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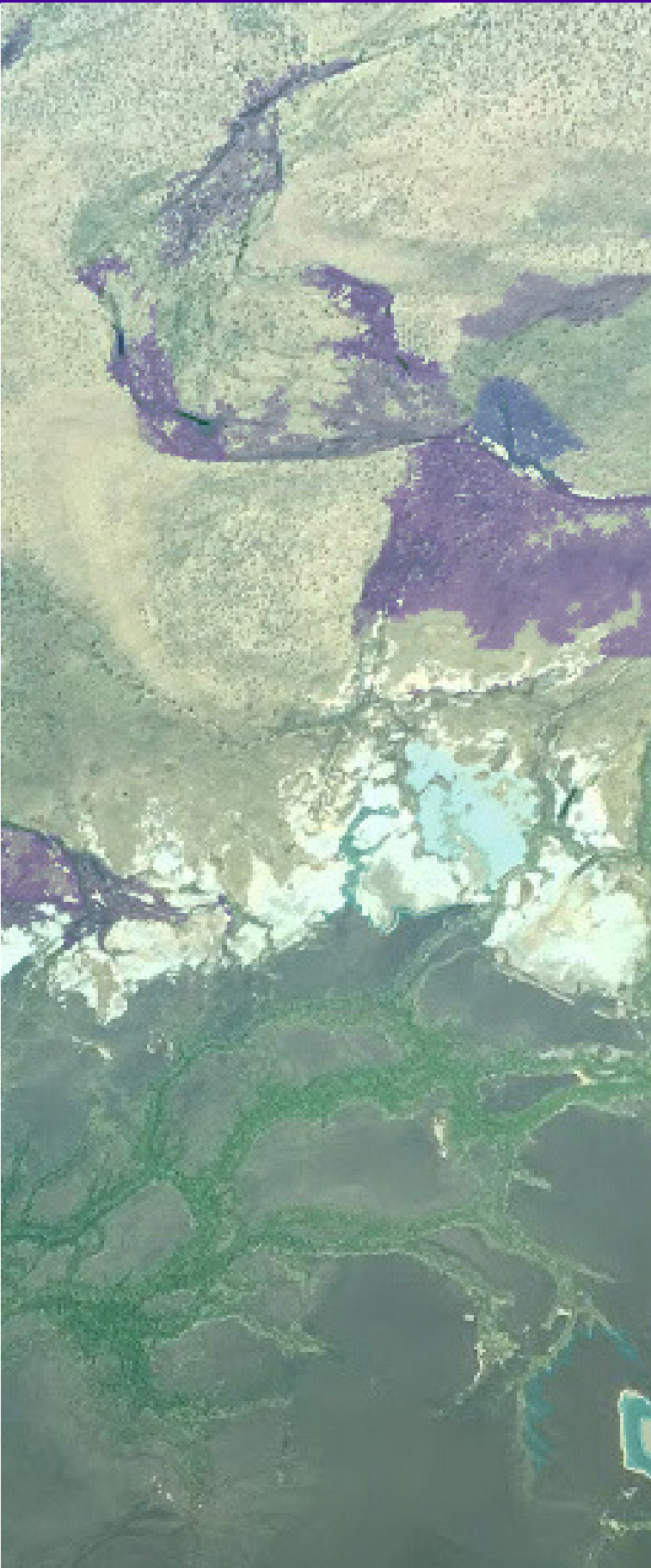
The Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®) is Australia’s peak health promotion body in Australia and is the only professional association in Australia specifically for people interested or involved in the practice, research and study of health promotion.

The Association has operational Branches representing all states and territories with members and subscribers from government departments and agencies, universities, non-government organisations, community-based organisations and groups, private companies and industries, and students.

As an Australian Public Company limited by guarantee, the Association must meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and its own Constitution. These two documents form the framework within which the Board of Directors governs the company.

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ABOUT

“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

Leadership in Health Promotion

PURPOSE

To advance the health of all people in Australia through leadership, advocacy and support for health promotion action in practice, research, evaluation and policy



AHPA IN ACTION:

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 social 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.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Welcome to the 2019 Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®) Annual Report. Given the circumstances of the past six months it is somewhat difficult to think back to last year. It seems so much has changed. But perhaps it is the case that the past few months have just thrown into stark relief what many face and have faced on a daily basis with regard to the impacts of climate change, communicable and infectious diseases, systemic prejudice, discrimination and violence and a lack of basic living conditions and safety nets. It would be fair to say these are live issues for our discipline and profession which many have been grappling with for some time, but now more than ever are issues that are critical to engage with collectively.

In her new book published in 2019, *Governing for Health*, AHPA Fellow Prof Fran Baum suggests that our very survival now depends on a shift to a world in which community, society, more equitable sharing of resources and conservation of the planet matter more than money. Governance is required, she argues, that is directed at creating conditions for health and wellbeing if we are going to avoid increasing threats to our health. We must rethink what we value as a species. This is a rallying cry for health promotion and for the Association to make good on our vision to act as leader and steward for health and for the health promotion profession and discipline. As we enter the next phase of our existence we may need to return to our radical roots. Supporting a flourishing and capable workforce able to take effective action on health inequities will be our priority.

It was with this in mind that AHPA focused on making 2019 a year of consolidation as we worked to deliver on the remaining items of our previous strategic plan and to critically develop and deliver a new, future focused strategic agenda for the next five years with the broader local and international contexts top of mind. Once again it has been a busy year and we managed to achieve a range of important outputs that has contributed to our strategic plan, vision and purpose:

- Our Communiqués, regular emails and social media activities provided members and partners with updates on the work of AHPA and health promotion issues of importance.
- The Branch Presidents' Committee supported investment to help with membership, events and professional development activities.
- 53 people successfully applied to become Registered Health Promotion Practitioners.
- The national mentoring program attracted 38 applications for mentees from across the country.
- The Association supported planning efforts for the IUHPE and PHAA 2020 Prevention Conferences.
- Developed the AHPA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement.
- Worked to move HPJA fully online as a commitment to environmentally sustainable publishing.
- Our fifth Virtual Issue was launched to coincide with the IUHPE Conference in April.
- AHPA progressed the Community Health Ethics Board project.



