



Australian Health Promotion Association (WA Branch) Annual Report 2017

Improving the health status of Western Australians by building the leadership capacity of our members and making health promotion a priority.



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ABOUT AHPA® (WA BRANCH)

The Australian Health Promotion Association Ltd (AHPA®) is Australia’s peak health promotion body and is the only professional association in Australia specifically for people interested or involved in the practice, research and study of health promotion. While there are over 1,100 members and journal subscribers at a National level, the AHPA (WA Branch) has 256 members drawn from government departments and agencies, universities, non-government organisations, community-based organisations and groups, agencies, and students.

The WA Branch vision is to improve the health status of Western Australians by building the leadership capacity of our members and making health promotion a priority.

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lorena Chapman + Courtney Mickan



Be courageous!

2017 was a year for us all to be courageous.

Women's rights received momentum with the Women's March, when women around the world marched to advocate for changes to legislation and policies regarding human rights and many other issues. The #MeToo movement went viral aiming to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, to let people know that they're not alone and advocate for change. And proudly, love and equality conquered all when Australia said yes to same-sex marriage, making Australia the 25th country in the world to do so. It took courage for each of these events to occur and provide significant momentum towards change and equality. In the wise words of business philosopher, Peter Drucker, "The best way to predict the future is to create it."

We are very proud of the courage that the 2017 Committee has shown and the work achieved by all in the past year.

We started the year with our AGM in February where we heard about 'health promotion through the ages' from Trevor Shilton, Melissa Ledger and Alicia King in the 7th Annual Ray James Memorial Lecture. It was also at this AGM that we provided another opportunity for consultation with you all on our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for the WA Branch.

The Finance Audit and Risk Management (FARM) sub-committee continued working towards our RAP throughout the year in close consultation with Reconciliation Australia. This has been a valuable journey for the WA Branch and we are very excited to be able to launch our Reflect RAP at our 2018 General Meeting. We would like to sincerely thank our WA Branch members who have worked so hard on this journey so far. Their unwavering belief in both reconciliation and the role of AHPA is truly admirable. They have made an invaluable contribution to the sector. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Uncle Mick Adams for the beautiful artwork he designed for our RAP. We greatly appreciate the time he took to sit with our FARM sub-committee members to work out a meaningful piece for AHPA and our WA community. We look forward to sharing it with all our members and the broader health promotion sector.

Throughout 2017 and into the beginnings of 2018 our Advocacy and Partnerships sub-committee in partnership with the Leadership Group used every opportunity to raise our voice for health promotion in WA. This included our election advocacy in February, writing letters and submissions advocating for health promotion and the health promotion workforce, and meeting with the Minister Roger Cook's Chief of Staff and Principal Policy Advisor. We also participated in the Sustainable Health Review consultation workshops, Healthway's Strategic Plan consultation workshops, attended the Preventive Health Summit and met with a number of our key partners.

As Co-President's we also participated in regular AHPA Branch President's meetings and attended a face-to-face meeting during the World Congress on Public Health in Melbourne.

2017 was also a big year for our Health Promotion Scholarship Program. Not only were we successful in

securing two more years of funding from Healthway but we also recruited a new Scholarships Coordinator to project manage the program. The new funding contract has also resulted in a new format for the four annual scholarships we award, including one dedicated regional scholarship to encourage and support the health promotion workforce in regional and remote WA. This dedicated scholarship is one of the ways we are demonstrating our commitment to our regional and remote engagement strategy.

The Capacity Building and Excellence sub-committee engaged with key partners this year to bring you a number of professional development events including, a lecture with Professor Tarun Weeramanthri in partnership with the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) (WA Branch) and one with Professor Carmen Lawrence in partnership with Healthway, PHAIWA and the PHAA (WA Branch). We also partnered with the Heart Foundation to host an event with Professor Louise Potvin from the University of Montreal.

We entered into a 3-year agreement with the PHAA (WA Branch) to continue to bring you the annual Student Careers Night. We are very proud that this event is now organised by our Student sub-committee who do an amazing job working with the PHAA (WA Branch) to ensure this event continues to run smoothly. The 2017 event was no exception with 95 students and early career professionals attending.

The Student sub-committee provide the other sub-committees with whatever support they need and also promote AHPA in their universities. We're very excited that the students have also taken the initiative to organise a speed-networking event to bring together health promotion and public health students, professionals, and everyone in between for a fun, speedy night of networking.

