSW Branch Committee (2017-2019); Vice-President NSW Branch Committee (2021-)



**ANDREW  
JONES-ROBERTS**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Manager - Project Management Office, Melbourne City Mission; Consultant - Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (2009-); President, Vic Branch Committee (2009-2013) SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Chair, Management Committee, National Accreditation Organisation; Chair, Appeals & Complaints, National Accreditation Organisation.



**DR JUSTINE  
LEAVY**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Lecturer and Discipline Lead, Health Promotion and Sexology, Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin School of Population Health, Curtin University. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (2013-). SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Chair, Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation Committee, AHPA representative, National Population Health Congress Advisory Committee



**DR FREYA  
MACMILLAN**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Lecturer Interprofessional Health Sciences, Western Sydney University AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (July 2020-current); Member, NSW/ACT Branch Committee (2016-2021); Co-President, NSW/ACT Branch Committee (2020-2021)



**LAUREN  
NIMMO**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Manager - Health Promotion and Research, Royal Life Saving Society WA. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (July 2018-). SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Chair - Membership and Communications Committee.

# OUR BOARD

## BOARD MEMBERS CONT.



**ISABEL  
ROSS**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Mental Health Promotion Coordinator for WA Country Health Service – Midwest. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Member, WA Branch Committee (2011-2012); Director (2019-).



**LUCY  
WICKHAM**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Strategic Lead, Programs and Policy, Cancer Council Victoria AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (July 2020-); Member, Vic/Tas Branch (February 2016 – March 2018); Treasurer, Vic/Tas Branch (March 2018– June 2021) SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Deputy Chair, Registration Sub-Committee (National Accreditation Organisation)



**DR DEAN  
WHITEHEAD**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Lecturer, University of Tasmania AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (July 2020-). SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Deputy Chair – Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation Committee



*COVID-19 changed a lot of plans in 2020 including the annual Board 'face to face' strategic planning session. The Board participated in four online sessions in lieu of catching up in person. Albeit productive, we did miss the regular meeting.*

# 2020 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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## GOVERNANCE

2020 saw the first year of the AHPA strategic plan implemented. The Board agreed to a new model of delivery of national activity for 2020–2024 involving a series of work plans for each Board committee that underpin one overarching Strategic Plan. The Board and branches developed detailed work plans to narrow the scope of our focus against our strategic priorities. At the national level, this included a greater focus on the health promotion workforce.

Most of our activity in 2020 centred on celebrating 30 years of the Association through virtual issues of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia, 30 under 30 awards, an annual lecture, social media posts and e-news articles. The Board increased its communication with members throughout the pandemic, escalating the frequency of our e-news bulletins which were co-authored by Board Directors and members. The Association also offered discounts to members and recognised long serving members. In addition, we implemented a hardship policy for members affected by the pandemic.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Board met online for several workshops over a number of weeks, rather than the usual annual two-day face to face meeting, but which were nonetheless very productive. The Board also engaged consultant support to undertake a range of tasks around membership, communications and processes. This led to identification of opportunities to streamline communication and governance including migration to Microsoft 365 and MS Teams and improvements to the website. In addition, the Board established a time limited working group to examine the Association's structure (particularly the Board and Branches) to optimise the strategic and operational activities of the Association, ensure continuity of corporate history and reduce burnout of volunteers.

The Board meets monthly as does the Executive Financial and Risk Management Committee. We are ably supported in administration and financial management by NFPAS and our website is supported by Technology Matters. In 2020, the Board resolved to migrate away from current platforms of Zoom for communication and BoardEffect for storing key documents and managing meeting agendas to reduce costs (see above). The Board adheres to our governance calendar to mitigate any risks to the Association. Utilising our annual budget, we consider appropriate activities in line with our Strategic and Operational Plans. This ensures the Association meets the needs of our members whilst being financially sound. Despite many hardships and reduced income from membership and events, the Association remains solvent and achieved a surplus for the 2020 year.

## ADVOCACY + PARTNERSHIPS

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- Submissions and attendance at workshops related to the National Preventive Health Strategy and associated advocacy to state and federal politicians about workforce investment
- Supporting a range of climate and health initiatives, particularly with CAHA
- Supporting alcohol policy advocacy and activities including stopping new Dan Murphys, alcohol delivery, online alcohol sales and pregnancy warning labels
- Supporting a range of initiatives led by the Global Center for Good Governance in Tobacco Control
- Supporting the work of the Australian Gun Safety Alliance including representation at the Tribunal on the WA Police Firearms Licensing branch review of firearms available in WA and contribution to Australian Gun Safety Alliance submission on Consultation on NSW Firearms Regulation Amendments
- Participation in the Joint COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee
- Supporting paid COVID-19 leave for casual workers
- Submission on the Australian Water Safety Strategy
- Signed the #HealthyRecovery letter regarding the pandemic sent to G20 Heads of State
- Participated in a consultation on the primary prevention of violence against women workforce
- Joined the Raise the Rate Campaign
- Contributions to a Croakey article on university funding changes
- Open Letter to Minister Greg Hunt calling for the reconsideration and exemption to the temporary COVID-19 related MBS item numbers
- Signed on to the Call for Action for the Australian Government to take action to ensure that emergency planning for infants is better developed
- Submission to the Senate Committee Inquiry on Tobacco Harm Reduction
- Participated in the Real Urgent Now Climate Communication project with CAHA

## HEALTH PROMOTION LEARNING AND TEACHING

AHPA members with an interest in learning and teaching in health promotion, and course coordinators from Australian universities offering health promotion courses were invited to join the national Health Promotion Learning and Teaching Community of Practice (CoP) in 2020. The aim of the CoP is to share ideas, resources, and expertise relating to health promotion courses and accreditation. The CoP met bi-monthly and discussed several potential outcomes, including professional development events focusing on learning and teaching in health promotion; scholarship of learning and teaching project collaborations; support for course accreditation; and newsletters to AHPA members.

## HEALTH PROMOTION PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION

During 2020 our Association has led the ongoing development and implementation of the only accreditation system in Australia that offers health promotion practitioners an opportunity to be registered. Through registration, practitioners can demonstrate to current and future employers that they are competent across a set of internationally recognised domains of practice. The Australian RHPP Register is available on the AHPA website and our RHPP are included in the IUHPE Health Promotion Accreditation System Global Register on the IUHPE website.

