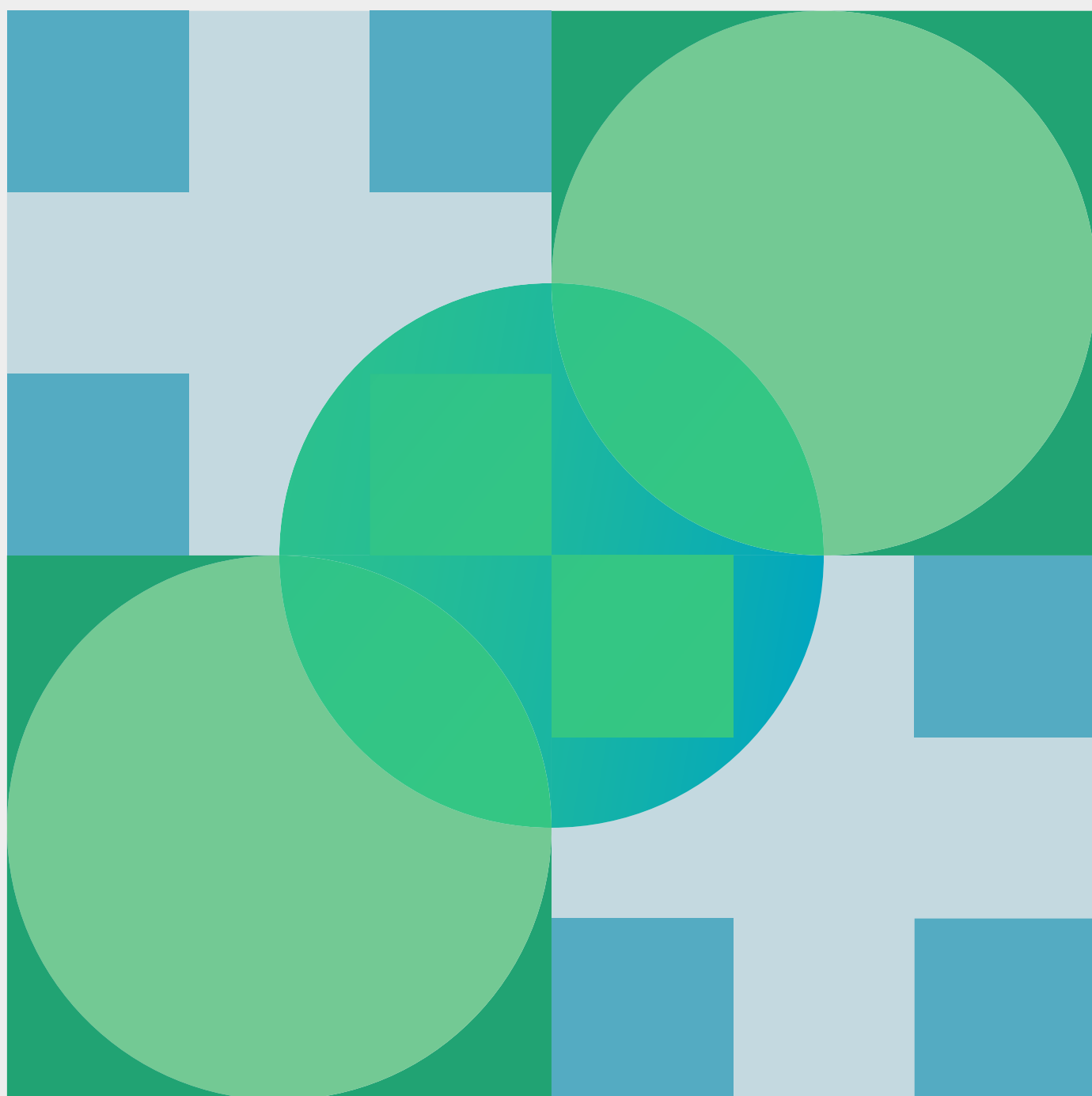


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Recognition and Commitment

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and acknowledge that sovereignty of the land we call Australia has never been ceded. We commit to listening to and learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about how we can better reflect Indigenous ways of being and knowing in our work.