These and other initiatives ensure we remain a sustainable, high quality professional association for people interested or involved in the practice, policy, research and study of health promotion.

As you know, AHPA operates as a very lean organisation. We do not receive any government funding for our central functions. This means our committed membership and our volunteer committees are extremely important in order for us to undertake our work. The national work of the Association is conducted through a number of standing committees, sub-committees and working groups who I would like to acknowledge for their significant contributions. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to Branch Presidents and their committees, the HPJA Editorial team, Editorial Board and reviewers, staff from NFPAS, Wiley and Tech Matters, to our funders and partners, who all working together to ensure health promotion has a voice in Australia.

The amount and scope of work required to achieve our strategic directions is considerable and often challenging to sustain. The Board is responsible not only for AHPA's strategic directions but also for operationalising many of these directions. My heartfelt thanks for the hours, days, months and years given by this steadfast group of individuals (and often their families and work colleagues). I won't sugar coat it-it is often exhausting and there is always more work than hours in the day. But you smile, you put your shoulder to the wheel and you muck in. Often your work goes on quietly but it does not go unnoticed and it is deeply appreciated.

You are friends, mentors and trusted colleagues who are committed to furthering the work of our cherished Association and supporting its membership and who believe in the role that health promotion has to play in achieving peace and prosperity. You continue to contribute to the development of a forum for frank and fearless discussion which makes often difficult work and decisions easier. Every day you show me the different ways that leadership can manifest and you demonstrate what is possible when working collectively and towards a shared vision. I am so truly grateful.

Amongst a backdrop of considerable uncertainty we now look forward to our 30th year as an Association and to the next chapter of AHPA. Our new strategic plan will see us through the next five years across six important domains of action. Our new vision of: A healthy, equitable Australia will be our touchstone and we will be galvanised by our purpose of: Leadership, advocacy and workforce development for health promotion practice, research, evaluation and policy. Thank you to all those who continue to help us grow an effective and thriving organisation able to represent, promote and build the health promotion profession and advocate for good health.



Gemma Crawford

President
Australian Health
Promotion Association

OUR BOARD

EXECUTIVE



**GEMMA
CRAWFORD**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Academic - Health Promotion, Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, School of Public Health, Curtin University; Director, FoxPollard.

AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL)
Director (2010-); National President (2013-); Member - WA Branch- Strategic Advisory Group (2014-); President/CoPresident - 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.



**MELINDA
EDMUNDS**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Coordinator, Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia, School of Public 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.



**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 Vice President; Chair - Branch Presidents' Committee; Advocacy Activities; AHPA representative on PHAA Prevention Conference Committee



**DR MARGUERITE
SENDALL**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Academic QUT.

AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Acting Co-Vice President (Dec 2018 -April 2019); Director (2015-); Member - Queensland Branch (2007 - 2015);

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: AHPA representative - World Health Promotion Conference 2019 International Scientific Committee; AHPA representative - IUHPE South West; National Secretary (maternity cover)



**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



**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 KRYSTEN
BLACKFORD**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Lecturer, School of Public Health, Curtin University. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (July 2018-). SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Chair – Community Health Ethics Board Working Group



**DR DIMITRI
BATRAS**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Principal Consultant - Attained Success Consulting (Vic). AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (2014-); Member - Vic Branch Committee (2007). SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Chair – Strategic Plan Working Group; Chair - Continuing Professional Development Committee (National Accreditation Organisation).



**DR MICHELLE
DICKSON**

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



**SUZANNE
GLEESON**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Health Promotion Program Manager - Communities and Places Division Population Health, Sydney Local Health District. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL) : National Co-Secretary (June 2017-June 2018); Director (2009-2019); National Secretary (2013-June 2017); National President (2009-2013) ; President - NSW Branch (2006-2009); Member - NSW Branch Committee (2005-); Secretary - NSW Branch Committee (2014).



**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 - Professionalising Health Promotion Committee / Chair – Management Committee, National Accreditation Organisation; Chair - Appeals & Complaints, National Accreditation Organisation.



**JANICE
LANE**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Manager - Geelong Otway – Western Victoria Primary Health Network. AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL): Director (2017-2019). SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Strategic Plan Working Group

OUR BOARD

BOARD MEMBERS



**DR JUSTINE
LEAVY**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Lecturer and Discipline Lead, Health Promotion and Sexology, Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, School of Public Health, Curtin University; Australian Coordinator, Global Institute for Dental Education, Los Angeles. **AHPA EXPERIENCE (STATE/NATIONAL):** Director (2013-). **SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** Chair - Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation Committee.



**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.



**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 (June 2019-).



Trevor Shilton, Gemma Crawford and Michele Herriot at the Board Planning Day in Perth in November.



End of year Christmas greetings from the Board in Perth.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

A HIGHLY SKILLED AND SUSTAINABLE HEALTH PROMOTION WORKFORCE

RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND EVIDENCE TRANSLATION

The Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation (REET) Committee was particularly responsive and agile in 2019.

To launch the year, we worked with our Editor in Chief for the Health Promotion Journal of Australia (HPJA), Professor James Smith and Wiley Publishers to move HPJA fully online from January as a commitment to environmentally sustainable publishing. We also shifted the publishing schedule to January, April and August. This shift increases the potential for articles to be read, and subsequently cited, in any given year. In turn, this influences the Impact Factor of HPJA. These transitions were both seamless and the HPJA and REET will continue to embrace eco-friendly strategies wherever possible.

Virtual Issue

Together with Wiley, our fifth Virtual Issue (VI) was launched to coincide with the IUHPE Conference in Rotorua. All conference delegates were given access to the VI link. The VI asked 'What does prevention and policy for health promotion look like in 2019? What should it look like going forward?' The VI provided a picture of the breadth and depth of health promotion practice, policy and research in Australia over the past 10 years. The overview was written by Professor Sharon Friel, Director of the School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet) and Professor of Health Equity, Australian National University. Click [here](#) to read.