The Member Services sub-committee have continued to work diligently to deliver the weekly jobs and events list emails to your inbox, plus our monthly e-news. In addition to this commitment they've been working hard behind the scenes to strengthen our member communications to ensure that we don't miss telling you the latest AHPA news but also what is happening in health promotion around our big beautiful state.

To strengthen the Committee's knowledge and understanding of governance we held a full-day of

governance training, nurturing a culture of best practice and investing in tomorrow's leaders that we can see within our Committee.

As we look towards 2018, it will bring with it its own new adventures. Nationally, with AHPA as the National Accreditation Organisation, we will see the first of our workforce become Registered Health Promotion Professionals. This is a perfect example of Peter Drucker's words, where the best way to predict the future for our health promotion workforce was to create it. To the AHPA members both nationally and from within WA who have been actively involved in getting AHPA to this point, we thank you for creating this future for our workforce.

Our AHPA (WA Branch) Awards have historically been presented at our AGM. This year the Awards will receive their own event which will showcase WA leaders, mentors and programs of excellence. Watch this space for announcements and call for award nominations soon.

To find out what else the Committee has been working on in 2017 we encourage you to read our Annual Report with a keen eye. Our Committee have been working industriously, as representatives of you, our AHPA WA contingent, to ensure that the best interests of AHPA are being seen and heard. And we cannot wait to see what 2018 brings. We encourage you to go forward from here and show courage in your health promotion pathways this year. As businesswoman Anita Roddick said, "Be courageous. It is one of the only places left uncrowded."

Lorena Chapman + Courtney Mickan
Co-Presidents, AHPA (WA Branch)

2017 COMMITTEE



Lorena Chapman

Co-President

BSc (HlthProm)
Joined Committee: 2013
Make Smoking History Project Officer,
Cancer Council WA



Courtney Mickan

Co-President

BHlthSc, PGDip HlthProm
Joined Committee: 2013
Senior Project Officer,
Department of Justice



Sarah Di Cristofaro

*Vice-President;
Advocacy and Partnerships*

BSc (Nutr&HlthProm)
Joined Committee: 2015
Project and Policy Officer,
Child and Adolescent Health Service



Liz Bradshaw

*Treasurer;
Finance Audit and Risk Management*

BSc (Exer&SprtsSc), MHLthSc
Joined Committee: 2015
Senior Health Promotion Officer,
Wheatbelt Public Health Unit



Kirsty de Blanken

Secretary; Member Services

BSc (Nutr), PGDip HlthProm
Joined Committee: 2014
Senior Health Promotion Officer,
South Metropolitan Community and
Population Health Unit



Chantelle Jeffery

Capacity Building and Excellence

BSc (HlthProm)
Joined Committee: 2008
Manager,
Wheatbelt Public Health Unit



Karen White

*Chair, Finance Audit and
Risk Management*

BSc (HlthProm), Dip Education
Assistants, Dip Business Studies
Joined Committee: 2016
Community Engagement Facilitator,
Shire of Mundaring



Nicole Toia

Advocacy and Partnerships

BHlthSc (HlthProm)
Joined Committee: 2016
Senior Community Development Officer,
Alcohol and Drug Foundation



Carl Heslop

Member Services

BSc (Nursing), MPH
Committee: August 2016
PhD Candidate, Curtin University



Catrina Wold

Chair, Member Services

ExerSc&Kin (US), MPH
Joined Committee: 2017
Evidence and Practice Lead, Injury
Matters; Sessional Lecturer,
Curtin University.



Samantha Menezes

Advocacy and Partnerships

BHlthSc (HlthProm)
Joined Committee: 2017
Regional Community Development
Manager, Alcohol and Drug Foundation



Rudie Marshall-Lang

Chair, Capacity Building and Excellence

BHlthSC (HlthProm)
Joined Committee: May 2017
Senior Policy Officer,
Department of Health



Malena Della Bona

*Chair, Capacity Building and Excellence
(until May 2017)*

BSc (Psych), MPH
Joined Committee: August 2016
Research Officer, Collaboration for
Evidence, Research and Impact in Public
Health (CERIPH), Curtin University

STUDENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CURTIN UNIVERSITY

Liz Conner
Hayley Allen
Brydie Nielson
Keira Bury

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

Teal Gordon
(part of the year)

UNIVERSITY OF WA

Natalie Gray
Ruisi Chen

MEMBERSHIP

The AHPA (WA Branch) membership consists of Corporate, Individual, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Student and Unemployed members. Corporate membership includes health and community, for-profit, and government organisations. Individual membership includes health promotion, allied health and community professionals working in the field of health promotion.