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President's Report

Our Alliance has continued to shine brightly in 2021. Despite the impacts of the pandemic on our sector and communities, and despite the tyranny of climate politics in Australia, we have continued to build impact on and capacity for action on the health impacts of climate change.

Entering into our second decade, CAHA is lengthening its stride and providing evidence: e.g. *Real, Urgent and Now: Insights from health professionals on climate and health in Australia*; futures thinking e.g. *Australia in 2030: Possible alternative futures*; and policy guidance *Healthy Regenerative and Just*. These highlights and more are contained forthwith in an overview of key achievements against our Strategic Plan.

A warm acknowledgement of our members and supporters including frontline health workers and Friends of CAHA alongside member organisations who have tuned in and signed on to our shared commitments for health sector leadership and action on climate change. Importantly, an appreciation of our donors and funders, new and longstanding, who have continued to invest in our vision.

Our CAHA core team continued to be led by Founder and Executive Director, Fiona Armstrong, leading with everything she has – head, heart and hands – with the support of a dynamic (and albeit virtually constructed) staff team. CAHA grows leaders and our strategic plan is realised in the very capable and skilled hands of Carol, Milly, Remy, Ben, Shaun, Rory, Yoko, Tricia and our dedicated CAHA volunteers. In exciting news and a clear signal of our growth trajectory, we are also poised to welcome a CEO next year as Fiona steps into a Director of Strategic Projects role. What a team, what a future!

Finally a thank you to the Board – a dedicated group, from a range of health and cognate disciplines with the governance capabilities to provide vigilance and service to ensure the integrity and commitments of CAHA. Sadly, we will farewell Kim Daire, Board member and Treasurer for 6 years at our 2021 AGM. Kim has helped guide us to a strong financial position and been instrumental in the advancement of key financial and risk governance strategies. Also Lucie Rychetnik, Friends of CAHA Director and former member of the Research and Policy Committee, will be stepping off the Board into our Expert Advisory Panel. We will miss Lucie's precision in identifying the core of an issue and encouraging robust discussion and analysis in Board business! A special thank you to our immediate past president and Vice President Amanda Adrian for her guidance and ongoing wise counsel throughout the years.

We look forward to welcoming new Board members and a recalibration of our leadership group to meet the demands of being a sustainably financed, medium health promotion charity in our second decade. For me, it has been an absolute honour to Chair the CAHA Board in 2021 and to be supported as CAHA's President in a year of personal and professional challenge, change and opportunity.

Best wishes,

Dr Rebecca Patrick

President/Chair Climate and Health Alliance
Organisation member, Deakin Health Nature
Sustainability Research Group



Executive Director's Report

CAHA celebrated its tenth anniversary in August 2020 – ten years on from a historic meeting in the Australian Psychological Society (APS) offices in Collins St in Melbourne at a meeting hosted by APS, Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), Doctors for the Environment Australia (DEA), and the Australian Women's Health Network (AWHN).

It's been quite a ride – and with every passing year there are more and more people to thank and to attribute CAHA's many accomplishments to.

As Rebecca has noted above, we are fortunate to have a skilled and committed board, a talented team, engaged members, and a wealth of generous volunteers, along with supportive philanthropic partners and donors. It's been a pleasure to watch our team grow over the past year and to watch the development of the amazing people on the CAHA staff.

The number of organisations stepping up to leadership on climate continues to grow, and we grew to 66 organisational members of CAHA in FY20/21. With increasing support, we are able to scale up our advocacy and work to achieve our mission. We have welcomed several Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and groups to our membership, increasing our ability to reflect Indigenous ways of being and knowing in our work, as per our Recognition and Commitment.

