

BLACK LIVES MATTER STATEMENT

Recent events in the United States have shaken and shocked people on a global scale. The Black Lives Matter movement has encouraged people here in Australia to unite voices to highlight the injustices suffered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. AHPA is committed to work in culturally safe ways as we strive to address the inequities that exist for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. During these times we are reminded that our AHPA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion statement is far more than words on a page, it represents a genuine commitment. Similarly, the current development of our AHPA Reconciliation Action Plan allows AHPA to authentically reflect and plan our future actions in a way that aligns to our core values and commitments.

AHPA aims to celebrate diversity, encourage inclusion and promote equitable outcomes for people of different gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, ability, ethnicity, race, and culture. We work towards these goals by:

- ensuring health promotion practitioners have the skills and capacity to work with and advocate for diverse individuals and communities
- ascribing to environments and organisational structures that are safe welcoming places
- advocating for the rights of all people to equitable health and wellbeing outcomes throughout their lives
- working in partnership with likeminded organisations to achieve equitable outcomes
- developing Action Plans such as the Reconciliation Action Plan to operationalise these goals.

We ask AHPA members to help us do our work in ways that speak out against injustices towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We welcome any AHPA members who would like to join the AHPA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group as it develops the AHPA Reconciliation Action Plan. Please contact members@healthpromotion.org.au to express your interest.

If you or anyone you know needs help:

- Lifeline on 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978
- Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467
- Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800
- Headspace on 1800 650 890
- QLife on 1800 184 527

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