Thinker in Residence

In July, our inaugural Thinker in Residence, Dr Hannah Badland (RMIT) completed her 12 month term. Hannah's reflections on her time as the Thinker in Residence is captured below, and we would like to thank Hannah for her fantastic contribution to the AHPA, and promotion of the Association through her networks:

"Holding the title of 'Thinker in Residence' has provided me a valuable platform to not only highlight the importance of the social determinants of health for supporting good health and wellbeing, but pose agendas and questions that are relevant to, and resonate with, major urban issues policy makers and practitioners are grappling with. By having a specific focus on inequity in relation to the social determinants of health, my research program seeks to maximise health and wellbeing and avoid unintended consequences; this includes creating environments that disproportionately benefit the most vulnerable. Examples of my activities during my residence include editorial and blog pieces highlighting the importance of the social determinants of health, alongside new research avenues and collaborations focussing on early childhood developmental inequities, people with disabilities, low-to-middle income contexts, and gender-based violence – all in relation to the urban context. This body of work aligns closely with the UN's New Urban Agenda's principle commitment of 'leaving no one behind' and is a call to action for all sectors and disciplines through the social determinants of health".

You can read Hannah's editorial in HPJA [click here](#).

Professional Development

REET hosted a series of workshops in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and online delivered by Dr Joanna Schwarzman and Professor Ben Smith, titled Evaluation in Health Promotion and presented findings on the key individual, organisational and system-level factors that affect evaluation practice and quality in health promotion. The HPJA published the work which can be [accessed here](#).

AHPA supported the Editor-in-Chief to attend the Wiley Editor's Meeting in Melbourne in late November. This provided an important opportunity to network with other journal editors and to stay abreast of recent peer-reviewed publishing trends, challenges and opportunities, particularly those relating to advances in the use of information technology and social media.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Ethical Health Promotion Practice

AHPA has been exploring perspectives about ethical practice in health promotion. Perspectives have been sought to ascertain: 1) current understanding of ethics in practice amongst health and community organisations in Australia; 2) health promotion practitioner perceptions about the barriers and enablers to ethical practice; and 3) the most effective process and resources to support organisations with evidence informed ethical practice. Data were collected via 1) an online survey distributed to AHPA members in January 2019; and 2) IUHPE Conference workshop participants, followed by interviews with organisations. Findings suggest that health promotion practitioners in Australia require professional development opportunities on ethical practice, access to guidelines on ethical practice, and a better understanding of what is meant by 'ethical practice'.

Awards

The Ray James Memorial Award for excellence and innovation in health promotion research published in the HPJA was presented to Rosalie Schultz and co-authors Tammy Abbott, Jessica Yamaguchi and Sheree Cairney for their paper entitled: '[Injury prevention through employment as a priority for wellbeing among Aboriginal people in remote Australia](#)'. This year the field was very competitive and the panel awarded a commendation to Corie Gray and co-authors Gemma Crawford, Alison Reid and Roanna Lobo for their paper titled: '[HIV knowledge and use of health services among people from South-East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa living in Western Australia](#)'.

The Professor Chris Rissel Reviewer Award recognises the contribution peer reviewers make to the 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. The award was presented to Sarah Clifford from the Northern Territory.

The HPJA

The HPJA continued to flourish. 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. We also welcome international contributions of relevance to the region. The journal welcomes submissions about educational, cultural, organisational, economic and/or environmental approaches that address health promotion issues, advance the health promotion profession; and which support positive system changes that benefit population health. Manuscripts that address social and ecological determinants of health and/or issues relating to the promotion of health equity are strongly encouraged. Preference is given to articles presenting significant, innovative, and/or useful findings from methodologically robust and cutting-edge qualitative and quantitative studies of health promoting policies, strategies, programs and evaluations.

The team

Professor James Smith (Menzies School of Health Research) has continued as Editor-in-Chief. He has been ably supported by four Deputy Editors: Professor Jenni Judd (Central Queensland University); Dr Kalinda Griffiths (University of New South Wales); Ms Heather D'Antoine (Menzies School of Health Research); and, Professor Roxanne Bainbridge (Central Queensland University).

The Editorial Team included nine Associate Regional Editors:

- Professor Louise Signal (NZ)
- Dr Yvette Roe (QLD)
- Dr Helen Trevena (NSW)
- Associate Professor Margaret Cargo (ACT)
- Dr Rebecca Patrick (VIC)
- Dr Rosie Nash (TAS)
- Dr Matthew Fisher (SA)
- Dr Jonathan Hallett (WA)
- Dr Sarah Ireland (NT)
- Dr Karen McPhail-Bell (Book Review Editor)

The HPJA Editorial Team, REET Committee and Wiley have continued to work collaboratively to implement the HPJA four-year Strategic Plan.

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Impact Factor

The 2018 Impact Factor (1.333) was released in June. This figure represents the number of citations in 2018 in relation to content published in the journal in 2016 and 2017, divided by the total number of citable items published in a two-year period. This represents an increase from the 2017 (1.125), maintaining HPJA's reputation as a highly reputable national and global leader in the publication of contemporary peer-reviewed health promotion scholarship.

Review and Acceptance

There were 176 new submissions to HPJA. This represents an increase of 4.8% since 2018, reflecting a year-on-year increase since 2015. Similarly, reviewer invitations increased from 782 in 2018 to 871. This reflects both an increased number of submissions (i.e. greater demand for reviews) and an increased difficulty in obtaining reviews (i.e. a decrease in acceptances among potential reviewers). Nevertheless, 390 voluntary peer reviews were completed, reflecting a steady increase since 2017.

The median time for review completion is 20 days. This was consistent with 2017 (21 days) and 2018 (22 days). The median time for an initial decision increased from 74 days in both 2017 and 2018, to 90 days. The median time for a final decision increased from 147 in 2018 to 163 days in 2019.

Agreement has been reached with AHPA and IUHPE that reviewers for the HPJA are eligible for continuing professional development (CPD) hours as part of the health promotion practitioner registration process. We trust that incentives such as the Chris Rissel Reviewer Award and CPD hours will help sustain, and perhaps even increase, reviewer interest over the coming years.

The acceptance rate was 48.8%, representing a decrease from 54.1% in 2018. Approximately half of the submissions we currently receive are published. The average number of days from acceptance to publication in early view format was 32 days. This represented a substantial decrease from 62 days in 2018.

The timeframe from acceptance to early online publication reduced to 32 representing a significant reduction of 30 days, from 62 days in 2018. This decrease is largely due to streamlined publication processes introduced by Wiley.