MEMBERSHIP TYPE	As of 31 Dec 2016 Number (%)	As of 31 Dec 2017 Number (%)
Individual*	142 (51)	129 (50)
Student or unemployed	93 (39)	103 (40)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 (1)	3 (1)
Corporate (Government)	12 (4)	9 (4)
Corporate (Community)	11 (4)	12 (5)
Total	277 (100)	256 (100)

*AHPA (WA Branch) receives capitation income or a percentage of payment from individual memberships only.



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The WA Branch has continued our journey towards a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of our commitment to improve the cultural security of the Branch.

We have been working with Reconciliation Australia on our Reflect RAP, which provides the opportunity for the WA Branch to raise awareness of our activities with our members and partners.

To design and develop the artwork for the WA Branch's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) we had the fortunate experience of meeting and working with Dr Mick Adams, whose career spanning over 30 years has been dedicated to closing the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Dr Mick Adams is a descendent of the Yadhigana/Wuthathi peoples of Cape York Peninsula in Queensland (on his father's side) having traditional family ties with the Gurindji people of Central Western Northern Territory (on his mother's side). He has extended family relationships with the people of the Torres Straits, Warlpiri (Yuendumu), and East Arnhem Land (Gurramaru) communities. His inspiration has been motivated by his parental grandmother and many years of living and working on communities, and having extended and social relationships with both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Dr Mick Adams launched the artwork at an event on Tuesday 9 May 2017 with WA Branch Committee members, SAG representatives and ex-officio members. Dr Mick Adams told this story of the artwork:

"For the WA Branch the artwork is representative of WA State colours Yellow and Black – with black figures. The upper curve with circles is an overarching representation of the Board. The middle line represents the volunteers and other staff. The bottom curve represents the people AHPA service throughout WA. The circles at the top and bottom are representation of state and national affiliates and partners. The double dotted green line is representative of the Swan and other rivers and waterways throughout WA."

We are proud to present our Reflect RAP at the 2018 General Meeting. We welcome members to view the artwork, read the latest version of our Reflect RAP, and to engage with the WA Branch as we work to continue on our journey to acknowledge the importance of understanding and respecting the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to improve their health and wellbeing in WA.

Artwork painted by Dr Mick Adams

LEADERSHIP

The Leadership Group is responsible for ensuring strong governance of the Committee, strategic and operational direction, and support to the whole Committee. The Leadership Group is also responsible for liaising with the National board and key stakeholders, and overseeing the Health Promotion Scholarship Program funded by Healthway.

MEMBERS

Co-Presidents:

Lorena Chapman
Courtney Mickan

Vice-President:

Sarah Di Cristofaro

Treasurer:

Liz Bradshaw

Secretary:

Kirsty de Blanken

ANNUAL AWARDS

The WA Branch awards provide an opportunity for health promotion professionals and agencies to be recognised by colleagues and peers for their commitment and innovation in health promotion practice.

Award recipients for 2017

Leadership in Health Promotion

Winner: Lisa Rooke

Outstanding Mentor in Health Promotion

Winner: Associate Professor Fiona Farrington

Excellence in Health Promotion Practice

Winner: Make Smoking History for Community Services program at Cancer Council WA

President's Award

Winner: Karen White

Congratulations to all of our award recipients.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Successfully obtained further funding for the Health Promotion Scholarship Program from Healthway until the end of 2019.
- Completed an Expression of Interest process to engage a new Scholarship Coordinator.
- Supported the work of the WA Branch's subcommittees and attended subcommittee meetings to provide feedback, review and signoff official correspondence, financial reports, minutes, flyers, advocacy documents and submissions before their dissemination.
- Co-Presidents met with key partners to build partnership opportunities for the WA Branch.
- Held a PD day for the Committee on how to run and participate on a board. This PD day was run by Alicia Curtis from Alyceum.