A personal highlight over the last year has been to produce the *Australia in 2030: Possible alternative futures scenarios* — an exercise in futures thinking using strategic imagination to help decision makers and the wider community better understand the consequences associated with different policy choices - and build consensus around a shared vision for a healthy, regenerative and just future for all.

The *Real Urgent and Now* project has seen the development of some significant resources to support our communications on climate change and health, and the report from our national survey offered incredibly useful and interesting insights into the barriers faced by health professionals in communicating about climate change, and the impacts they are already seeing in their work.

The coming year will be one of transition, and I am excited about welcoming new leadership to CAHA, and look forward to continuing to support our Mission as we continue to scale this work.

Fiona Armstrong

Founder and Executive Director

The **Climate and Health Alliance** (CAHA) is widely recognised as the national peak body and leading non-government organisation (NGO) working on climate change and health in Australia. Sixty-six organisations – national professional associations (representing practitioners of public health, medicine, nursing, midwifery, health promotion, psychology, social work, and rural health), along with unions, peak health bodies, healthcare service providers, leading research and academic institutions, and health consumer networks – are members of CAHA in 2020-21.

About

Mission

CAHA's mission is to build a powerful health sector movement for climate action and sustainable healthcare.

Vision

The health sector plays a leading role in restoring a safe climate, and an ecologically sustainable, just, and healthy world.



CAHA is lucky to have many incredibly talented people involved – in the team of staff, on the board, on its expert advisory committee, among its membership, and its volunteers.

Our People

Our Board



President & Board Chair

Rebecca Patrick

Health Nature Sustainability
Research Group



Vice President

Amanda Adrian

Independent Director



Treasurer

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Independent Director



Deputy Treasurer

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Independent Director



Secretary

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Promotion Association



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Fiona Armstrong

Executive Director

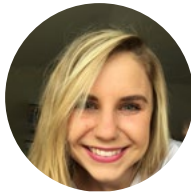
Our Team



Fiona Armstrong

Executive Director and Founder

Fiona worked 0.6FTE (June to April) and 1.0FTE (May – June). She leads CAHA's operational, strategy, and policy work as well as projects. Fiona is CAHA's media spokesperson and frequently presents at national and international conferences and events.



Milly Burgess

Projects and Operations Officer

Milly works 1.0FTE contributing to the delivery of CAHA's Mission through the management of strategic projects and ably managing our membership and volunteer programs.



Carol Behne

Sustainable Healthcare Program Manager

Carol works 0.6FTE leading our Sustainable Healthcare Program, which includes coordinating and promoting the Global Green and Health Hospitals network in the Pacific region (Australia and New Zealand), supporting its members, and organising the annual Greening the Healthcare Sector Forum.



Remy Shergill

Campaigns and Communications Officer

Remy works 1.0FTE leading on CAHA's communications and media work, managing our active social media channels, and managing the Real, Urgent and Now: Communicating the health impacts of climate change project.



Shaun Manyweathers

Graphic Design

Shaun works at 0.4FTE producing elegant and impactful graphic design for CAHA's publications, websites, and social media, as well as developing CAHA's visual branding and style.



Tricia Middel

Bookkeeper

Tricia works part-time managing CAHA's finances and supporting the Finance Committee with accurate financial records.



Ben Mouat

Office Manager

Ben works 0.8FTE on many of CAHA's administrative matters as well as assisting within a number of projects CAHA undertakes; he has been part of the alliance since May.



Rory Anderson

Policy and Research Officer

Rory joined CAHA in May, working 0.4FTE to support CAHA's policy advocacy, focusing on the revision of the framework for a national strategy on climate, health and wellbeing for Australia.



Yoko Baxter

Graphic Design

Yoko works 0.2FTE on graphic design for publications and social media.

Expert Advisory Committee

CAHA's Expert Advisory Committee is a highly credentialed group of experts who provide advice to ensure CAHA public statements and published papers are credible and based on the best available scientific literature and evidence. All members of the expert advisory committee offer unique and informed perspectives on climate and health issues. CAHA is grateful for their willingness to contribute.