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Key achievements during 2020:

- We continue to have the highest number of RHPP in the world!
- Marketing, presentations and workshops included:
  - University lecturers participating in the AHPA Community of Practice were provided with a 'Becoming a Registered Health Promotion Practitioner' power point to promote registration to graduates of accredited courses.
  - Regular updates were provided on the AHPA website and via the AHPA national newsletter.
  - Regular meetings were attended with AHPA Branch Presidents to develop marketing strategies.
- Our online application system was enhanced to improve the automated responses sent to applicants during the application process and to support the uploading of documents during the re-registration process.
- The NAO committee structure was modified. The Assessment Sub-Committee was merged with the Continuing Professional Development Sub-Committee to create a new Registration Sub-Committee. This committee is responsible for assessing applications from people registering for the first time and those who are re-registering after their 3-year period of registration expires.
- Three Australian NAO representatives joined the IUHPE Accreditation System Action Group that supports the improvement and expansion of the System. The Group is supporting countries to establish NAOs including New Zealand, Canada, Fiji and Israel. The review of the System handbook and the Assessor handbook was completed and both documents were updated and published. A marketing plan was produced to increase the number of universities that are IUHPE accredited, increase the number of countries with a NAO and increase the number of Registered Health Promotion Practitioners across the world.

## AWARDS

The Association is committed to recognising great health promotion contributors through a range of awards.

In 2020, we were pleased to award two life memberships. **Life Membership** of the Association is awarded to members who have given outstanding and distinguished service to the Association and to health promotion in Australia. Recipients of this award will have been members of the Association for 10 years or more. Our seventh and eighth recipients were **Professor Jenni Judd** and **Dr Gemma Crawford** for their sustained service to the Association across many years.



The **Glen Paley Memorial Award** was established to recognise individual achievement within the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®), contributing to its mission of "A healthy equitable Australia". The Award provides an opportunity to recognise the valuable contribution and commitment of our Board and Branch Committee members, to the operation of the Association and its membership. In 2020, the Glen Paley Award was presented to **Tia Lockwood** and **Lucy Wickham** for their significant contributions to professionalising health promotion and work with the National Accreditation Organisation.



The **Ray James Memorial Award** for excellence and innovation in health promotion research published in the Health Promotion Journal of Australia was presented to **Dr Emma Heard** and co-authors **Ellen Oost, Lisa McDaid, Allyson Mutch, Judith Dean, and Lisa Fitzgerald** for their paper entitled 'How can HIV/STI testing services be more accessible and acceptable for gender and sexually diverse young people?: A brief report exploring young people's perspectives in Queensland.'

We were also pleased to award a Highly Commended for the 2020 Ray James Memorial Award to **Nicola Wiseman** lead author for the paper entitled 'It's like you are in the jungle: Using the draw-and-tell method to explore preschool children's play preferences and factors that shape their active play'. Congratulations to Nicola and co-authors Christin Rossmann, Jessica Lee and Neil Harris.



The **Professor Chris Rissel Reviewer Award** recognises the contribution peer reviewers make to the Health Promotion Journal of Australia (HPJA). The award is assessed on number of reviews completed in a calendar year; timeliness of review; clarity of review; helpfulness to the author(s); agreement to re-review; and a current financial member of AHPA. This year's award went to **Dr Himanshu Gupta** from the Northern Territory.

## COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Throughout 2020 AHPA had a big focus on increasing our communication and engagement with members. This commitment was assisted by the Board's decision to contract Sarah French to provide us with communications and membership support, supplementing that provided by Branches and the Board.

Much of our activity centred on the celebration of 30 years of the Association. An AHPA 30 Years logo was developed and widely used. Nearly 120 individuals and 14 organisations who have been members for over 10 years were recognised for their longstanding commitment to AHPA. The President noted: *We would like to recognise your commitment to AHPA and its vision and to the vital role of health promotion – the profession, the discipline and the workforce to the public's health. It is not easy to pledge oneself to something for so long. Indeed, with all the challenges and all the uncertainty it would be easy to be a fair-weather friend to the Association. But you remain, steadfast. Our members are the force that drive our Association and play an important role in our history as well as our future.*



AHPA 30 year logo developed to recognise the milestone

We invited nominations of AHPA members under 30 years of age who have made a significant contribution to the sector and to AHPA. There were many inspiring submissions, and the successful nominees were recognised early in 2021.

A list of key events over the 30 years of AHPA was prepared beginning with the original name of the Australian Association of Health Promotion Professionals (AAHPP) in 1990 through multiple Fellows and Life Member awards, Presidents, Editors and Editorial teams, conferences, the establishment of AHPA as a Company Limited by Guarantee and the launch of the Glen Paley award and most recently the Suzanne Gleeson award for professional development. Our year culminated in our December Webinar and the announcement of the new Thinker in Residence.

The Board increased its communication with members throughout the year, escalating the frequency of our e-news which were co-authored by Board Directors and members and led by the President. COVID-19 was a major theme of our communications. COVID-19 related e-news topics included:

- COVID-19 and the implications of changes to the natural environment for new infections
- Vulnerability and the power of privilege in a pandemic
- COVID-19 public health technical response and your questions answered
- Physical activity beyond COVID-19
- Thank you to the Public Health Sector
- Protecting mental (and physical) health during COVID-19

## COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP CONT.

AHPA specific information was also included in e-news bulletins including information on the Online journal club, HPJA Journal updates including the 30 year Virtual Issue, the launch of a new Community of Practice on University Learning and Teaching, Volunteer Week, Reconciliation Week and the Black Lives Matter statement. The opening rate of the e-news was pleasing at over 50%. AHPA has continued to use Twitter as a medium to share activities with our members. In 2020 there were: • 596 new followers • 147,762 tweet impressions • 225 link clicks • 351 retweets.

Work on a Communication Plan progressed identifying current and potential audiences, communication channels, key messages, draft operational guidelines and processes and this will be finalised in 2021. New brand guidelines were drafted and Sarah completed a review of the website noting areas for further development. Communication strategies to promote and encourage Health Promotion Practitioner Registration were progressed.

Membership attraction and retention is important to us. Work was undertaken to better understand membership patterns with a view to better tailoring our response. A Membership Plan has been developed and will be progressed during 2021.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS

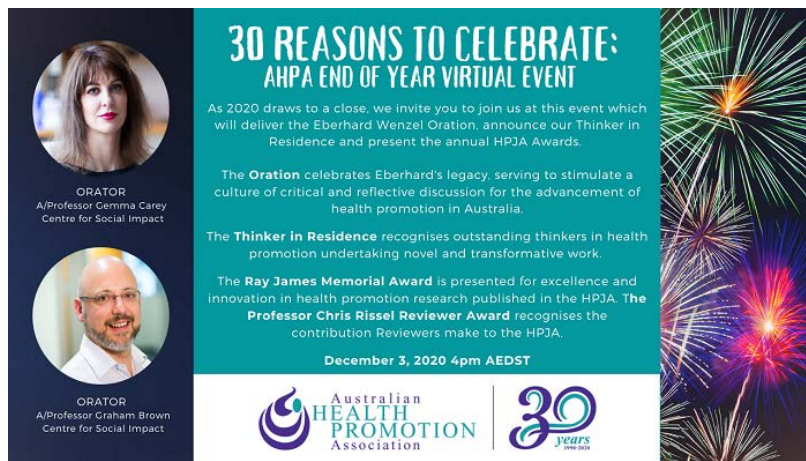
The Association conducted a range of well attended professional development events throughout the year even though we had to cancel several events due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Association supported the delivery of the **2020 Prevention Conference**, planning for the **IUHPE 2022 Conference** and the **2022 Population Health Congress**.