- Continued to develop the WA Branch Regional and Remote Engagement Strategy.
- Organised and chaired bi-monthly Committee meetings.
- Coordinated the selection process to provide two scholarships for WA members to attend the 2017 World Congress on Public Health.
- Sponsored the Peter Howat Award that recognises the top student (highest grade average) in the Bachelor of Health Promotion at Curtin University. The 2017 award was presented to Joanna Collins.
- Sponsored the Bachelor of Preventive Health Practicum Award that recognises the highest performing student in their final year Industry Practicum. The 2017 award was presented to Morgan Skinner.
- Surveyed SAG members to help us determine how the WA Branch can best utilise their skills, expertise and time.
- Liaised with AHPA National through the Branch Presidents' Committee meetings.

2018 ONWARDS

During 2018 the Leadership Group will:

- Improve collaborations with other state and territory branches of AHPA.
- Review and update the WA Branch Operational Plan.
- Strengthen existing and seek new partnership opportunities to represent the AHPA (WA Branch).
- Retain strong governance and procedures.
- Engage SAG members purposefully through meetings and sub-committee links.
- Support and develop the leadership skills of Committee members.
- Continue succession planning strategies for the Committee.



Bachelor of Preventive Health Practicum Award presented to Morgan Skinner



Curtin Peter Howat Award presented to Joanna Collins

SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1993, the AHPA (WA Branch) has offered a scholarship program with continued support from Healthway. The Health Promotion Scholarship Program provides unique opportunities for health promotion graduates and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply their health promotion knowledge and skills in a supportive environment. During this time the Scholarship Program has provided career opportunities in health promotion for 61 graduates and 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recipients who have completed their placements in a vast range of health related organisations in the government and not-for-profit sector.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS in 2017

- Secured funding from Healthway until the end of 2019.
- Two graduate scholarship recipients completed their projects in 2017.
- Three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarship recipients completed their projects in 2017.
- Four scholarships awarded for 2018 including one dedicated regional scholarship.

The AHPA (WA Branch) would like to extend a special thanks to Jamie Cavill for her commitment to the Health Promotion Scholarship Program. Since handing over her role as Scholarships Coordinator, Jamie has welcomed her second child.

Thank you also to the official and unofficial mentors, partners, participants and AHPA (WA Branch) members for your ongoing support of the Scholarship Program. Your cooperation in promoting the benefits and outstanding achievements of this program is greatly appreciated.

2016

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECIPIENT

Alicia King was supervised by Cassandra Clayforth at Cancer Council WA to work on a project that aims to improve cancer and cancer prevention knowledge amongst Aboriginal people as well as help and empower Aboriginal health workers/professionals to educate Aboriginal clients. Alicia's project was extended beyond the scholarship to allow for the production of an Aboriginal cancer prevention video which will be launched in March this year. This project has also been used as a framework for the development of a resource aimed at the general population and a facilitator's guide for the videos.

2017

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECIPIENTS

Catherine Bolton was supervised by Asta Flugge at Child and Adolescent Community Health to work on a continuous quality improvement project titled 'Mooditj Koorlonga Djin Djin' (Solid Children Good Spirit) which aims to reduce the time spent by school nurses in finding service providers in the health and wellbeing area for young Aboriginal students and/or their families. Through consultation with secondary school nurses, Catherine developed a standardised directory of referral agencies that offer programs for young people and/or their families which address health and social issues. The project was specifically designed for the Swan-Hills CACH region and will be trialed in 2018.

Kim Carpenter was supervised by Vilma Palacios at North Metropolitan Health Service (Health Promotion Unit). Kim's project titled 'Healthy Tucker for All' focused on increasing the knowledge, awareness and skills of Aboriginal people towards healthy eating through a series of workshops delivered in the Northern suburbs of the Perth metropolitan area. Kim established a valuable partnership with Noongar Radio to promote the event in addition to partnerships with Aboriginal health practitioners. Evaluation through focus groups demonstrated that overall the workshops increased the participant's confidence, knowledge and behaviour towards budgeting, shopping and cooking healthy foods.

Paula Hume was supervised by Jessica Carter at North Metropolitan Public Health Unit to work on the 'Healthy Tucker for All' project, focusing on improving the community's access to food, using interventions that will build local community capacity and resources to obtain and consume nutritious food. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances Paula was not able to complete the project during 2017.

