



Allied Health Professions Australia

Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA) is the peak body and national voice for allied health professions. Through our allied health member organisations we represent more than 130,000 allied health professionals.

Allied health professionals are tertiary-qualified health professionals who together make up almost a third of Australia's health workforce but also have important roles in disability, aged care, social services, education and justice.

AHPA works with government departments and agencies, and other organisations, providing the allied health sector's collective insights and perspectives and promoting the value of allied health.

What are the benefits of being an AHPA member?

Allied health professions are diverse and work in diverse settings, but together we can strengthen the voice of allied health, initiate change, and improve the access of Australians to allied health services.

AHPA works closely with our allied health member organisations to understand and advocate on key issues for allied health professions, and to support their own capacity to undertake advocacy.

INSIGHT

- Identifying key areas where advocacy can provide effective outcomes for allied health
- Identifying opportunities for AHPA to assist and shape government policy agendas
- Understanding areas of policy concern for members

ACTION

- Nurturing government and political relationships to promote the value of allied health to decision-makers
- Leveraging strategic alliances with other organisations
- Using media and other platforms to increase visibility

SUPPORT

- Providing timely, accessible and user-friendly information on key areas affecting allied health
- Providing support, advice and opportunity for policy development
- Supporting individual member positions and policies where appropriate

What does this involve?

AHPA undertakes a range of activities to involve our allied health member organisations and promote allied health. Our allied health members are a key part of our success – we all benefit from our collaborative involvement in the following AHPA activities.

Advocacy and representation

- Direct advocacy via access to government departments
- AHPA representation at external committees & alliances
- Informing AHPA advocacy through Member Collaborative Forums & AHPA working groups
- Media representation
- Endorsement of profession-specific issues where appropriate

Communications

- Regular member updates on issues relevant to allied health
- Updates/feedback on AHPA activities and progress
- Information available via AHPA website, member portal & social media

Networking opportunities

- Member Collaborative Forums, policy symposiums
- CEO and policy networks
- AHPA working groups
- Member-to-member communication and support

Organisational support

- Free advertising on AHPA website
- Practical support through workshops
- Alignment with AHPA as peak body for the sector
- Access to a work desk and meeting space in the AHPA office

Who else is a member?

When you join AHPA, you join 33 other organisations that are already contributing to the voice of allied health. These include 20 allied health professions and 14 affiliate organisations.

Ordinary members

Audiology Australia
Australasian College of Paramedic Practitioners
Australian and New Zealand College of Perfusionists
Australian Association of Social Workers
Australian Chiropractors Association
Australian Music Therapy Association
Australian New Zealand & Asian Creative Arts Therapies
Australian Orthotic Prosthetic Association
Australian Physiotherapy Association
Australian Podiatry Association
Australian Psychological Society

Australian Society of Genetic Counsellors
Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
Exercise & Sports Science Australia
Occupational Therapy Australia
Optometry Australia
Orthoptics Australia
Osteopathy Australia
Rehabilitation Counselling Association of Australasia
Speech Pathology Australia

Affiliate members

Australasia Pacific Play Therapy Association
Australasian Lymphology Association
Australian Association of Practice Management
Australian College of Audiology
Australian Counselling Association
Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Australian Hand Therapy Association
Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians

Dance Movement Therapy Association of Australasia
Hearing Aid Audiology Society of Australia
Myotherapy Association Australia
Pedorthic Association of Australia
Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia
Spiritual Health Association

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