Associate Professor Grant Blashki

Nossal Institute for Global Health

Associate Professor Kathryn Bowen

Hon. Associate Professor, Fenner School of Environment and Society,
Senior Fellow at the Research School of Population Health

Professor Colin Butler

Visiting Fellow, Australian National University

Professor Tony Capon

Director, Monash Sustainable Societies Institute

Dr Susie Burke

Senior Psychologist, Psychology for a Safe Climate

Professor Garry Egger

School of Health & Human Sciences, Southern Cross University

Professor Sharon Friel

Professor of Health Equity, Director, Menzies Centre for Health Governance, ANU

Dr Elizabeth Hanna

Honorary Senior Fellow, Fenner School of Environment & Society
& Climate Change Institute; Chair- Environmental Health Working Group,
World Federation of Public Health Associations

Professor David Karoly

Leader, Earth Systems and Climate Change Hub, National Environmental
Science Program, CSIRO

Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

School of Psychology, University of Western Australia

Dr Peter Tait

Convenor, Ecology and Environment Special Interest Group, Public Health Association

Professor John Wiseman

Melbourne Sustainable Societies Institute

Volunteers

CAHA is extremely lucky to have many talented and passionate volunteers who assist with all areas of CAHA's work. Fortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has not impacted on the volunteer program, with volunteers able to work from home with the support of CAHA staff. Each and every volunteer contributes meaningfully to CAHA and we are extremely grateful for their support and the time they dedicate to CAHA.

Special thanks to our volunteers

Hannah Bylsma

Sustainable Healthcare Volunteer, September 2019 — February 2021

Jette Bollerup

Sustainable Healthcare Volunteer, October 2019 — Present

Lin Oke

Volunteer Project Officer, December 2019 — Present

Dionysia Evitaputri

Communications Volunteer, May 2020 — Present

Miranda Leckey

Membership Volunteer, May 2020 — February 2021

Damien Payne

Database Volunteer, May 2020 — January 2021

Catelyn Richards

Research Volunteer, June 2020 — March 2021

Manoj Mahendra

Research Volunteer, September 2020 — February 2021

Jessica Clarke

Research Volunteer, September 2020 — Present

Julia Read

Sustainable Healthcare Volunteer, September 2020 — Present

Selina Fatouros

Communications and Projects Volunteer, October 2020 — November 2020

Liezl Thomas

Education Volunteer, January 2021 — May 2021

Yifan Wang

Grants Volunteer, March 2021 — August 2021

Alex Hewish

Research and Publications Volunteer, March 2021 — Present

Jess Gordon

Digital Media and Communications Volunteer, June 2021 — Oct 2021

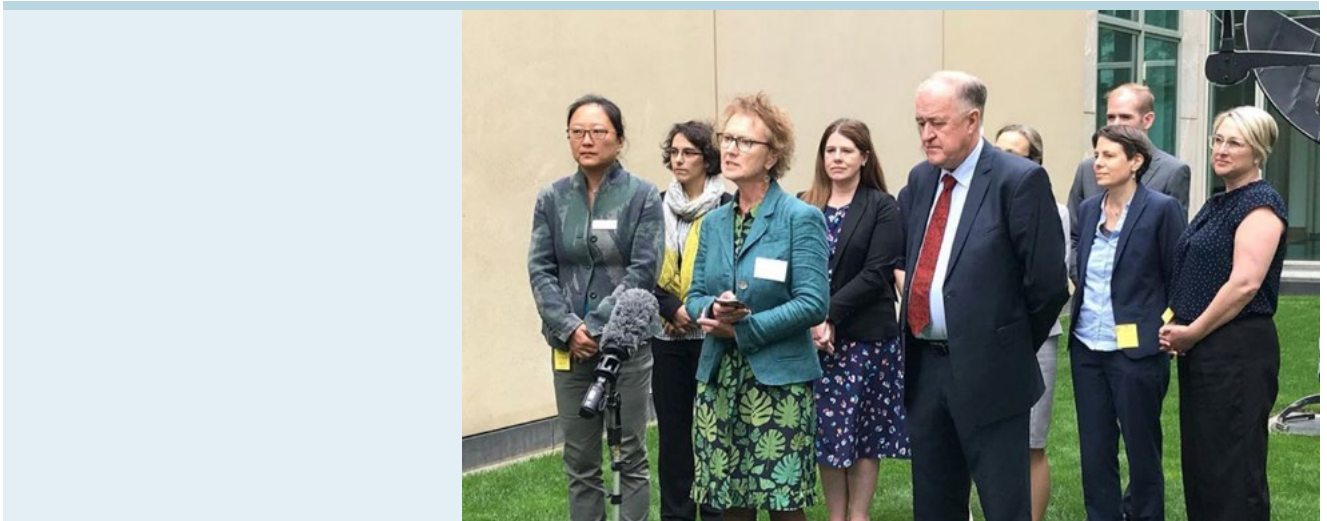
CAHA's Organisational Membership has grown this year, reaching **66 member organisations**. For the last two financial years, membership has included organisations from outside the health sector, who can join CAHA as Associate (non-voting) Members. The diversity and scale of our membership strengthens our advocacy and helps us scale up our collective impact.