GRADUATE RECIPIENTS

Corie Gray was supervised by Gemma Crawford at Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH) to work on a qualitative research project 'Barriers to HIV testing' exploring the barriers and enablers to HIV testing among priority communities born in South East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. The project aimed to better understand the factors influencing late diagnosis through an initial four focus groups with priority groups in WA. Further funding was subsequently secured, enabling additional focus groups to be conducted in WA, NSW, SA and Victoria. The research demonstrates a need to broaden the salience of HIV messages for less visible population groups; and explore new and novel ways to increase HIV testing among migrant and mobile populations.

Ashleigh Parnell was supervised by Dr Melissa Stoneham at the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA (PHAIWA) to work on a qualitative research project identifying the role of corporate social responsibility policies in the unhealthy sponsorship of sports in WA. This project involved conducting interviews with representatives from unhealthy food and beverage, alcohol and gambling companies and representatives from organisations who were sponsored by unhealthy industries. The findings from this project will contribute to the evidence around how sports sponsorship is used as a tactic to improve brand image and avoid regulation. The project will help to inform public health advocacy efforts against sports and clubs accepting sponsorship from unhealthy companies.

2018

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECIPIENT

Suzanne Clews will be supervised by Anne D'Mello D'Cruz at Child and Adolescent Community Health. Suzanne's project will establish health promoting playgroups for Aboriginal children aged 0-4 years in the south

metropolitan area. The project will involve formalising links with external agencies for playgroups in Bentley, Cockburn and Maddington to address area specific objectives. Suzanne will also work with Aboriginal staff to design and implement culturally-appropriate activity planners, build capacity in Aboriginal parents to act as parent play leaders for each playgroup and develop an evaluation tool for Aboriginal parent/carer knowledge on child-parent attachment.

GRADUATE RECIPIENTS

Shea Hatch will be supervised by Trevor Shilton and Jo Appleby at the Heart Foundation (WA). During her scholarship, Shea will develop a framework for translation of evidence for Healthy Active by Design (HAbD). The project will involve a robust evaluation of the program, and to investigate opportunities in which the program could be utilised and recognised by relevant stakeholders as part of their core business. Shea aims to establish systems for continual quality improvements in program implementation, increased uptake of the HAbD program, and dissemination of the outcomes to relevant stakeholders.

Melissa Evans will be supervised by Sharyn Burns at CERIPH. Melissa's project will explore the influences on alcohol consumption, nutrition habits and club connectedness amongst young people (age 18-24 years old) involved in sports clubs. Melissa aims to identify what socio-ecological factors influence healthy behaviours to provide strategies that could be used in future interventions to address the issue of excessive alcohol consumption in young people involved in sports clubs.

REGIONAL RECIPIENT

Tori Jamieson will be supervised by Jenna Cowie and Pippa Broughton at the Kimberley Population Health Unit. Tori will be working on a community development project to improve social inclusion and mental health outcomes in a selected neighbourhood in Broome. The project will pilot a series of pay-as-you-feel suppers where people can come together to eat, drink, make art, listen to music and meet new people. During the project Tori will develop partnerships with community members and stakeholders to ensure cultural competency and sustainability as well as designing and implementing two of the events and a robust evaluation framework.

ADVOCACY + PARTNERSHIPS

The main role of the Advocacy and Partnerships sub-committee is to: Contribute to raising awareness of the WA Branch as a recognised organisation who can provide expertise, information and resources on health promotion policy and programs; Comment on proposed policy, legislation and programs (and other relevant documents) to advocate for sound health promotion practice in WA; and Develop and maintain partnerships to increase then profile of the WA Branch, in collaboration with the Leadership Group.

MEMBERS

Samantha Menezes

Nicole Toia

Sarah Di Cristofaro

STUDENTS

Brydie Nielson

Elizabeth Connor

EX-OFFICIOS

Bethany Martin



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

ADVOCACY

Health Promotion Workforce Advocacy Campaign

The AHPA (WA Branch) ran an advocacy campaign in the lead up to the state election in March, this included development of an election guide and scorecard, and a series of advocacy e-alerts and tools for members leading up to the election including an infographic about what health promotion professionals do. This helped to empower our members and the community to make an informed vote.

The AHPA (WA Branch) sent a welcome and congratulations letter to the new WA Deputy Premier; Health and Mental Health Minister Roger Cook and a follow up letter congratulating the government on the release of the updated WA Health Promotion Strategic Framework. These letters resulted in a meeting with the Health Minister's Chief of Staff and Principal Policy Officer and and Co-Presidents Courtney and Lorena, and Courtney and Lorena were extended an invitation to attend the WA Preventive Health Summit.