At our **2020 AGM**, we were fortunate to have inaugural AHPA President and **Life Member Adjunct Professor Trevor Shilton** present our lecture celebrating 30 years of the Association and its contribution to health promotion. If you missed it, the presentation is available on [our website](#).

The **Eberhard Wenzel Memorial Oration** was established by AHPA after the death of Dr Eberhard Wenzel in September 2001. Through this oration, AHPA hopes to stimulate a culture of critical and reflective discussion for the advancement of health promotion in Australia. **Professor Gemma Carey** and **Associate Professor Graham Brown**, Centre for Social Impact UNSW co-presented the 2020 oration. Harnessing the brief, their lecture titled 'Does context need to intervene in health promotion?' addressed health inequalities – from communities through to government.

Challenging some of the ways health promotion conceptualises its place in various spheres in which action is needed to reduce social and health inequalities they both provided the catalyst for a robust and continued dialogue amongst health promotion practitioners, researchers and policy makers.



We also delivered a webinar in partnership with CAHA, **Mental health promotion in a climate impacted Australia**. The event was well attended with around 50 registrations. The event aimed to showcase health promotion research and thinking on the link between climate change, mental health and nature and support a timely conversation among AHPA and CAHA members and friends about ecological determinants of health and nature as a setting for health promotion and climate action. Stimulating presentations were delivered by **Dr Rebecca Patrick** (Co-lead Health, Nature, Sustainability research group at Deakin University, President CAHA), **Georgia Langmaid** (Health promotion practitioner and recent Honours graduate) and **Dr Carol Ride** (Executive Director, Psychologists for a Safe Climate) with comments from **Dr Gemma Crawford** (AHPA President) and **Fiona Armstrong** (CAHA Executive Director).



The **National Accreditation Organisation** ran a national webcast attended by approximately 50 people along with three 'Just write it' videoconference sessions to encourage and support people to complete their practitioner registration applications.



The REET Committee called for AHPA members to form the **Online Journal Club** Working Group. In total three OJCs were delivered in May, August and October, at different times of the day and on different days. In partnership with the OJC, the Health Promotion Ethics Project (HPEP) Working Group hosted two webinars presented by **HPEP member A/Prof Jane Taylor** and **former AHPA President and Life Member Lily O'Hara** on critical health promotion practice. The OJC was well attended throughout the year and a great PD event for members. Full details of the OJC can be read in our [Editorial](#).

In developing our new strategic plan, we recognised a gap for our mid-career researchers in their leadership and governance capabilities. To that end, we established a working group to develop a professional development program to build these capabilities. The program is expected to get underway in late 2021.

## MENTORING

The AHPA national mentoring program took a new approach in 2020. Prompted by the strong demand from mentees and the challenge of finding sufficient mentors and informed by a review paper prepared by Isabel Ross, the Board agreed to trial the use of group mentoring in 2020.

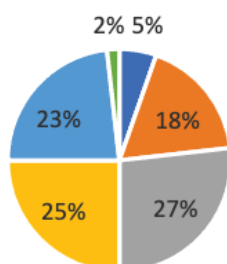
Applications were invited in October 2020 with 56 applications for mentees (compared with 38 in 2019) and 23 mentors identified. This was a huge response and our original intention to hold just a couple of groups was overthrown with seven groups established covering 29 mentees and a further 10 people were allocated individual mentors.

The group program provides greater networking options, diversity in thinking and practice, generates a sense of belonging and allows mentees to support each other. Being a mentee and a mentor requires a commitment to the other person in terms of time (1-2 hours per month for 6 months) and energy (e.g. developing a plan, being prepared for meetings, identifying contacts or resources).

The Mentoring Handbook was updated to include information on group mentoring and several email updates were sent to mentoring partnerships. A full evaluation will be undertaken to inform future directions. We know not all matches are successful, for a variety of reasons but others last several years and lead to long standing connections, rewarding to both.

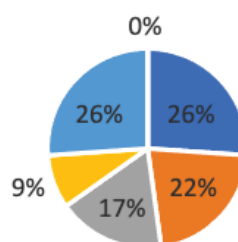
*The figure below shows the home state of the mentees with the largest proportion (27%) coming from the VIC/TAS Branch.*

**Mentees' State of Residence (%)**



*The figure below shows SA and WA were home to both 50% of the 2020 mentors.*

**Mentors' State of Residence (%)**



■ SA ■ NSW/ACT ■ VIC/TAS ■ QLD ■ WA ■ NT

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## RECONCILIATION AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PROMOTION

The AHPA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander committee continued to work towards developing an AHPA national Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), working with feedback from Reconciliation Australia. We are committed to creating an engaging, authentic and sustainable Reconciliation Action Plan and recognise that such important business takes time. Over the next year we will continue to seek input, ideas, and feedback from Reconciliation Australia, our membership, our Board and our partners to ensure a quality outcome. Part of that process will involve circulating an expression of interest through networks to source an Aboriginal and Torres Strait artist who will work with us to create a piece of art that will help communicate the intentions set through our Reconciliation Action Plan.

The AHPA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander committee updated the AHPA Acknowledgement of Country and finalised a Protocols document to inform appropriate language use and communication practices. An important focus for the committee is to build up our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander membership, our collaborations and our partnerships. We will continue to work with the Board and other Board committees to ensure we are increasing opportunities for all of our stakeholders and continue to make changes to health promotion policy, research and practice that respectfully engages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing.

## RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND EVIDENCE TRANSLATION

AHPA has been providing national leadership, advocacy and support for health promotion action in practice, research, evaluation and policy over the past 30 years. To celebrate this important milestone, the Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation (REET) Committee and the Editorial Team of the HPJA joined forces to bring together a bumper sixth Virtual Issue of the HPJA that celebrated the contributions made by Life Members and Fellows of AHPA over the past three decades. Please find the link [here](#).

In December, we announced the second **AHPA Thinker in Residence**. The appointment recognises outstanding thinkers who are undertaking novel and transformative work that has the potential to profoundly impact on a broad area of practice and/or policy for health promotion. **Dr Kalinda Griffiths** accepted our invitation to be the 2021 Thinker in Residence. We look forward to her contribution of bright adventurous ideas that will focus on contemporary, complex challenges, recognised as important to the future of the health promotion profession locally and internationally.

To advance ethical health promotion practice in Australia, REET oversees the HPEP. Organisational and individual practitioner perspectives were sought during the initial stage of the project to: 1) explore the role of ethical practice within government and community-based organisations; 2) identify barriers to ethical practice; and 3) determine processes and resources to support ethical practice. Findings suggested the need for an ethical health promotion practice framework and resources for practitioners and organisations throughout Australia.

## RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND EVIDENCE TRANSLATION CONT.

The HPEP Working Group commenced work on the proposed ethics framework in 2020 comprising two pillars: 1) developing critical practice; and 2) building the evidence-base for health promotion. Building the critical practice capacity of practitioners via training, resources and additional supports is key to enhancing ethical practice throughout Australia. In order to build the evidence base, creating and/or brokering access to an ethics oversight mechanism that is sensitive to health promotion context is vital.

AHPA members are encouraged to keep an eye out for HPEP updates on both pillars of the proposed ethics framework throughout 2021.

The HPJA has continued to grow and expand throughout 2020, despite COVID-19 disruptions. The HPJA is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes high-quality research and critical perspectives from researchers, decision makers, and practitioners that contribute to improving knowledge and evidence for health promotion action across Australasia.

The HPJA Editorial Team, REET Committee and Wiley have continued to work collaboratively to implement the HPJA four-year Strategic Plan throughout 2020. Key achievements consistent with the Strategic Plan are listed below.

The 2020 Impact Factor is 1.476. This represents an increase from the 2019 Impact Factor of 1.333, maintaining HPJA's reputation as a highly reputable national and global leader in the publication of contemporary peer-reviewed health promotion scholarship.

There was a total of 262 new submissions to HPJA in 2020. This is unprecedented and reflects a significant jump from 172 submissions in 2019, representing a 48.9% increase in submission in one year. Growth in submissions is very positive, demonstrating that authors consider the journal to be a high-quality destination for their papers. Not surprisingly, there was a parallel increase in reviewer invitations from 1,023 in 2019 to 1,527 in 2020. This reflects both an increased number of the submissions (i.e. greater demand for reviews) and an increased difficulty in obtaining reviews (i.e. a decrease in acceptances among potential reviewers). Nevertheless, 547 voluntary peer reviews were completed, which reflects an increase from both 2018 and 2019. We trust that incentives such as the Professor Chris Rissel Reviewer Award, offering CPD points for health promotion practitioner registration, and facilitating writing and reviewing for publication workshops helps to sustain, and perhaps even increase, reviewer interest.

The median time for review completion is 16 days. This is down considerably from 2018 (22 days) and 2019 (19 days) figures. The median time for an initial decision decreased by 21 days from 73 days in 2019, to 52 days in 2020. The median time for a final decision decreased by 14 days from 115 in 2019 to 101 in 2019. This reflects a commitment by the Editorial Team and publisher to identify and implement strategies aimed at decreasing these timeframes throughout 2020 and beyond.

The 2020 acceptance rate was 48.8%. This is exactly the same as it was for 2019. This means just under half of the submissions we currently receive are published.

The average number of days from acceptance to publication in early view format in 2020 was 21 days. This represented a decrease of 11 days from 32 days noted in 2019. This decrease is largely due to streamlined publication processes introduced by Wiley.

## RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND EVIDENCE TRANSLATION CONT.

The global reach of the journal has continued to increase from 2019 to 2020, with 24% of downloads now emanating from the US, United Kingdom and Canada. Indeed, more than half (53%) of downloads now occur outside of Australia. This said, we continue to have a loyal national audience, with 47% of downloads from Australia. The Editorial Team will aim to retain this balance over the coming years.

The Editorial Team participated in the trial of the Online Journal Club, with multiple participants subsequently submitting papers and/or agreeing to review for the journal. Efforts to evaluate this strategy will be supported throughout 2021 and beyond.

The HPJA Editorial Team would like to acknowledge REET's Digital Strategy for ongoing efforts supporting the promotion of HPJA through social media channels. This has substantially increased our visibility through Facebook and Twitter. The strategic promotion of editorials and selected journal publications has been a central feature of this work.

Planning for a further two virtual issues entitled 'towards a stronger health promotion future in Australia' and 'strengthening men's health promotion in Australia' is currently underway for release in the first half of 2021. Plans for a special issue focused on 'health promotion education and teaching' is already underway for publication in 2022.

Planning commenced in late 2019 and into 2020 for a special issue on 'equity and health literacy', sponsored by the NTPHN. There was an overwhelming response to the calls for papers and we anticipate launching the largest collection of papers focused on equity and health literacy ever produced in the southern hemisphere in 2021.

# BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

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The AHPA branches are the base of our organisation supporting individual and organisational members locally through a range of advocacy activities, professional development opportunities, awards, lectures and partnerships. It has been a difficult year for most branches as they faced the challenge of COVID-19 restrictions, particularly for Victoria with the extended lockdown. Despite this, there were many advocacy activities, student career nights, awards, lectures and professional development opportunities. The Branch Presidents' Committee (BPC) continued to act as a forum for information sharing and collaboration amongst and between state and territory branches and allowed the Board to seek strategic advice and input on Association matters.

Branch Presidents met monthly and 2020 saw some continuity with Dr Carl Heslop continuing in WA, Owen Pietsch in Victoria and Kath McFarlane in Queensland. We were also pleased to welcome SA Vice-President Liana Bellifemini filling in for Dr Stefania Velardo during her parental leave. Dr Anshul Kaul became the President for the NT and Jennifer Evans and later Dr Freya MacMillan were the Co-Presidents in NSW. Michele Herriot, AHPA Co-Vice President, chairs the BPC and Co-Vice President Dr Margo Sendall also provided support.

The Policy and Induction manual was prepared and made available for access on Board Effect. The Committee reviewed the draft Acknowledgement of Country and provided valuable feedback to the committee. The AHPA 30 Year celebration provided a focus for discussion and a number of activities were put in place to celebrate locally as well as nominations for the Leading Lights awards to those under 30 years of age. Connections between the Board and BPC are important. National Treasurer David Duncan attended to gain feedback from the Committee on budget reports and it was noted spending was down due to COVID-19. The BPC also welcomed input from Dr Jo Walker discussing climate change related matters, Andrew Jones-Roberts presenting on NAO and Health Promotion Practitioner Registrations and Sarah French, Consultant to AHPA, who sought member views on issues related to membership, events, professional development and communication. Sarah provided detailed information on member profiles for the branches which was well received.

## NEW SOUTH WALES / AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### *National AHPA representation*

Branch Committee Members Dr Freya MacMillan joined the national Board in 2020 and A/Prof Michelle Dickson continued in her national board role throughout the year. Michelle has been leading activities within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander committee, including the development of an AHPA Reconciliation Action Plan. Freya joined the REET Committee where she has been involved in the design and facilitation of the online journal club as well as other activities, such as reviewing for the Ray James Award. A/Professor Li Ming is also a member of the REET committee and both were part of the online journal club working group. Freya acted as a facilitator in two out of the three sessions; guest facilitators in the final session focused on ethical practice in health promotion.

## NEW SOUTH WALES / AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CONT.

Freya has also been part of an AHPA Composition Working Group who have been reviewing the AHPA constitution and structure against other similar organisations and best practice to guide improvements in these areas in future.

