

MEDIA STATEMENT

Boost in Impact for the Health Promotion Journal of Australia

The Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) welcomes the release of the [2022 Journal Citation Reports](#) (JCR) in relation to its flagship publication and official journal, the [Health Promotion Journal of Australia](#) (HPJA).

The HPJA is a peer-reviewed journal, that since 1991 has published 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 Association is pleased to announce that the new 2021 Impact Factor is now 2.033 – an increase from 1.954 in 2020.

On behalf of the Association, the Board acknowledges the hard work of its volunteers in continuing to produce a quality, accessible and relevant Journal for health promotion.

“This is indeed very good and deserved news and, for me, not surprising. It stands as a testament to the Journal’s Editorial leadership, the close support of the AHPA Board and the AHPA membership - and the close and long-established relationship with the publishers Wiley and their 'local' team on the ground,” said Dr Dean Whitehead, Chair of the AHPA Research, Evaluation and Evidence Translation Committee.

Each year, Clarivate releases the JCR which provides a summary of the network of scholarly citations from the previous year on the database *Web of Science*. The impact factor measures the frequency an article from a journal may be cited in a specific year. It is seen by many as a measure of quality in scholarly publishing. Clarivate has suggested that changes to the way in which the impact factor is calculated may mean that some Journals will see a decrease in their impact factor.

AHPA is very delighted to see the continuing upward trajectory of its impact factor, especially considering calculation changes and the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on scholarship publishing.

Professor James Smith, Editor in Chief of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia said, “It is pleasing to see that the impact factor for the Health Promotion Journal of Australia continues to rise.”

“We thank the voluntary contribution of our Editorial Team and all reviewers for ensuring our journal remains of high quality and relevant to our readership,” he said.

The HPJA 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.

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