Our Members



Our Work



Pillar 1

Health sector is leading climate advocacy

Under this pillar, we work to activate and support health professionals and health stakeholders to lead action on climate change.

Climate-Health Champions

Building capacity for leadership among health professionals and health institutions on climate change is critical if we are to respond effectively to the health challenges of climate change. That's why our program to provide education, training and support to develop Climate Health Champions is so important. In FY 2020-21, we relied on a series of small grants to deliver this program, offering training to individuals working in the health sector in NT, Qld and WA. These training sessions were held ahead of each state/territory election with the goal of supporting local people and groups to collaborate on a shared climate-health advocacy agenda.

NT, WA & QLD Election Briefings

Under Policy and Education Manager Jessica Rosien's leadership, CAHA worked with groups in NT, Qld, and WA to produce election briefings to support advocacy on climate-health issues.

In July 2020, following a series of collaborative strategy sessions with health and social welfare groups and NT-based health professionals, CAHA supported the development of an NT election briefing, calling on the NT government and all NT election candidates to commit to a comprehensive Heat-Health Action Plan and a Climate Change Act for the Northern Territory. The briefing was signed by 10 NT health and community groups, including Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory, NT Council of Social Services, and Jesuit Social Services.

Following the publication of this briefing, CAHA and NT health professionals and groups have been invited to regular meetings with the NT Health Minister and the Minister has committed to the establishment of a climate-health advisory group to advise the Department of Health on climate-related risks and initiatives.

In October 2020, Climate and Health Alliance, Public Health Association of Australia Queensland Branch, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, Social Workers for Climate Action and Doctors for the Environment Australia produced an election briefing calling for political parties to:

- Commit to 100% renewable energy for Queensland by 2035
- Expand existing initiatives and installing solar on all public buildings, including hospitals
- Ensure adequate heat shelters or cooling centres are available for vulnerable individuals and groups, including rural and remote Queenslanders
- Expand the Office of Hospital Sustainability to a Healthcare Sustainability Unit that encompasses all areas of the healthcare system

In March 2021, WA health groups called for:

- Establishment of a sustainable development unit in the Department of Health to guide emissions reductions in healthcare;
- Development a Climate and Health Plan for WA, with a target of 80% emissions reduction from healthcare by 2030, and net-zero by 2040
- No new fossil fuel developments
- 100% renewable energy for WA by 2030



School Strike for Climate

CAHA was part of a broader effort to recruit health professionals to attend the global School Strike for Climate rallies, including the widely attended School Strike for Climate in May. CAHA helped to promote the rally and sought media to amplify health professional voices calling for an end to the “gas-led recovery” proposed by the government. Staff attended the rally and provided logistical support to the students.