Several members have represented our branch on national committees. We appreciate the contribution of Paul Klarenaar and Dr Jo Walker to the Advocacy committee. Jo also represents AHPA on the Board of the Climate and Health Alliance. Heather McCormack, Emma Woolley and Alex Metse continued their contribution to the National Membership and Communications committee. Dr Freya MacMillan and A/Prof Michelle Dickson have been participating in the National Learning and Teaching Community of Practice working group, which was initiated in 2020.

NSW/ACT Branch has continued to be an active contributor to the National Mentoring Program working group. We appreciate the time and energy of NSW/ACT Branch representatives Dr Josephine Chau (retired June 2020) and Rimante Ronto and the invaluable support of the seven members who have taken on a role of mentor. New graduates continue to express their interest and appreciation of this program and nine new graduates enrolled in 2020.

### *IUHPE Health Promotion Practitioner Registrations*

In NSW/ACT there are now 10 registered members with two of our committee members receiving registration in 2020: Dr Freya MacMillan and Miriam Delailomaloma.

### *Professional Development*

The NSW/ACT Branch partnered with the Sydney Local Health District Health Promotion Unit to host A/Prof Hannah Badland to present the seminar on Integrating Liveability Health and Planning in February 2020. Hannah was the inaugural Australian Health Promotion Association Thinker in Residence and is a Salzburg Global Fellow. The seminar covered the domains of walkability, public transport, education facilities, employment, food, housing, open spaces in shaping the liveability of established or proposed areas (streets, precincts, neighbourhoods, open spaces) with the intent of improving liveability for the health and wellbeing of the whole community. The fortunate timing of this seminar prior to the pandemic meant this was our sole face to face event for 2020.

On July 1, A/Prof Simon Rosenbaum from UNSW led an online webinar Wellbeing – living with the impact of COVID-19 discussing the protection of mental and physical health during COVID-19 with 54 attendees.

## NEW SOUTH WALES / AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CONT.

To mark Anti-Poverty Week in October, the NSW/ACT Branch committee developed a series of short snapshot interviews on the health promotion impact and response to COVID-19 in particular community groups: school aged children and adolescents, University students, those using community food initiatives and Pasifika communities living in Australia. The five videos were delivered through the YouTube platform and released across the week. We utilised Twitter and the national and NSW/ACT Branch newsletters to promote the interviews. The videos attracted 279 hits. Thank you to the committee members who took on the role of interviewers and to Freya for her masterful editing. We greatly appreciated the time and expertise shared by our interviewees:

- Hend Zaid: The impact of COVID-19 in schools: [https://youtu.be/lI\\_7\\_DXDpAM](https://youtu.be/lI_7_DXDpAM)
- Ben Sensicle: The impact of COVID-19 at Oz Harvest: <https://youtu.be/Qk54Vmp-Lf8>
- Miriam Delailaomaloma: The impact of COVID-19 on University students [https://youtu.be/JsuND\\_rPzA8](https://youtu.be/JsuND_rPzA8)
- Ronda Thompson: The impact of COVID-19 in Pasifika communities: <https://youtu.be/TR45iHgrqUM>
- Steph Wiley: The impact of COVID-19 on University students <https://youtu.be/lloWhNZSE5k>

### *Student and Member Engagement*

The committee developed three programs to strengthen our engagement with future and current membership. These new programs will be launched in 2021. Two focus on establishing links with students at universities and the other is an individual professional development scholarship opportunity for members.

### *Communication*

Dr Sarah Taki, Vice-President, continued the role of editor for the NSW/ACT Branch Bulletin this year. She has regularly provided information and updates to members on employment and professional development opportunities.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

The year of 2020 was an expectedly slow year for the NT Branch. However, some highlights for the year 2020 include:

### *Advocacy*

Earlier in the year, AHPA NT Co-Presidents met with the PHAA national CEO and NT Branch President to talk about advocacy for preventative health prior to the election. This joint effort with PHAA NT was aimed at making health one of the priorities for all parties. Leading up to the election, NT Branch wrote independently to the four main political parties putting forward the existing and emerging needs from preventative health perspective.

Following the advice given by the Chief Minister, the NT Branch also explored the potential for collaboration with the Industry Skills Advisory Council NT (ISACNT) in relation to supporting the health promotion workforce, existing and future, given the high workforce turnover in the Territory.

The NT Branch also liaised with Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER), and their Territory lead attended the end-of-year catch-up of the Branch. The NT Branch and ACHPER NT have collaborated in the past and the end-of-year catch-up was a good occasion to re-establish the connection.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY CONT.

### *Grant application*

Towards the end of the year, NT Branch applied for the annual Heart Foundation Active Australia Innovation Challenge. A grant application to commence a pilot project 'Women on Bikes' in collaboration with Melaleuca Refugee Centre, Cycling NT, STEPS and Anglicare was designed to promote physical activity in migrant and refugee women cohort. Although ultimately unsuccessful, the Branch was advised to reapply in 2021.

### *AHPA 30-year celebrations*

To end the year on a positive note and commemorate 30 years of AHPA, all NT Branch members were given AHPA branded t-shirts.

## QUEENSLAND

The QLD Branch had two new members join the committee and most members from the previous year remained providing some strong consistency within the group. The committee members worked hard to continue to progress activities for its members and continue to raise the profile of health promotion in Queensland.

### *Professional links*

AHPA and PHAA QLD Branches continue to work closely together with members from each organisation attending branch meetings. This allows the opportunity to share progress and alert each other to networking and advocacy opportunities. Thank you to Paul Gardiner for attending from PHAA in 2020, and to Sue Devine who represented our committee at the PHAA meetings.

### *Advocacy*

Amie Steel continued representation for AHPA on the Sports Minister's Advisory Council to guide the implementation of the Queensland Government's Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029. Kath McFarlane participated in the Health and Wellbeing Queensland strategic business planning process.

AHPA, PHAA and the Australasian Epidemiological Association (AEA) state branches worked together to advocate around three key themes at the state election, using the hash tags #QldVotesHealth and #5percentforprevention:

1. Invest 5% of the health budget in the strategic resourcing of comprehensive preventive health.
2. Reinvigorate, sustain and support a diverse and skilled public health and health promotion workforce, capable of pivoting to emerging challenges such as COVID-19.
3. Invest in infrastructure and policy that enhance community wellbeing, including good urban design for safe walking and cycling, and by reducing carbon emissions.

Letters were addressed to both the sitting and opposition Health Ministers, and a generic letter was available for members to address to their local candidates. Croakey blog articles were also published with PHAA taking the lead in media.

### *Professional Development and Events*

The Branch also worked closely with PHAA QLD to coordinate a student careers event promoting health promotion as a career with tips on how to find health promotion roles in Queensland and promotion of the benefits of AHPA membership to students.

The committee did not host any coffee catch ups across the state, due to meeting/gathering restrictions of COVID-19. The committee hopes to resume these previously successful catch ups in 2021.

## QUEENSLAND CONT.

### *Communication*

The Branch Facebook page continued to engage members and non-members alike. Regular posts shared topics of interest, upcoming events, health promotion practice, job opportunities and network opportunities.