Local Action Groups

South West Health Local Action Group now has advocacy as an ongoing agenda item at their meetings. The WA Branch organised advocacy training with PHAIWA to build their capacity to advocate

for local health promotion issues. They have since used this training to help with everyday advocacy within their roles, including collectively working to provide feedback on the draft Interim State Public Health Plan.

Reactive advocacy

Reactive advocacy activities in 2017 included:

- A letter to Director General, Department of Health Dr David Russell-Weisz regarding the release of the revised the WA Health Promotion Strategic Framework.
- Assisted AHPA National to send a letter to Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt regarding phasing out alcohol sponsorship from sport.
- Assisted AHPA National to submit a comment for the public enquiry into the use and marketing of electronic cigarettes and personal vapours.
- Sent members a summary of what the WA state budget will mean for health promotion.
- Provided a submission for the WA Sustainable Health Review, resulting in Co-President Courtney and Committee member Sam Menezes attending the Sustainable Health Review Industry Forum. This forum was an opportunity to discuss health promotion and primary

prevention. A positive reply to the WA Branch's submission was received from Robyn Kruk AM the Sustainable Health Review Panel Chair.

- Provided a submission commenting on the Draft Mental Health Promotion, Mental Illness and Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Plan.
- Provided a submission commenting on the Draft Allied Health and Health Sciences Research and Knowledge Translation- A Strategic Framework.
- Commented on the WA Alcohol and Youth Action Coalition's draft report on minimal pricing for alcohol.
- Supported and endorsed the WA Branch of Early Childhood Australia Play Strategy
- Submitted a response to the Independent Review of Food and Nutrition Monitoring in WA.
- Submitted a response to the Healthway Strategic Plan consultation and committee members participated in 2x stakeholder workshops.

PARTNERSHIPS

A large proportion of the AHPA (WA Branch) work is undertaken in partnership and collaboration with other organisations. This year the WA Branch maintained strong working relationships with a variety of partners.

External committee membership

- Local Government Metropolitan Health Promotion Network
- WA Alcohol and Youth Action Coalition
- Curtin University Health Promotion Advisory Board

National committee membership

- Branch Presidents' Committee
- National Communications Group
- National Mentoring Working Group
- National Accreditation Organisation (NAO) Committees

2018 ONWARDS

During 2018 the sub-committee will:

- Continue to advocate for the health promotion workforce.

Partnership activities and/or projects the AHPA (WA Branch) has taken part in over the last 12 months:

PARTNERSHIP	ACTIVITY/PROJECT
Healthway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Promotion Scholarship Program. • Partnered to host a lecture with Professor Carmen Lawrence titled "Our relationship with the natural environment: what happens when we ignore it?"
Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) (WA Branch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly hosted the AHPA/PHAA Student Careers Night. • Partnered to host a lecture with Professor Tarun Weeramanthri titled "International responses to health crises in conflict zones A personal view", and chaired by Professor Jaya Dantas. • Partnered to host a lecture with Professor Carmen Lawrence titled "Our relationship with the natural environment: what happens when we ignore it?"
Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnered to host advocacy training for health promotion staff in the south west. • Partnered to host a lecture with Professor Carmen Lawrence titled "Our relationship with the natural environment: what happens when we ignore it?"
National Heart Foundation (WA Division)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnered to host an event with Professor Louise Potvin from the University of Montreal on 'Favourable Environments and Health'.
Injury Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel member to assess two award categories for the 'Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Awards 2017'; and attended the inaugural Awards Breakfast.

- Utilise health promotion related advocacy tools to assist members in advocacy activities.
- Engage more members in advocacy activities, specifically in regional and rural areas.
- Continue to identify and respond to health promotion related issues as they arise.
- Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with a variety of stakeholders to advocate for specific health issues.

MEMBER SERVICES

The Member Services sub-committee is responsible for communicating and engaging with members.

MEMBERS

Catrina Wold (Chair)

Kirsty de Blanken

Carl Heslop

STUDENTS

Keira Bury

EX-OFFICOS

Kahlia McCausland

Denise Corlett

Amber Giblett

Chloe Townsend

Jo Steel

KEY TASKS

- Kept members up-to-date with Branch-specific and industry information through:
 - Weekly job and event emails;
 - Monthly e-News; and
 - WA Mid-year Update (November 2017).
- Disseminated findings from the annual membership survey.
- Maintained and updated the WA Branch pages of the AHPA website.
- Reviewed membership promotional strategies.
- Responded to member requests and queries.

membership for 2018.