Reach

The global reach of the journal has increased significantly over the past 12 months, particularly in the European and US markets. Early signs indicate this has impacted downloads, with almost half (47%) now occurring outside of Australia. This demonstrates that we have retained a predominantly Australian audience, while increasing exposure of journal content to international readers. The Editorial Team will aim to retain this balance over the coming years.

Professional Development and Promotion

Four members of the Editorial Team delivered a workshop on writing and reviewing for publication in a health promotion journal at the IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion as a capacity building endeavour. This was well attended, with multiple participants subsequently submitting papers and agreeing to review for the journal.

A focus on capturing and sharing insights from authors has been the focus of the digital strategy, which has included high quality video production. The strategic promotion of editorials and selected journal publications has been a central feature of this work. This has substantially increased our visibility through Facebook and Twitter. Two editorials and one paper published in the HPJA were cross-promoted through Croakey. We thank Melissa Sweet for supporting these initiatives.

Special Issue

Planning for a special issue on 'equity and health literacy' commenced. This has been sponsored by the NT PHN for which we are most appreciative. Guest Editors include Dr Kalinda Griffiths, Dr Sarah Ireland, Dr Rosie Nash and Dr Shandell Elmer, with additional editorial support provided by the Editor-in-Chief.

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PROFESSIONALISING HEALTH PROMOTION



The AHPA **National Accreditation Organisation** (NAO) continued to assess and register health promotion practitioners in Australia. The NAO implements the IUHPE Health Promotion Accreditation System in accordance with agreed health promotion competencies, criteria, policies and procedures. A dedicated Practitioner Registration page on the AHPA website has links to Frequently Asked Questions, sample forms, CPD guidelines, an 'Apply Now' button and registers for Registered Health Promotion Practitioners and accredited university courses.

The NAO is overseen by a National Management Committee. Key achievements:

- 53 people successfully applied to the AHPA NAO to become Registered Health Promotion Practitioners (RHPP). Australia now has the highest number of RHPP in the world!
- Presentations and workshops were delivered at key health promotion events including:
 - The 2019 IUHPE World Health Promotion Conference in Rotorua in collaboration with representatives from five other countries who are implementing the registration system.
 - The Victorian Primary Care Partnership State-wide Prevention Network meeting
 - The Victorian 'Enliven' Health Promotion Conference
- NAO representatives have joined IUHPE committees that are improving and expanding the Health Promotion Accreditation System. Work is proceeding to review the System handbook and forms, recruit and train people for assessment committees, market the System to potential applicants and universities and update the IUHPE website.

The implementation of the Australian NAO marketing plan continued and stakeholder engagement continued to be a priority. A database was created for the 200+ people who commenced their application but have not completed the process. Emails were sent to remind and encourage application progress. The on-line system provides a repository for applicant documentation, advises applicants about the status of their application and includes links to secure on-line payment for registration fees. A 'how to guide' was prepared for people who have completed an accredited course so they can quickly complete their registration process using the on-line system.



Andrew Jones-Roberts presenting at the IUHPE Conference.

NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM

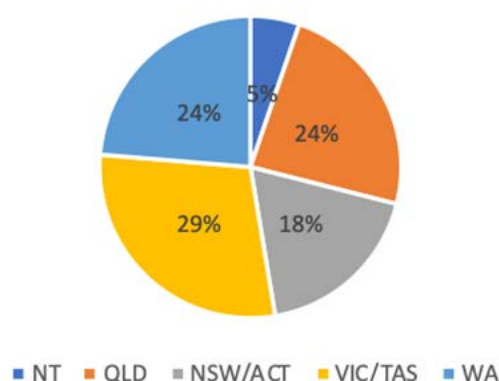
The national mentoring program during 2019 attracted 38 applications for mentees from across the country including:

- 8 student applicants
- 23 applicants who had either recently graduated or were early in their career
- 4 applicants who were returning to the profession
- 3 mid-career.

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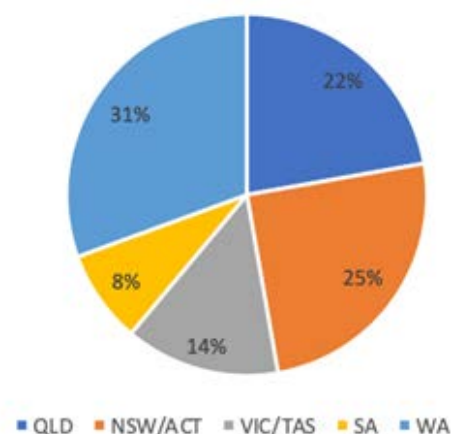
The pie chart shows the home state of the mentees:

Mentees' state of residence (%)



After some challenges finding mentors all bar two mentees were matched with a mentor. Their place of residence is shown in the following pie chart. Our thanks to all mentors including those already contributing through the AHPA Board and state committees.

Mentors' state of residence (%)



For the first time as a national program, we held a webinar in July to introduce the aim and structure of the mentoring program to the 12 participants who attended. The Mentoring Handbook and several email updates provided support to mentoring partnerships. However, not all matches are successful, for a variety of reasons, and the committee's capacity to follow up on these cases is unfortunately limited.

For many it is a positive experience:

"I have been finding this mentoring opportunity so useful! I am the only person in my area of the University with a health promotion focus so the support and understanding from someone who also has a health promotion lens is so helpful."

"I have actually been extremely fortunate, and feeling very grateful for this mentoring program. It has actually been something I really look forward to, and have found really enjoyable and helpful."

"Mentoring an early career mentee has been very positive for me. I have learned about her work in women's health and her experiences and challenges starting out in health promotion seeking employment and ways to be involved. We plan to keep meeting informally even though our term has finished."

The Mentoring Committee included representatives from SA, NSW/ACT, WA and Vic/Tas branches and the Board of Directors and we thank everyone for their participation.

23RD IUHPE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HEALTH PROMOTION 2019

The 23rd International Union of Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) World Conference on Health Promotion was held in Rotorua, New Zealand in April 2019. The conference was hosted by the Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand, the IUHPE and partners such as AHPA. In conference planning, AHPA played an active role through negotiating membership discounts, garnering sponsorship, and being an active member of the Scientific Committee. AHPA members chaired parallel sessions and conducted a workshop about the practitioner's registration with colleagues from New Zealand, Ireland and Italy. The workshop was very well attended, and delegates were highly engaged in small group discussions. AHPA provided a number of state and national bursaries to attend the conference.