The Branch also continued to send out regular ebulletins to members to keep them informed of the latest information, research, resources, events and jobs.

### *AHPA 30-year celebrations*

Our final on-line meeting for the year celebrated the 30 years of AHPA.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The operation of the SA Branch would not be possible without the work of our executive committee. It is important to acknowledge our dedicated committee members who worked hard during 2020, despite the difficult circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

### *Advocacy*

During 2020, we were engaged in several activities. Alongside our standard member correspondence and updates, we worked on updating a letter to local employers regarding the IUHPE practitioner registration program, as well as our SA Branch student awards procedures. We determined an update of the procedures was warranted, to ensure they were more inclusive and reflective of the Association's values. In preparation for 2021, we conducted a local members' survey to receive feedback surrounding members' needs and preferences. In advancing our advocacy work, we continued collaborating with our partners in the South Australian Public Health Consortium; the South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) and the PHAA SA Branch. We contributed to a joint statement seeking amendments to the Healthcare Governance Amendment Bill 2020, led by SACOSS. We also commenced early discussions regarding our 2022 State Election policy platform.

### *Professional Development*

We collaborated with the PHAA SA Branch to run a joint Student Careers Night under the theme of Health Promotion in Focus. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and for participant safety, this event was held virtually via Zoom on the 2nd of November 2020. The event was hosted by Alexandra Procter (PHAA) and Dr Stefania Velardo (AHPA). Guest speakers included Sally Modystach, Director of Healthy Environments, and Liana Bellifemini, Senior Community Development Officer at the Alcohol and Drug Foundation. Both Sally and Liana made wonderful contributions to the event, by elaborating on their diverse experiences and sharing valuable insights on their career journeys in health promotion.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA CONT.**

### *Awards*

In 2020, we continued to recognise excellence in health promotion. The 2020 SA Primary Health Care Practitioner Award, jointly presented by the SA branches of AHPA and PHAA, was presented to Des Wilson. Des has been employed at the Aboriginal Health Team in the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network for over a decade. He is driven by a belief in the importance of primary health care for the Aboriginal community's health in Southern Adelaide and the need for Aboriginal advocates in the health and social care systems.

### *AHPA 30-year celebrations*

Finally, as part of the AHPA 30-year celebrations, our branch wanted to recognise South Australian members who achieved 10 plus years' tenure with the Association. In a project led by Gabrielle Fisher, we produced a short video to highlight excellent work and dedication of our local health promotion volunteers and professionals. You can access the video [here](#).

## **VICTORIA/TASMANIA**

It was a particularly difficult year for the Vic/Tas Branch with COVID-19 and the extensive lock downs experienced in Victoria. The branch held their annual members meeting in March with a good number of people nominating. Bulletins were sent out to members during the year and several events were held.

### *Professional Development*

The annual Health Promotion and Public Health Careers Night was held on 4 November, and for the first time it was run as a virtual event. More than 140 students and people starting out in their career joined the event. People tuned in from all over Victoria, and some from New South Wales and the Northern Territory, including from the lands of the Wurundjeri, Awabakal, Woi Wurrung, Bunurong, Yorta Yorta, Wathaurung, Larraka, Gunaikurnai and Wathaurong people.

We heard from six inspiring speakers who shared their tips and insights about working in health promotion, public health and epidemiology, and the many and varied pathways you can take to get to where you want to be in your career. It was also fantastic to hear from networking and CV gurus for their advice on job hunting.

A huge thank you to Melissa Rowland, Larra Gerrand, Lisa Baker, Clarissa Moriera, Michelle Howard and Fiona Florakx for sharing your insights with us.

The event was proudly supported by AHPA, PHAA, AEA and the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine. The event is available to watch [here](#).

### *Awards*

Ruby McKinley was awarded the AHPA (Vic/Tas Branch) Award 2020, School of Health and Social Development – Deakin University. Ruby returned to study after many years working in catering and loved getting her head stuck back in the books. Upon completion of her Bachelor degree, Ruby will be applying for a Masters in Nutrition to further specialise into her area of interest. She has been working hard on creating a food blog promoting healthy vegetarian food and was very excited to launch Dear Fig (<https://www.dearfig.com>) this year. Her aim is to get more people eating a plant based diet for both health and environmental reasons. Once she finishes studying at Deakin, her plan is to pursue a career combining health promotion, nutrition and her own personal experience with food.

## **VICTORIA/TASMANIA CONT.**

### *Student Support*

We are very pleased that Deakin University supports interested post-graduate Master of Health Promotion students to become student members of AHPA. Some 26 students signed up to be members. In November Deakin and AHPA hosted a Ready for the Future in Health Promotion webinar chaired by Teresa Capetola. It was a very positive webinar with an impressive array of speakers:

- Prof Catherine Bennett, Chair of Epidemiology, Deakin University
- Fiona Armstrong, Founder and CEO of Climate and Health Alliance
- Angela Ryan, Health Promotion Officer, Access Health and Community
- Dr Debra Parkinson, Manager of Research and Advocacy and the Gender and Disaster Pod Partnership, Women's Health in the North
- Sandra Morris, Manager of Health Promotion, Women's Health in the North
- Matt Cameron, Senior Project Officer Physical Activity and Sport, VicHealth
- Andrea Nazzari, Manager of Work Integrated Learning, Deakin University
- Georgina Nix, Vic/Tas Branch Committee Member, Australian Health Promotion Association
- Owen Pietsch, AHPA Vic/Tas Branch President.

### *Scholarships*

We would like to thank VicHealth who offered bursaries to attend the virtual PHAA Prevention Conference to people living in Victoria. Six AHPA members applied and were successful.

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

2020 has been a year like no other for our globe, our country, our organisation and us as individuals and communities. Facing unparalleled uncertainty, we have attempted to forge ahead. It has been a year of apologising for taking so long to get back to an email or phone message; the year of realising deadlines are tomorrow; the year of taking time off just to sit. Operating with such a large degree of static noise has been a challenge for us all.

The WA Branch has dedicated a significant amount of this term focusing on workforce planning and advocacy – and advocacy around climate health. Building an idea from the ground up and pulling together position statements, plans of engagement and stakeholders to approach. It has been slow considered work that lacks the excitement of reactive advocacy – but is critically important if we want to advocate for our members and all health promotion professionals in Western Australia. This work will be the bedrock of our advocacy work for the coming few years. No matter what the advocacy issue – appropriate workforce resourcing, acknowledging qualifications and sustainability and climate must be considered.

### *Student sub-committee*

One of the absolute strengths of the WA Branch is the committed and able student sub-committee. Over many years, this has been the breeding ground of our health promotion and public health leaders – both within our state and nationally. Whether it is assisting with advocacy submissions, assisting the committee's capacity to run events and professional development, fundraising, raising awareness or exploring new opportunities – the Student sub-committee are critical in the function of our Branch.

In 2020, our students have done powerful work and were assisted in their efforts by Sam Menezes in her role as Branch Vice-President. The Branch extends its thanks to Sam for her time working with the students, and to the students themselves for their effort and commitment.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA CONT.