Better Futures Australia

The Climate and Health Alliance was involved in the Better Futures Australia (BFA) initiative as a member of the BFA Steering Committee, and has coordinated a Health Sector Working Group with representatives from Doctors for the Environment, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine, New South Wales Nurses and Midwives’ Association, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, and The George Institute for Global Health.

As part of the Working Group we helped to coordinate a number of activities within the health sector to call on the Australian government for more ambitious action on climate change. These activities included a Better, Healthier Futures Webinar in December 2020, and Roundtable in April 2021, an Open Letter to the Prime Minister in May 2021, the development of videos of health leaders calling for climate action, and the coordination of 4 events as part of the Better Futures Forum in August 2021.

Better, Healthier Futures: Webinar

This webinar featured speakers from the BFA Health Sector Working Group to talk about how we can drive climate action together and raise ambition ahead of COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021. Speakers included: Fiona Armstrong, Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA) on the Healthy, Regenerative and Just policy agenda; Dr Kate Wylie will from Doctors for the Environment Australia’s (DEA), on educating the medical profession about health and climate change; and Dr Simon Judkins, Emergency Physician & Deputy Director of ED at Austin Health, President of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine.

To view a recording of the Webinar, visit: youtu.be/tv2xOw8iYuY

Better, Healthier Futures: Climate and Health Roundtable

The Better Healthier Futures: Climate and Health Roundtable was held on Tuesday 20th April and was attended by representatives of more than 60 health and medical organisations.

The Roundtable engaged representatives from a wide range of health groups including Health departments, Indigenous-led organisations, rural and remote health organisations, medical colleges, insurance companies and health services.

Through the Roundtable the Health Working Group gained support for an Open Letter from the health sector to Prime Minister Scott Morrison calling for more ambitious climate action by the Australian government.

A recording of the Roundtable is available at: youtu.be/hMd-tY12ang



#ClimateHealthRoundtable
@WePublicHealth

Replying to @WePublicHealth

A huge thanks to the diverse and talented leaders who joined us. Together, we can get the health sector moving on climate.

We have the capacity to lead on climate action, and create the better healthier future we want.

[#ClimateHealthRoundtable](#)

[#HealthLeadersforClimateAction](#)



Open Letter to Prime Minister Scott Morrison

An Open Letter was sent on behalf of the health sector to Prime Minister Scott Morrison and to other cabinet and shadow cabinet members. The letter called for three things:

- To prioritise health in the context of Australia's Nationally Determined Contribution to the Paris Agreement
- To commit to the decarbonisation of the healthcare sector by 2040, and to the establishment of an Australian Sustainable Healthcare Unit
- To implement a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Wellbeing for Australia

Health groups sign open letter to PM asking to address health issues from climate change

ABC NewsRadio

The letter was signed by more than 60 health and medical organisations including the Australian Medical Association, HESTA, and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (a full list of signatories can be seen [here](#)).

The Health Working Group produced a media release around the Open Letter, which was covered in an article by AAP and was syndicated more than 110 times in media outlets across Australia. Articles were also published in the Herald Sun and Courier Mail. Climate and Health Alliance Executive Director, Fiona Armstrong, spoke to ABC's Radio National about the Open Letter, and it was promoted widely on social media by signatories and supporters.

We are proud to sign the health sector's Open Letter to the Prime Minister to **reduce emissions and save lives.**

#climatehealth





Health Leader's Videos

The Health Sector Working Group worked with Climate Action Network Australia to coordinate and produce nine videos of health sector leaders.