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Like previous conferences from Ottawa until now, the IUHPE world conference brings together those from all parts of the world who are passionate about health promotion. It is the chance to share and learn health promotion practice, research, and theory.

The conference theme was WAIORA: Promoting Planetary Health and Sustainable Development for All. Waioira refers to an Indigenous perspective of the host country, Aotearoa New Zealand, on health and sustainable development. Waioira means water in its purest, life-giving form and calls to share knowledge for planet wellbeing and humanity from diverse cultural systems.

The conference aim was to demonstrate health promotion's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and acknowledge how SDGs contribute to health and wellbeing. The plenary speakers were diverse and exciting and included Dame Anne Salmond, Sir Mason Durie, Sir Michael Marmot, Professor Anthony Capon, Professor Fran Baum, Dr Stanley Vollant, Dr Anne Bunde-Birouste, Dr Trevor Hancock, Dr Priya Balasubramaniam, Dr Colin Tukuitonga, Tamati Krugi, Patrick Mwesigye and Maria Paulo Romo.

They all tackled the big questions, underpinned by the SDGs, about integrating health promotion, sustainable development and equity in an engaging, accessible and provoking way. Broadly, the parallel sessions were themed to global health equity throughout the life course, inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban habitats conducive to health and wellbeing, effective and fair climate change adaptation strategies and effective, accountable and inclusive governance for peace, justice and respect of human rights. Youtube clips of some presentations and e-Posters are on the conference website.

The conference concluded with two legacy documents; 1) [Rotorua Statement. WAIORA: Promoting Planetary Health and Sustainable Development for All](#) and 2) [Waioira - Indigenous Peoples' Statement for Planetary Health and Sustainable Development](#).

Overall, the conference had a friendly and fun atmosphere with delegates revelling in the opportunity to learn, share, socialise and enjoy timeout from regular jobs. By all accounts, it was a great success.



Bursary recipients Christina Heris and Catherine MacDonald



Colin Tukuitonga addressing attendees

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY FOR HEALTH PROMOTION ISSUES

The Association has been busy with a range of advocacy action throughout 2019. Some of this work was undertaken directly and some through the range of organisations that AHPA is a member of (for example the Australian Gun Safety Alliance, Tipping the Scales and the Climate and Health Alliance amongst others). There has been a range of media activities associated with a number of these actions that AHPA has also been involved in. Other advocacy included:

- Signed a joint letter on ACCC Digital Platforms Inquiry response
- Signed a joint statement on LGBTI mental health
- Signed a letter to the WHO DG and EB re PMI-funded Foundation for a Smoke-Free World
- Signed a letter calling on delegates of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to reject engagement with the tobacco industry at its meetings during the 74th UNGA session

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- Signed a letter coordinated by ACOSS to Energy Ministers re: energy efficiency
- Sent a letter to the Environment Minister at the federal and state/territory level as part of CAHA's Clearing the Air Campaign to support stronger air pollution standards
- Sent a letter to the Federal Health Minister about health promotion and prevention
- Sent a letter to the Federal Health Minister re composition of Preventive Health Strategy Steering Committee
- Sent letters to the Minister for Health, Shadow Minister for Health and Leader of the Greens in the lead up to the 2019 Federal election. In addition provided information for branches to use in local advocacy
- Submission to the Inquiry into Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- Submission to the National Obesity Strategy Consultation Submission
- Submission to the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) consultation on the proposed nutrition labels
- Submission to Proposal P1050 – Pregnancy warning labels on alcoholic beverages
- Participated in the consultation for National Obesity Strategy Consultation
- Participated in the National Preventive Health Workshop
- Participated in the PHAA-ACOSS National Preventive Health Strategy forum
- Participated in the Trade and Health Roundtable
- Participated in the CAHA annual general meeting
- Participated in the National Prevention Gathering

A STRONG AND RESPONSIVE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION

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.

The Board utilise BoardEffect for storing key documents and managing meeting agendas. The Board adheres to our governance calendar to mitigate any risks for 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.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Strategic Plan Working Group undertook a systematic process reviewing the current Strategic and Operational plans alongside the feedback received through the AHPA member survey. Common themes, novel ideas, overlapping concepts, perceived priorities and AHPA's key partners were identified through the development of the draft plans. The AHPA Board was engaged to prioritise actions in the draft Strategic and Operational plans and provide further direction. The Board identified the need for further consultation with its key partners and decided to extend the current Strategic and Operational Plan into 2019. Following consultation with key partners and AHPA committees, the working group compiled the lessons learned along with earlier findings to present to the Board at the annual face to face meeting in Perth in November.

The Board agreed to a new model for 2020-2024 involving a series of work plans for each Board committee that will underpin one overarching Strategic Plan. Six broad streams of action with a series of activities will direct AHPA's work over the next 5 year period which includes a new vision and purpose.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PROMOTION

At the AHPA Board Face to Face meeting held in November the Board endorsed the current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group as a standing committee of the National Board.

In 2019, the Committee has made great strides in our strategic commitment to health equity and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health promotion. We developed the AHPA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement and this is now published on [our website](#).

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

The committee has recently developed a draft Protocols document to inform the correct use of language when developing communication regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Association remains committed to Reconciliation and has been working towards the development of a national Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). We have selected the Reconciliation Australia INNOVATE Reconciliation Action Plan and the committee has been developing our Action Plan to operationalise the goals set out in the Statement. Feedback on the DRAFT RAP will be sought from Branches, members and Reconciliation Australia and ratified by the AHPA Board. Appropriate inclusive artwork is being sourced for use in conjunction with the AHPA RAP and where suitable for other AHPA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activities.

COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP

In 2019 the Communication and Membership Committee and the NAO Communications Committee joined to see a more collaborative, consistent approach to communications.

Considerable planning was conducted in 2019 and a decision was made to have additional paid support for communications and membership in 2020, so watch this space.

Membership remained steady across the year.