We look forward to this next crop of Health Promotion professionals stepping on to the Branch committee when it is time and continuing their journey as leaders in our field. The Student sub-committee also ran the annual Student Careers Night in collaboration with the PHAA.

### *Ray James Memorial Lecture 2020*

The annual 'Ray James Memorial Lecture' is given at the WA Branch General Meeting each year. Speakers are nominated by the WA Branch Executive Committee to speak at the General Meeting in Ray's honour considering the principles behind Ray's work in health promotion.

The Branch and wider health promotion sector are very pleased to know that Ray's name continues to be remembered in health promotion in this way. We seek to base this series of lectures on principles which were important to Ray in his health promotion work including: innovation; willingness to risk trialling new approaches; mentoring early-career professionals and helping others beyond the call of duty.

The 2020 Ray James Memorial Lecture featured Professor Tarun Weeramanthri, speaking on "How can health promotion contribute more to climate action?" Tarun highlighted that a particularly powerful alliance exists between professionals at different stages in their careers. Many climate change champions are younger and would really benefit from support from more senior practitioners, who have built up reputational capital in an organisation. That capital can be used to provide a space for climate change champions to act. So, if you are more senior, can you invite someone else to take the lead as a change agent, and 'cover their back' whilst they do so?

### *Advocacy and Partnerships*

The WA Branch undertook the following during 2020:

- Submitted a letter in response to the Statutory Review of the Western Australian Tobacco Products Control Act 2006
- Formed a Health Promotion Workforce Advocacy Working Group
- Actively participated in Climate and Health Alliance activities
- Explored a range of new partnerships beyond health promotion and public health
- Collaborated with partners for the PHAIWA WA Public Health Pre-Election Forum.

### *WA Branch Annual Awards*

Congratulations to the 2020 award recipients:

- Outstanding Mentor in Health Promotion: Liz Bradshaw
- Early Career in Health Promotion: Triahna Coombs
- Excellence in Health Promotion Practice: Alcohol and Drug Foundation, WA Programs
- President's Award: Melissa Evans

The Branch continued to support annual student awards including:

- Sponsoring the Professor Peter Howat Award that recognises the top student (highest course weighted average) in the IUHPE accredited Bachelor of Science (Health Promotion) at Curtin University.
- Sponsoring the Bachelor of Preventive Health Practicum Award that recognises the highest performing student in their final year Industry Practicum at Notre Dame University.

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA CONT.**

### *Health Promotion Scholarship Program*

During 2020, both the Scholarships Coordinator, Myra Robinson, together with the AHPA WA Branch Committee continued to develop and build effective partnerships with a number of agencies. This resulted in positive outcomes for the Scholarships Program, including ten applications submitted for the 2021 Program, supporting 2020 recipients through unprecedented changes to their projects and successfully securing funding from Healthway for a further three years of the project.

For 2021 the Scholarship recipients and their projects were:

- Graduate Scholarship: Bec Douglas supervised by Dr Leesa Costello at ECU. Project: Women's Outreach Program
- Graduate Scholarship: Kalyisah Mohammed Farid supervised by Miranda Chester at Foodbank WA. Project: Fuel Your Future Program: Expansion to Metropolitan Perth
- Regional Scholarship: Jess Daniels supervised by Jo Drayton at Holyoake, Narrogin. Project: The Youth Early Intervention Social Media Project (YEISMP)

### *Capacity Building and Excellence*

During the year, Committee members supported the Leadership Group with the coordination of the WA Branch 2020 General Meeting, which was our first online General Meeting and had almost 70 attendees. This included the introduction of the Early Career in Health Promotion Award to the annual WA Branch Awards (Triahna Coombs). Melissa Evans represented WA on the AHPA National Mentoring Program. In 2020 there were 10 mentees and seven mentors from WA, which made up a quarter of all mentees and mentors across Australia.

The WA Branch committee also sent out regular ebuletins, including links to job advertisements, and importantly, promotion of key events including National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week in line with the Branch Reconciliation Action Plan.

# THANK YOU

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AHPA operates as a very lean organisation. This means our committed membership and our volunteer committees and Board are critical for us to undertake our work. The national work of the Association is conducted through several committees and working groups which we would like to acknowledge.

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## APPEALS & COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Andrew Jones-Roberts (Chair), David Towl, Prof James Smith, Kristy Schirmer

## HEALTH PROMOTION JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA

Professor James Smith from Menzies School of Health Research has continued as Editor-in-Chief. He has been ably supported by two Deputy Editors: Professor Jenni Judd, Central Queensland University; and Dr Kalinda Griffiths, University of New South Wales. Ms Heather D'Antoine, Menzies School of Health Research; and Professor Roxanne Bainbridge, Central Queensland University both stepped down as Deputy Editors due to changing work commitments. We express thanks for their commitment to HPJA over the past few years. There were also changes to the make-up of the broader Editorial Team. Professor Louise Signal (NZ), Dr Yvette Roe (QLD), Dr Matthew Fisher (SA), Dr Karen McPhail-Bell (Book Review Editor) and Professor Margaret Cargo (ACT) stepped down from their Associate Editors roles. We thank them for their tireless contribution. Dr Helen Trevena (NSW), Dr Rebecca Patrick (VIC), Dr Rosie Nash (TAS), Dr Jonathan Hallett (WA) and Dr Sarah Ireland (NT) continued in their roles.

# THANK YOU CONT.

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Dr Sam Rowbotham (NSW), Dr Bep Uink (WA), Dr Anne-Marie Eades (WA), Dr Janette Young (SA), Dr Sione Tu'itahi (NZ), Dr Jeannine Stairmand (NZ), Dr Cassandra Wright (NT), Dr Shandell Elmer (VIC) and Dr Himanshu Gupta (Book Review Editor) all accepted invitations to join as Associate Editors. We would also like to thank the ongoing support of the 30+ national and international members of the Editorial Advisory Board, and the 547 journal reviewers, who have continued to contribute their expertise and time voluntarily.

Finally we would like to thank the staff at NFPAS, Wiley and Tech Matters.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

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I am pleased to report on the finances of the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®) for 2020.

The association remains financially viable with net assets of \$545,009 across the Association as at 31 December 2020. AHPA recorded a surplus of \$35,221 in 2020, building on the surplus of \$22,332 in 2019.

Total income of \$389,971 increased by 21% compared with the previous year, mostly due to increased Healthway grant income for scholarships. Excluding Healthway, income decreased by approximately 4% and expenses decreased by 9%.

A decrease in membership income was partially offset by an increased royalty for the journal and increased income from HP practitioner registration. Lower term deposit interest rates resulted in a more than 50% drop in interest income.

There was a significant reduction in accounting and administration costs, and COVID restrictions on face-to-face activities led to the large decrease in conference, event, workshop and meeting costs. Our journal publishing costs were equivalent to 2019, with the exception of a \$14,000 expense for a commissioned issue, the corresponding income for which we received the previous year and was reported as grant income in 2019. Investments in upgrades to the AHPA website increased this expense item compared to 2019.