Featured leaders include (click the links below to watch):

- [Alison Verhoeven - Immediate past CEO, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association](#)
- [Dr Barb Vernon - CEO, Women's and Children's Healthcare Australasia](#)
- [Brett Holmes - General Secretary, NSW Nurses and Midwives Association](#)
- [Dr Clare Skinner - President-Elect, Australasian College of Emergency Medicine](#)
- [Eugenie Kayak - Spokesperson, Doctors for the Environment Australia](#)
- [Dr Kim Loo - Council, Australian Medical Association \(NSW\)](#)
- [Dr Rebecca Patrick - CAHA President](#)
- [Terry Slevin - CEO, Public Health Association of Australia](#)
- [Sally Mangan - Director Sustainability, Ambulance Victoria](#)



Pillar 2

Climate change is recognised as a health issue

A growing focus of our work is connecting climate change and health in the mind of the public. Focusing on the health impacts of climate change, and the health benefits of climate action, can help to build public support for urgent climate action. After all, people of all political persuasions value their health.

When it comes to climate-health communication, simple messages repeated often by trusted sources are most effective. To achieve our goals, CAHA needed to both increase the skills and confidence of health professionals to talk about climate change, and to create more opportunities for their voices to be heard.

The *Real, Urgent and Now* project, kindly funded by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, is a two-year pilot project (2020-21) to increase the capacity of the health sector to do this important work. The project has two streams:

- Working directly with individual health professionals to get their expertise and trusted voices communicating about climate change and health in the media; and
- Supporting five CAHA member organisations to communicate to their members and the public on climate change and health.

From July 2020, this project has focused on developing resources and providing training and support to communicate the health impacts of climate change.

Australia's biggest survey on climate and health

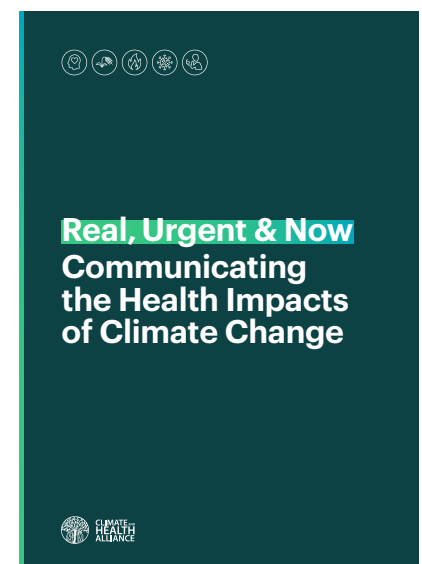
CAHA worked with the five RUN partner organisations to recruit health professionals across diverse disciplines to complete a survey. The survey aimed to determine how concerned the health sector is about climate change, how climate is affecting health services, whether health professionals are open to talking about climate change, how many of them are doing this and what support they need to do this work.



875 health professionals completed the survey, making it Australia's biggest survey on climate and health. The results were analysed by CAHA staff and Dr Lucy Richardson from the Monash Climate Change Communication Research Hub. The resulting report was released in September 2021.

Communications guide for health professionals

CAHA developed a comprehensive communications guide on climate and health, appropriate for a diverse range of health professionals. A broad evidence base was synthesised and written into succinct, practical sections, like 'How climate change affects health', 'How to talk about climate change', 'Where to talk about climate change' and 'Why it's important'. The guide, released in May 2021, has received praise from people in different sectors and different countries.



Media and communications training

As part of this program, CAHA has run eight media training sessions, called *Media Training 101 for Health Professionals*. Over 50 health professionals have attended these sessions over six months. 95% of attendees report increased understanding of effective and impactful messages about climate and health, and 70% of attendees report increased confidence in communicating about climate and health to diverse audiences.

10 ways to act on climate

This succinct fact sheet, released in December 2020, was designed in response to feedback from Professor Ed Maibach, climate-health communication specialist. He advised that when educating and mobilising health professionals around climate change, it's important to also boost their perception that they can make a real difference themselves. This fact sheet is focused on health professionals, though useful for others, and lists 10 actions which they can take as individuals, within their communities, and in their workplace.

10 Ways to Act on Climate

Here is a short guide to acting on climate change as a health professional, in your community and as an individual.