The Committee regularly communicated with members through Health Promotion Happenings and a bi-annual communiqué. AHPA has continued to use Twitter as a medium to share activities with our members. In 2019 there were:

- 795 new followers
- 201,600 tweet impressions
- 269 link clicks
- 510 retweets

BRANCHES

The AHPA branches are the base of our organisation supporting individual and organisational members locally through a range of local advocacy activities, professional development opportunities, awards and lectures and partnerships. The Branch Presidents' Committee (BPC) is a standing committee of the AHPA Board and its role and function is to provide an outlet for the Board to seek strategic advice and input on Association matters as they relate to Branches. In addition, the BPC acts as a forum for information sharing and collaboration amongst and between state and territory branches as well the Board. The BPC supports the effective delivery of both strategic and operational strategies at a Board and Branch level. The group also ensures Branch Presidents have linkages to and support from the Board and also one another. This allows appropriate feedback from Branches to the national level and innovative and practical collaborations amongst Branches to support the achievement of strategies outlined in their local plans.

The BPC meets monthly and 2019 saw some new faces on the committee. In WA, Carl Heslop replaced co-presidents Lorena Chapman and Courtney Mickan and in Queensland Kath McFarlane replaced Anita Cowlshaw. We were also pleased to welcome co-president Anshul Kaul in the NT and excited two presidents had babies, Stefania Velardo and Julia Dray! Thanks to Liana Bellifemini for stepping up for Stefania. It is positive having new input to the committee (including two from rural Australia) as well as having the experience of the others. The AHPA Vice President chairs the BPC.

This year we moved to using Board Effect for agendas and minutes and managed to get the Induction Handbook onto Board Effect as well as some key documents making access easier. We also used Zoom for all meetings. We also agreed on the process of merging branch accounts with the national accounts to minimise fees and charges and take a more holistic approach to AHPA funds.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Branches also prepared budgets using a common template and the Treasurer attended two meetings to discuss financial matters with the BPC.

The Chair of NAO continued his support of the BPC attending most months to provide an update on the NAO registration program. This was useful to all and the BPC are promoting the program locally as well as hoping to encourage universities to have their courses accredited. Several branch presidents also sit on NAO committees which is appreciated. The co-chairs of the Membership and Communications Committee attended the August meeting to discuss relevant issues with members of the BPC. One change resulting from this was a more flexible approach to branches sharing information through social media channels. The BPs also provided input to the AHPA Strategic Planning process with the AHPA President attending the July meeting.

The WA Branch President attended the Board face to face meeting in Perth in November providing the perspective of branch presidents on key issues and taking questions from Board members. This was very useful in building connections. The BPC supported the idea of investing in assistance to help with membership, events and professional development activities.

A joint approach was adopted for the calling of bursaries.

NEW SOUTH WALES / AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Throughout 2019 the NSW/ACT Branch worked hard across advocacy, professional development and scholarship activities.

Advocacy

During 2019, two significant advocacy submissions were made and we gratefully acknowledge the leadership and efforts of our members with this work. This included a joint statement on NSW air pollution and climate change and a detailed submission to the NSW Premier regarding last drinks and lockout laws.

The Association greatly benefits from the expertise and leadership of our members in executing our advocacy agenda.

Professional development

The NSW/ACT Branch partnered with the Prevention Research Collaboration at the University of Sydney and Monash University to co-host a NSW workshop on 'Strengthening health promotion practice through evaluation' in November at The University of Sydney. It was well supported, with nearly 100 people attending in person or via Zoom. Dr Joanna Schwarzman, an AHPA Vic/Tas branch member, led the workshop, which reported on the evaluation practices of 116 prevention agencies from around Australia. It also covered the importance of evaluation in policy and programs in Australia and factors that affect how evaluation is undertaken and the findings implemented.

The NSW/ACT Branch also attended the 2019 Public Health Careers Evening held in November at the University of Sydney. Over 150 people attended the event, which centred on an excellent panel discussion from five people who have forged different careers in public health.

The evening also included a networking session, where a range of organisations were available to answer questions and provide advice to the attendees, most of whom were current students or recent graduates. Jo Chau and James Kite represented the Branch Committee and spoke to several attendees at this session. Attendees were very interested in AHPA, with many expressing an interest in joining our organisation.

Scholarships

The NSW/ACT AHPA committee supported two scholarships for members to attend the 2019 IUHPE conference. They were awarded to Ms Ana Renda, Health Promotion Officer NSW Health and Dr Joanne Walker, Doctor of Public Health (Research) and Director Policy and Strategy Development at National Rural Health Alliance ACT.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Their reports are published on the website. It was great to hear such positive and rewarding feedback from the recipients. A few of the NSW/ACT membership made presentations at the conference including Associate Professor Ben Smith, Associate Professor Li Ming Wen, Dr James Kite, Dr Michelle Dickson and the bursary recipient Ana Renda.

Committee Members:

- Jennifer Evans (Co-President)
- Julia Dray (Co-President)
- Sarah Taki (Vice-President)
- Philayrath Phongsavan (Secretary)
- Li Ming Wen (Treasurer)
- James Kite
- Freya MacMillan
- Chris Rissel
- Josephine Chau
- Kate Johnson
- Rimante Ronto
- Kundy Khaulanbyek
- Michelle Dickson (Ex Officio)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

This year started with a new committee for the NT Branch, including some representation from the Central Desert. The diversity in our committee membership is also reflected in the branch action plan and activities.

Following have been the key highlights for the NT Branch:

- Support provided to the Charles Darwin University (CDU) wellness initiative - Tai Chi and Mindful program that provide regular sessions to Darwin community members free of charge.
- Creating and increasing social media presence: The AHPA NT Facebook page was created this year following the formation of a Social Media Working Group and a Social Media Strategy. The Facebook page promotes digital health messages, share continuing professional development events and encourage membership across the NT and now has over 300 followers.

- Two branch members were selected for the 2019 National Mentoring program and we also offered a Remote Scholarship to support AHPA members to professional development in NT.
- AHPA NT continues to be involved with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee as the committee is progressing with the AHPA Reconciliation Action Plan. The Co-Presidents also attend the Branch Presidents' meeting monthly.
- We are proud to have the Editor in Chief for the Health Promotion Journal of Australia, Prof James Smith as one of our NT members and value his advice and support.
- Sarah Clifford from the Northern Territory branch was selected as the recipient of the 2019 Professor Chris Rissel Reviewer Award.
- Planning day in July that covered: professional networking, promoting the mentoring program and health promotion practitioner registration.