- Developed a new format to distribute the WA mid-year update and developed a new framework to continue the *News from the West* in 2018.

2018 ONWARDS

During 2018 the sub-committee will:

- Continue to collate and distribute the weekly jobs and events emails.
- Start the updated News from the West format that features member happenings across WA.
- Continue collaboration with National to align membership strategies.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- This year we reviewed membership strategies, consulted with the committee, and created the Member Services Promotional plan to align with the new Operational Plan and Regional and Remote Engagement Strategy. Through this plan we investigated strategies to maintain and increase



CAPACITY BUILDING + EXCELLENCE

The Capacity Building and Excellence sub-committee is responsible for providing professional development and networking opportunities for members and the broader WA health promotion community. These opportunities aim to build new skills and knowledge that our members can use in their career progression. The sub-committee also represented WA on the AHPA National Mentoring Program, aligning members with established health promotion professionals with the aim of fostering successful and supportive mentoring relationships, building and enhancing the career development of members, and facilitating the development of future leaders in the health promotion profession.

MEMBERS

Malena Della Bona
(Chair until May 2017)

Rudie Marshall-Lang
(Chair since May 2017)

Chantelle Jeffery

STUDENTS

Natalie Gray

Hayley Allen

EX-OFFICIOS

Ella Brook

and a presentation by Professor Louise Potvin from the University of Montreal. Professor Potvin delivered an interesting presentation on 'Favourable Environments and Health' which was attended by 45 participants.

- Supported the Student sub-committee to run the annual Student Careers Night in collaboration with PHAA (WA Branch) which was attended by 95 students and early career professionals.
- Supported the national mentoring program where 12 of the 15 applicants from WA were matched with a mentor.

2017 National Mentoring Program

This National mentoring program is for people working or volunteering in the field of health promotion. This year there were 12 mentees in the program from WA. They have been matched with mentors from across Australia. We would like to thank mentors from WA who are supporting the program.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Supported the Leadership Group with the coordination of the AHPA (WA Branch) 2017 AGM.
- Partnered with PHAA (WA Branch) to deliver a lecture with Professor Tarun Weeramanthri from the Department of Health WA titled 'International responses to health crises in conflict zones: A personal view', chaired by Professor Jaya Dantas from Curtin University. 96 people registered to attend this event.
- Partnered with Healthway, PHAIWA and PHAA (WA Branch) to deliver a lecture with Professor Carmen Lawrence titled 'Our relationship with the natural environment: What happens when we ignore it'. This event was attended by approximately 70 people.
- Partnered with the National Heart Foundation (WA Division) to provide an event which included a panel discussion

2018 ONWARDS

During 2018 the sub-committee will:

- Continue to provide a range of professional development events and networking opportunities.
- Support the Student sub-committee to organise the 2018 Student Careers Night.
- Support the Student sub-committee to run an AHPA (WA Branch) Speed Networking Event.
- Re-establish the Learning Circles to provide support to members who wish to build their skills.
- Work closely with all AHPA Branches to continue to implement the National mentoring program.



Professor Louise Potvin event
(L-R: Robina Crook, Chris Twomey, Trevor Shilton, Prof Louise Potvin, Michelle Prior)

FINANCE AUDIT + RISK MANAGEMENT

The Finance Audit and Risk Management sub-committee is responsible for maintaining Branch finances, identifying and mitigating risks and developing and monitoring the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

MEMBERS

Treasurer:

Liz Bradshaw (Treasurer)

Karen White (Chair)

STUDENTS

Teale Gordon

Ruisi Chen

EX-OFFICIOS

Vivienne McMahon

Lisa Rooke

KEY TASKS

- Ensure accountability and transparency across Branch finances.
- Manage the Health Promotion Scholarship Program funds.
- Update and manage risk register, supporting sub-committees to identify and mitigate Branch risks.
- Complete monthly Treasurer's reports and communicate Branch finances to the Committee.
- Increase the capacity of each sub-committee to identify and manage their expenditure.
- Complete audit processes to monitor Operational Plan strategies.
- Lead the development of the WA Branch RAP.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Maintained accountability and transparency in all aspects of financial management.
- Supported sub-committees to manage individual budgets to account for their allocated tasks and activities.
- Completed an audit of 2017 activities from the 2015-2018 WA Branch Operational Plan
- Maintained and updated the WA Branch risk register.
- Managed the Health Promotion Scholarship Program funds.
- Coordinated WA Branch audit process as part of Scholarship Program funding partnership with Healthway; this involved collation and submission of documentation related to governance, risk management, project management, and finances.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The following table shows the Branch's cash balances as at 31/12/17.

