

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### RE. NEW EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR HEALTH PROMOTION JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA

The Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Editor-in-Chief (EiC), Adjunct Associate Professor Carmel Williams to Australia's leading journal for health promotion practice, policy and research, the Health Promotion Journal of Australia (HPJA). Ms Williams will take the helm from 1 August 2023.

Carmel is a well-known figure in health promotion and public health with 30+ years of experience in the field. AHPA National President Dr Gemma Crawford says she is an outstanding choice, "We warmly welcome Carmel and are excited to have her lead the Health Promotion Journal of Australia into the next phase of its existence," she said.

*"It is a great privilege to be appointed the next Editor in Chief of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia and to be able to continue to grow and strengthen the reach and impact of the Journal. With the myriad of complex challenges facing society, there is an urgent need for timely and reliable knowledge and evidence. Evidence that can drive change and support the health promotion community to advocate, enable and mediate to improve human health, planetary health and equity. The Journal is in a great position thanks to the powerful leadership and guidance of Prof James Smith and the editorial team. Hassan and I will work closely with the editorial team to build upon these strong foundations to ensure the Journal delivers for the health promotion community, locally and globally."*

Adjunct Associate Professor Carmel Williams

Associate Professor Hassan Hosseinzadeh with extensive teaching, research and transformational leadership experience from the University of Wollongong will join Carmel as a Deputy Editor, joining existing members of the Editorial Team. Hassan is a well-respected transformational leader, who proudly serves to enhance the motivation, morale, and job performance of team members through inspirational motivation, intellectual stimulation, and individual consideration.

*"I envisage the Health Promotion Journal of Australia to be a collaborative endeavour aiming at driving forward research in the field of health promotion by providing high-quality peer-reviewed research papers for academics, researchers, policy decision-makers and health practitioners. Under my leadership, the HPJA will be the flagship publication of health promotion on the world stage. The Journal will also bridge the higher education gap in health promotion by delivering content solutions in innovative ways to enrich health promotion learning and teaching practice."*

Associate Professor Hassan Hosseinzadeh

Carmel and Hassan will take over duties from AHPA Fellow, Professor James Smith who has announced his retirement as EiC after more than five years in the role.

AHPA recognises the valuable and significant contributions of Professor Smith and sincerely thanks him for his service.

Prof Smith has had a long association with both the HPJA and AHPA, holding roles as Branch President in both SA and NT, and nationally as a Board Director (2006-2014), Vice President (2009-2013), and Chair of the Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation Committee. Prof Smith commenced his tenure with the HPJA as an Editorial Advisory Board Member from 2011–2015 followed by appointment as an Associate Editor and as EIC in November 2017. As EIC Prof Smith has overseen the addition of a fourth journal issue each year, the expansion of virtual issues and special issues on topical areas of interest to the health promotion community, the expansion of the Editorial Team, a year-on-year increase in impact factor (to 2.033) and importantly a marked increase in Indigenous health promotion scholarship, with a parallel increase in Indigenous authorship and Indigenous reviewer and editorial participation. He implemented a strong vision for the Journal towards enhancing contributions that address social and ecological determinants of health and/or issues relating to the promotion of health equity.

*"It has been a pleasure leading the growth of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia over the past five years, and I thank AHPA for trusting me with this responsibility. The journal's success has reflected a collective effort, with a hard-working Editorial Team from across all states and territories of Australia and New Zealand, and builds on the dedication of my predecessors. I'm confident the Journal will continue to flourish under the stewardship of Carmel, Hassan and the rest of the Editorial Team."*

Professor James Smith

Prof Smith has commenced his handover with the incoming EIC, and we thank him for his commitment to ensuring a smooth transition during this period. He will formally step down from the role in August 2023 and the Association looks forward to celebrating his contributions in upcoming events. AHPA is grateful to James for his steady leadership of the HPJA as a credible and respected contributor to the public health evidence base.

*"We welcome Professor Smith's continued engagement with the Journal and Association - as a friend, member, mentor and Fellow. We wish him all the very best for the future."*

Gemma Crawford, AHPA President

Health promotion's role has never been so significant. and under Carmel and Hassan's leadership together with stewardship from existing members of the Editorial Team and Editorial Advisory Board, we look forward to the Journal continuing to evolve.

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## BACKGROUND

### Health Promotion Journal of Australia

The Health Promotion Journal of Australia (HPJA) is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes high-quality research and critical perspectives from researchers, decision-makers, and practitioners that contribute to improving knowledge and evidence for health promotion action across Australasia. The Journal became the official publication of the AHPA in 1991 and is currently published by Wiley. The journal has a strong focus on educational, cultural, organisational, economic and/or environmental approaches that address health promotion issues, advance the health promotion profession, and support positive system changes that benefit population health.

### Adjunct Associate Professor Carmel Williams



Carmel Williams is the Director of the Centre for Health in All Policies Research Translation based in the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and the School of Public Health University of Adelaide. Carmel was the foundational Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Advancing Health in All Policies.

Carmel has overseen the establishment and sustainability of South Australia's Health in All Policies approach from its commencement in 2007 until 2021. The approach works across government to influence public policy decisions to improve health and wellbeing. She led numerous collaborative projects on the social and environmental determinants of health, drawing research, policy and practice together to deliver evidence-informed public policy outcomes. In 2017 and 2021 she was awarded the Primary Health Care Award and the Individual Health Promotion Award from the Public Health Association of Australia.

Carmel has extensive experience in the field of health promotion and public health with qualifications in education and public health and she has earned the honorary academic status of Associate Professor with the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide. She works extensively with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other international organisations, undertaking knowledge translation and capacity building programs, with researchers, policy makers and practitioners.

## Associate Professor Hassan Hosseinzadeh



Dr Hassan Hosseinzadeh is an Associate Professor in Public Health specialising in health promotion at the School of Health and Society at the University of Wollongong. His research primarily focuses on digital health including telemedicine and chronic disease management, especially diabetes and COPD. He has been awarded over \$1.5 Million in competitive research funding and published more than 90 peer-reviewed journal articles. He has extensive research experience leading and collaborating on trials of complex interventions in primary care settings in different countries including Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, India, Jourdan, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Pakistan.

Associate Professor Hassan is passionate about teaching and his special interest in case scenario-based learning is aligned with his belief that subject content must reflect relevance in real-life applications beyond classes – into lives and careers.

Associate Professor Hassan served in many leading governance positions at the School, Faculty and University levels. For instance, he served as the Academic Program Director for Master of Public Health (MPH) program, which was the largest and most demanding postgraduate program within the School of Health and Society; the Discipline Lead for health promotion; and Faculty Education Committee (FEC) member. During these positions, he empowered students and staff to participate in collaborative learning and teaching activities internally and externally with other institutions to mutually achieve excellence in teaching and curriculum development.

Associate Professor Hassan led the health promotion discipline at the University of Wollongong and will bring his strong leadership and problem-solving skills to this amazing role. His leadership skills have inspired people to dream more, learn more, and achieve remarkable results. His transformational leadership was recognised nationally with the 2022 ACHSM (Australasian College of Health Service Management) Health Management Leadership Award. At the international level, he has been appointed as an Honorary Professor at Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), South Korea and an Honorary Senior Research Advisor in INCLEN Trust International, India.