While the NT Branch is faced with the challenge of having a highly transient and spread out professional workforce, including those in remote communities, the NT Branch strives to increase and support the membership.

Committee Members:

- Anshul Kaul (Co-president July 2019-)
- Benjamin Christie (Co-president)
- Vincent He (Social Media co-lead)
- Chantelle De Lastic (Social Media co-lead)
- Himanshu Gupta
- Buapharao Raphipattana

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Advocacy and submissions

In advancing our advocacy work in 2019, the branch continued collaborating closely with our partners in the South Australian Public Health Consortium; the South Australian Council of Social Service and the Public Health Association of Australia SA Branch. As a group, the branch have continued to call on the government to demonstrate a visible, substantial and long-term commitment to preventive strategies and to re-build public health capacity within and beyond the health sector.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

We made written submissions in response to the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 Review, South Australian Oral Health Plan Consultation, and contributed to a joint stakeholder statement seeking amendments to the SA Health Care (Governance) Amendment Bill 2019.

Following attendance at an earlier functional design workshop for Wellbeing SA, the branch continued to provide valuable input to a series of Wellbeing SA stakeholder consultation workshops in 2019, as well as written communications.

Events

September and October were busy months for the SA Branch. In September, the Branch sponsored the Public Health Association of Australia to deliver the Student and Young Professionals in Public Health Careers Night which was run in Adelaide. Liana Bellifemini, Branch Vice President, represented health promotion as a career pathway at the event, reflecting on her work for the Alcohol and Drug Foundation. Stefania Velardo, Branch President, was also invited to represent AHPA on a panel at the SA the Heaps Unfair State Symposium. This workshop highlighted the growth in health inequities in South Australia since the mid 1980s, and encouraged discussion about the implications for future action designed to make health in SA more equitably distributed. Stefania specifically contributed to the Policy Futures Panel: How do we create the political will for equity? In October, like many other branches, AHPA SA also supported the AHPA Strengthening Evaluation in Health Promotion Practice Workshop which was run in conjunction with Monash University and the University of Sydney.

Awards

In 2019 AHPA SA continued to recognise excellence in health promotion through several scholarships and awards. The 2019 SA Primary Health Care Practitioner Award was presented to Dr Toby Freeman. Dr Freeman is the Deputy Director of the Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity at Flinders University.

He is a chief investigator on two primary health care NHMRC project grants, a senior research fellow on the Centre for Research Excellence on Social Determinants of Health Equity. Toby was recognised for his longstanding contributions to primary healthcare research in the state, and his commitment to social justice and reducing health inequities. This award is jointly presented by the South Australian branches of the Public Health Association Australia and AHPA.

Each year the SA branch presents a health promotion award for one student from each of the universities in South Australia. These prizes are judged on academic achievement and demonstration of a commitment to Health Promotion. The winners of the student prize for 2019 were Emily Franklin (Flinders University), Amy Hamblin (Adelaide University), and Karimeh Naeimi (University of South Australia).

Committee members:

- Stefania Velardo (President)
- Liana Bellifemini (Vice President)
- Jane Harford (Minutes Secretary)
- Gabrielle Fisher (Social Media Secretary)
- Denise O'Connell (Correspondence Secretary)
- Lynda Norton
- Sally Modystach
- Tiffany Sharp

QUEENSLAND

2019 saw the committee reduce by half and find its feet with less capacity and a noticeable reduction of Brisbane-based committee members. However, the committee members worked hard to continue to progress activities for its Queensland members and to raise the profile of health promotion in Queensland.

Professional links

AHPA and PHAA Queensland branches continued to work closely together, with members from each organisation attending branch meetings. This allowed the opportunity to share progress and alert each other to networking and advocacy opportunities. Thank you to Matt Ebden who attending from PHAA in 2019 and to Sue Devine who represented AHPA at the PHAA meetings.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Advocacy

Amie Steel represented AHPA on the Sports Minister's Advisory Council to guide the implementation of the Queensland Government's Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029. Amie provided input also on papers shared from this meeting regarding a national partnership agreement on concussion. Amie also represented AHPA on the working group for the planned Climate and Health symposium to be held in Brisbane mid-2020.

Kath McFarlane joined Letitia Del Fabbro (PHAA Qld President) in meetings with the establishment team for Health and Wellbeing Queensland (HWQ). HWQ commenced as an agency 1 July 2019. AHPA Queensland has a long history in influencing the development of this agency and we are excited that it has labelled itself as a 'health promotion agency'.

Margo Sendall (Queensland-based AHPA board member, and previous AHPA Qld committee member) represented AHPA at the Health and Wellbeing Queensland co-design workshop on Connecting people with health improvement options and advocated for the expertise of health promotion practitioners in planning and delivery of HWQ activities and as well as promoting the registration process for Health Promotion Practitioners with IUHPE.

Professional Development and Events

The QLD Branch continued the successful coffee catch ups across the state. The meet ups provided members and others interested in health promotion to network in their local area over an informal social coffee. The coffee catch ups were hosted in Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Cairns.

The QLD Branch also presented at the QUT Careers event promoting health promotion as a career with tips on how to find health promotion roles in Queensland as well as promoting the benefits of AHPA membership to students.

Communication

The Queensland Branch Facebook page continued to grow with 375 members. Regular posts share topics of interest, upcoming events, health promotion practice, job opportunities and network opportunities.

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

Committee members:

- Anita Cowlshaw (President to February 2019)
- Kath McFarlane (Co-Vice President to February 2019, President February 2019-)
- Tim Spratling (Co-Vice President to February 2019)
- Sue Devine (Vice President February 2019-)
- Cassie Whatley (Secretary to February 2019)
- Carlie Smith (Co-Secretary)
- Leanne White (Co-Secretary)
- Bradley Cox (Treasurer to February 2019)
- Jemma King
- Amie Steel
- James Wong

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The AHPA WA Branch started the year with a brand new leadership team and a lot of learning to do in a short space of time. There was a deliberate decision from the committee to focus on the necessities.