A snapshot of the Profit and Loss statement from the full report is presented here. In accordance with reporting requirements, the full 2020 AHPA financial statement has been externally reviewed by an auditor and will be submitted to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). The statement will also be published on the AHPA website.

As National Treasurer, I would like to thank the AHPA Board and Branches for their continued strong governance of AHPA, and thank all AHPA members for their commitment to the Association during a challenging year.



**DAVID DUNCAN**  
TREASURER

**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**ABN 44 373 080 790**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2020**

**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**General Information**

The financial report covers Australian Health Promotion Association Limited (Company) as an individual entity. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the functional and presentation currency of the Company.

The financial report consists of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and the Directors' Declaration.

The Company is a not-for-profit unlisted public Company Limited by Guarantee, a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The Company's registered office is:  
38 Surrey Road  
Keswick SA 5035

**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN  
CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the period ended 31 December 2020 there have been:

- i) no contraventions of the my independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the review; and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

  
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**Simon Fry**  
Registered Company Auditor No 230153

24.06.2021  
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Date

**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Fees	129,452	138,879
Grants	241,180	166,203
PD Events & Workshops	306	-
Royalty Income	10,633	6,402
Interest Received	3,208	6,528
Other Revenue	5,192	3,912
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>389,971</u>	<u>321,924</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Auditor/Reviewer Remuneration	2,154	2,765
Accounting/Administration	31,799	51,027
Conference & Meeting Costs	776	12,961
Insurance	3,221	3,201
Journal, Newsletter & Website	46,981	28,288
Other Expenses	34,916	29,317
PD Events & Workshops	2,483	5,794
Scholarships/Grants	232,420	166,239
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>354,750</u>	<u>299,592</u>
<b>NET SUPRLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>35,221</u>	<u>22,332</u>
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u><u>35,221</u></u>	<u><u>22,332</u></u>

  
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	615,318	588,272
Financial Assets	3	242,800	52,359
Trade & Other Receivables	4	<u>13,916</u>	<u>13,204</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>872,034</u>	<u>653,835</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	5	60,919	41,455
Other Liabilities	6	<u>266,106</u>	<u>102,592</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>327,025</u>	<u>144,047</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>545,009</u>	<u>509,788</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		<u>545,009</u>	<u>509,788</u>
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**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Accumulated Surplus \$
<b>BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2019</b>	487,456
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>22,332</u>
<b>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2019</b>	509,788
 <b>BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2020</b>	 509,788
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>35,221</u>
<b>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2020</b>	<u><u>545,009</u></u>

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**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from Customers		549,565	181,218
Interest Received		3,208	3,912
Payments to Suppliers & Employees		<u>(335,286)</u>	<u>(354,584)</u>
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	7	217,487	(169,454)
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>		217,487	(169,454)
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		640,631	810,085
<b>CASH AT END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	7	<u><u>858,118</u></u>	<u><u>640,631</u></u>

  
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**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of Australian Health Promotion Association Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 30 May 2021. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**a) Basis of Preparation**

The Directors have prepared the financial report on the basis that the Company is not a reporting entity as there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this Special Purpose Financial Report has been prepared for the purposes of complying with the reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the disclosure requirements of:

AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows

AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1048 Interpretations and Application of Standards

AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

These Financial Statements do not conform with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**b) Significant Accounting Judgements & Estimates**

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

There are no estimates or judgements which have risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**c) Income Tax**

The Company is exempt from income tax pursuant to the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. Accordingly, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 112 has not been applied and no provision for income tax has been included in the financial statements.

**d) Revenue Recognition**

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Revenue from grants are recognised where any associated performance obligation to provide services is satisfied, and not immediately upon receipt. Government grants are recognised as follows:

- a grant that does not impose specific future performance obligations on the Company is recognised as revenue the earlier of when the grant proceeds are received or receivable;
- a grant that imposes specific future performance obligations on the Company is recognised as revenue only when the performance obligations are met; and
- a grant received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied, is recognised as a liability.

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**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)**

**d) Revenue Recognition (cont.)**

Australian Health Promotion Association Limited receives contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in the profit or loss.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from members is recognised upon the delivery of the membership to the members which is over a twelve month period.

**e) Goods & Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

**f) Cash & Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowing in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

**g) Trade & Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>2. CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash on hand	110	110
Cash at Bank	615,208	588,162
	<u>615,318</u>	<u>588,272</u>

During the current financial period, the Company reclassified its term deposits with a maturity of more than 3 months as financial assets. Accordingly, a term deposit of \$52,359, which was disclosed as cash & cash equivalents in the previous reporting period, has been reclassified as a financial asset in the comparative balances. See Note 3.

**3. FINANCIAL ASSETS**

Bank term deposits with a maturity of more than 3 months but less than 12 months are shown as current financial assets.

Bank Term Deposit	<u>242,800</u>	<u>52,359</u>
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**AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>4. TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Trade Receivables	13,275	1,144
Other Receivables	-	36
GST Receivable	-	4,758
Accrued Income	641	7,266
	<u>13,916</u>	<u>13,204</u>
<b>5. TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Trade Payables	45,489	39,455
Other Payables	2,004	2,000
GST Payable	13,426	-
	<u>60,919</u>	<u>41,455</u>
<b>6. OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
Grant Income Received in Advance	183,633	29,933
Membership Fees Received in Advance	82,473	72,659
	<u>266,106</u>	<u>102,592</u>
<b>7. CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents for the purposes of cash flow statement</b>		
Cash at Bank	615,318	588,272
Bank Term Deposits	242,800	52,359
	<u>858,118</u>	<u>640,631</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities to net cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	35,221	22,332
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade & Other Receivables	(712)	(3,129)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	-	8,363
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables	19,464	(63,355)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	163,514	(133,665)
<b>Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>	<u>217,487</u>	<u>(169,454)</u>

**8. MEMBER'S GUARANTEE**

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* as a company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum \$1 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. The Company has 16 members (2019: 13 members).

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AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED  
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

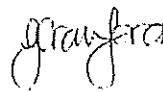
In the Directors' opinion:

- 1) the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- 2) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- 3) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 60.15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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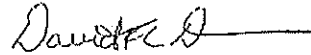
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## Independent Auditor's Review Report

To the members of Australian Health Promotion Association Ltd

### Report on the financial report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Australian Health Promotion Association Ltd, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

### Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Assurance practitioner's responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report – Company Limited by Guarantee*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including; giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

### Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of Australian Health Promotion Association Ltd does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

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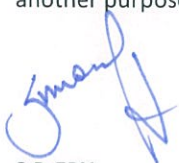
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### **Independent Auditor's Review Report**

To the members of Australian Health Promotion Association Ltd (continued)

#### **Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Directors' financial reporting responsibilities under section 60-50(3) of the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



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**24 JUNE 2021**



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