AHPA WA Branch funds	\$29,888.25
LEAP funds	\$5,616.46
Healthway funding	\$282,710.60

In line with previous years, the primary source of income was the Healthway funding for the Health Promotion Scholarship Program, professional development events run by the AHPA (WA Branch), interest and capitation. Our expenditure was largely on the Health Promotion Scholarship Program, facilitating professional development events and providing scholarships/awards.

The AHPA (WA Branch) finances are currently robust.

2018 ONWARDS

During 2018 the sub-committee will:

- Uphold transparency and accountability in all aspects of financial management.
- Support sub-committees to manage individual budgets to account for their allocated tasks and activities.
- Work with Reconciliation Australia to undertake formal endorsement of the RAP.
- Develop a Reflect RAP communication plan.
- Establish systems for sub-committees to assume responsibility for RAP activities.
- Maintain the WA Branch risk register.
- Continue to manage the Health Promotion Scholarship Program funds.

STUDENTS

The main role of the Student sub-committee is to: Raise awareness of the WA Branch and maintain and increase student membership; Assist all sub-committees with tasks; Create partnerships with health student organisations at WA universities; and Work to coordinate and deliver events, such as the Student Careers Night, aimed at facilitating networking opportunities and insight into the fields of public health and health promotion for university students and early career professionals.



**STUDENT
COORDINATOR**
Elizabeth Connor
MEMBERS

Hayley Allen
Natalie Gray
Brydie Nielson
Keira Bury
Ruisi Chen
Teale Gordon
(part year)

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Assisted with collating the weekly job list.
- Organised and collaborated with PHAA (WA Branch) to deliver the annual Student Careers Night.
- Assisted with evaluating and reporting on the Student Careers Night.
- Helped to promote volunteer opportunities for health promotion students.
- Assisted with delivering content for the AHPA Twitter account.

2018 ONWARDS

During 2018 the sub-committee will:

- Strengthen partnerships with all health student organisations at all of the universities in WA.
- Create more opportunities for students to link with professionals, starting with a networking event planned for the beginning of 2018.
- Help to develop strategies to increase retention of graduate members.
- Continue to assist the AHPA (WA Branch) sub-committees with their activities.

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EX-OFFICIO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (SAG)

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NATIONAL ACCREDITATION ORGANISATION (NAO) COMMITTEE

We would like to acknowledge our WA representatives who sat across four of the NAO Committees supporting AHPA's progression towards implementing the IUHPE Health Promotion Accreditation System in 2017.

Thank you to Tia Lockwood (Management committee, and Chair of the Assessment Committee), Ann Barblett (Assessment), Ruth Wernham (Assessment), Sharyn Burns (Assessment), Karen White (Continuing Professional Development), Rudie Marshall-Lang (Public Relations and Communications), Courtney Mickan (Public Relations and Communications), and Claire Thomson (Public Relations and Communications).

MEMBER SERVICES

Thanks again to the many contributors who provided a wide array of information and update throughout 2017 for the e-News and the jobs and event lists. We look forward to your continued support in 2018.

HEALTHWAY

Thank you for your ongoing support to continue the running of the AHPA (WA Branch) Health Promotion Scholarship Program. We would particularly like to thank Dr Jo Clarkson and Emma Hills for their ongoing support and guidance.

NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION (WA DIVISION)

Thank you for continuing to provide the Branch with access to storage space at your offices.

CANCER COUNCIL WA + DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Thank you for donating the use of your facilities free of charge for our Committee meetings and professional development events in 2017.

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MENTORS

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Congratulations to the 2017 scholarship recipients on your achievements and thank you to supervisors and supervising agencies. Thank you to all applicants and agencies who applied for the 2018 Scholarship Program. Congratulations to the successful applicants.



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