Part of this was a move away from fixed sub-committees with individuals taking project leads across the year. This had its teething problems at times, but it reduced additional meeting times and allowed individuals within the committee to work across our focus areas depending on their capacity at the time.

There was also discussion around finding the Branch's point of difference within the marketplace. It is clear that while we must continue to foster close relationships with other organisations that are kindred spirits, we can't be duplicates of each other. As a Branch we started to explore some new opportunities and new connections.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

This led to the Branch being fortunate to combine with the Australian Association of Social Marketing to host events with key academics and thought provokers.

Branch awards and scholarships

- Leadership in Health Promotion: Stacey Turale Regional Needle Syringe Program Coordinator, WA Country Health Service - Pilbara
- Outstanding Mentor in Health Promotion: Lauren Nimmo Senior Manager, Health Promotion and Research, Royal Life Saving Society WA
- Early Career in Health Promotion: Hunter Offin (Pomery) Senior Community Development Officer, Alcohol and Drug Foundation
- AHPA (WA Branch) Annual Awards Excellence in Health Promotion Practice: Albany Roller Derby League, Act, Belong, Commit Skate Like a Girl Program
- President's Award: Briony Williams. Briony joined the AHPA WA Committee in 2018 after serving as an ex officio member and has contributed greatly to the operations of the AHPA WA Branch by fulfilling the Secretary role during 2019.
- Sponsored the Peter Howat Award that recognises the top student (highest grade average) in the Bachelor of Health Promotion at Curtin University. The 2019 award was presented to Rebecca O'Donnell.
- Sponsored the Bachelor of Preventive Health Practicum Award that recognises the highest performing student in their final year Industry Practicum. The 2019 award was presented to Eloise McGinnity.

Healthway scholarships program

During 2019, both Scholarships Coordinators (the role was handed over from Keira Bury to Myra Robinson in March 2019) 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 twelve applications submitted for the 2020 Program, and all places filled in the 2019 Aboriginal Health Promotion Short Course.

Four Healthway work experience and training opportunities (scholarships) for graduates and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were available for those who commenced and completed their scholarship projects during 2019. The 2019 Regional Scholarship recipient has continued employment and enrolled in post-graduate study with their host agency, remaining in the town they relocated to for their placement.

Advocacy

The following submissions and responses were made by the WA Branch:

- A letter to the Town of Cottesloe about their local bylaw amendment to ban smoking on council beaches. This amendment was successfully passed by the Local Government Council. Changing Council by-laws is a positive step in protecting the community from the dangers of second-hand smoke.
- A letter supporting the introduction of safe access zones around premises that provide abortion services and other relevant healthcare services in Western Australia. All patients, consumers and healthcare providers in Australia have the right to safe and quality health care as well as a safe, secure and supportive environment.
- A letter to the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming on TAB Privatisation and Electronic Gaming Machines strongly discouraging the privatisation of the TAB and the permit of simulated racing machines outside of the Crown Casino Burswood in WA.
- Five letters of support to the THRIVE@Curtin Health Promotion in Action project to support:
 - the implementation of free and accessible condoms at Curtin University
 - awareness of and compliance with the smoke-free policy at Curtin University and provide smoking cessation services and resources
 - increase the amount of functional lighting and, knowledge of security measures offered at Curtin University
 - increase the use of available engagement tools at Curtin University to improve the mental health of online students
 - the provision of stand-up desks, standing tables and standing areas within the Curtin University Bentley campus.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- A comprehensive letter to the WA Government's Inquiry into the impact of climate change on health in WA.
- A letter co-signed by National President on the Public Health and Prevention Recommendations from the WA Department of Health Sustainable Health Review Final Report. We commended the Government in responding to the recommendations outlined and for making prevention a priority.
- Participated in the PHAIWA Obesity Advocacy Targets workshop.
- Responded to the preliminary outputs of the Health and Medical Research and Innovation Forum to highlight that proposed Research and Innovation Strategy had neglected to include prevention.

Events and partnerships

The annual 'Ray James Memorial Lecture' is given at the WA Branch AGM each year. Speakers are nominated by the AHPA (WA Branch) Executive Committee to speak at the AGM in Ray's honour taking into account the principles behind Ray's work in health promotion. The 2019 Ray James Memorial Lecture featured David Worthington, Dane Waters and James Steven-Cutler speaking about their careers to date, the opportunities they had explored and the innovations they had been a part of while reflecting on their own early career achievements.

Other examples are:

- Partnered with Curtin University and Healthway to deliver a four-day Aboriginal Health Promotion Short Course for those wishing to build their health promotion skills and knowledge.
- Supported the Student subcommittee to run the annual Student Careers Night in collaboration with the PHAA (WA Branch).
- Represented WA on the AHPA National Mentoring Program where all applicants were matched with a mentor. In 2019 there were 9 mentees and 11 mentors from WA, which made up approximately a quarter of all mentees and nearly 40% of mentors across Australia.

- Co-hosted Joanna Schwarzman and Ben Smith's Strengthening health promotion practice through evaluation workshop with Monash University, the University of Sydney and the AHPA Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation Committee.
- Partnered with AASM, The Behaviour Change Collaborative and the Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health to support events with Professor Jeff French and Professor Rebekah Russell Bennet.
- Partnered with the Australian Association of Social Marketing to host an Outside-in thinking: Sources of inspiration for behaviour change training.
- Along with the Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Environmental Health Australia, the Public Health Association of Australia (WA Branch) and the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Impact Assessment the Branch hosted a special screening of 2040 followed by an panel discussion.

Committee Members:

- Lorena Chapman (Co-President to March 2019)
- Courtney Mickan (Co-President to March 2019)
- Carl Heslop (Vice President August 2018 – March 2019; President March 2019)
- Kirsten Beckingham (Vice President to March 2020)
- Liz Bradshaw (Treasurer to March 2019)
- Qasim Rehman (Treasurer March 2019 -)
- Kirsty de Blanken (Secretary to March 2019)
- Briony Williams (Secretary March 2019 -)
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- Alicia King
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- Katie Schubert
- Melissa Evans
- Monique Lobb
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