As a health professional

- 1 Speak to your patients and clients**
You are uniquely powerful in communicating the health impacts of climate change to your patients. When speaking to your patients and clients, you can outline how that particular person, or their family, may be affected by climate impacts. For instance, you could explain to older patients the risks during intensified heatwaves, or the risks to those with respiratory illness from bushfire smoke. For ideas on how to discuss climate change with patients and clients, head to caha.org.au/act.
- 2 Speak to the media**
Health professionals are the most trusted source of information on the health impacts of climate change. By participating in interviews, writing op eds and more, you can get this important issue on the public agenda. Join CAHA's national register of media spokespeople. We run monthly media training sessions and offer ongoing support.
- 3 Join your green team at work**
If you care about climate change, chances are that others in your workplace do too. Find out if your workplace has a sustainability team and/or someone in a sustainability role. Take part and offer your support. If no such group exists, [start one](#).
- 4 Sign up to a sustainable healthcare program**
Lobby your workplace to join the Global Green and Healthy Hospital network – a free collaborative network of health organisations who are reducing their environmental impacts for a healthy future for people and the planet. Find out how your workplace can become a member [here](#).
Email gghh@csha.org.au for more information.

In your community

- 5 Engage with your local MP**
Build a meaningful relationship with your local MP to lobby for climate action and sustainability in your area – call, email, write, and meet with your local MP online or in person to have your voice heard and hold them accountable on their climate action strategies.
- 6 Volunteer your time**
Become a member of a local environmental sustainability group at your local council, school, university or workplace. Volunteer jobs are advertised on [EthicalJobs](https://EthicalJobs.com.au). Seek Volunteer and Pro Bono.
- 7 Talk to your friends and family**
Most Australians care about climate change, but they can feel isolated in their concern because we tend not to talk about it. Personal conversations can bring family and friends a long way in thinking and acting on climate. This evidence-based guide provides advice for starting these conversations with the people you know. Once you've found people in your life who are concerned, plan to take action with them.

As an individual

- 8 Learn how climate change impacts health**
There is no end to excellent resources for learning about climate change and its health impacts. Try:
→ [Climate Change is a Health Issue](#) briefing paper by CAHA
→ [Climate Change and the Implications for Human Health](#), six-minute podcast by WHO
→ [The 2020 special report of the MJA-Lancet Countdown](#) on health and climate change
And join our [Climate Health Champions Facebook group](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest resources!
- 9 Reduce your carbon footprint**
Five ways to start:
→ Eat less meat
→ Use more active and public transport
→ Rather than buying new – reduce, reuse and recycle
→ Reduce your energy use at home
→ Buy GreenPower from your energy provider, or install solar panels if you can
- 10 Divest your money**
Many Australian banks and superfunds invest in fossil fuel projects. So take your money away from them! Find out if your bank invests in fossil fuels. If they do, follow this [step-by-step guide](#) to change banks. Find out if your super fund invests in fossil fuels. If they do, change to one of the super funds marked 'Comprehensive' – these have no exposure to any fossil fuel projects.

For all the resources in this action guide, head to caha.org.au/act

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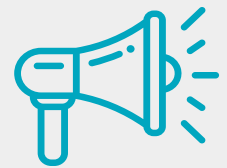
Reactive and proactive media

The RUN project supports CAHA's media work, including for other projects which require media outreach. We have had several successful media campaigns over the 2020-21 financial year, including but not limited to: calling for climate to be included in the National Preventive Strategy; calling for a stronger EPBC Act; CAHA's lobbying trip to Canberra; the Global Roadmap to Zero Emissions Healthcare; the Open Letter from the BFA Climate-Health Roundtable; The Limits of Livability report by the Global Climate and Health Alliance, and more.

Social media engagement

The RUN project similarly provides support for CAHA's social media work, including for other projects which require social media outreach. CAHA's audiences on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn continue to grow. A focus of this financial year was to invest time in the Facebook group Climate Health Champions, which aims to foster connections between health professionals who are interested in climate and health.

225k



People reached per month on social media



Facebook community

5,872



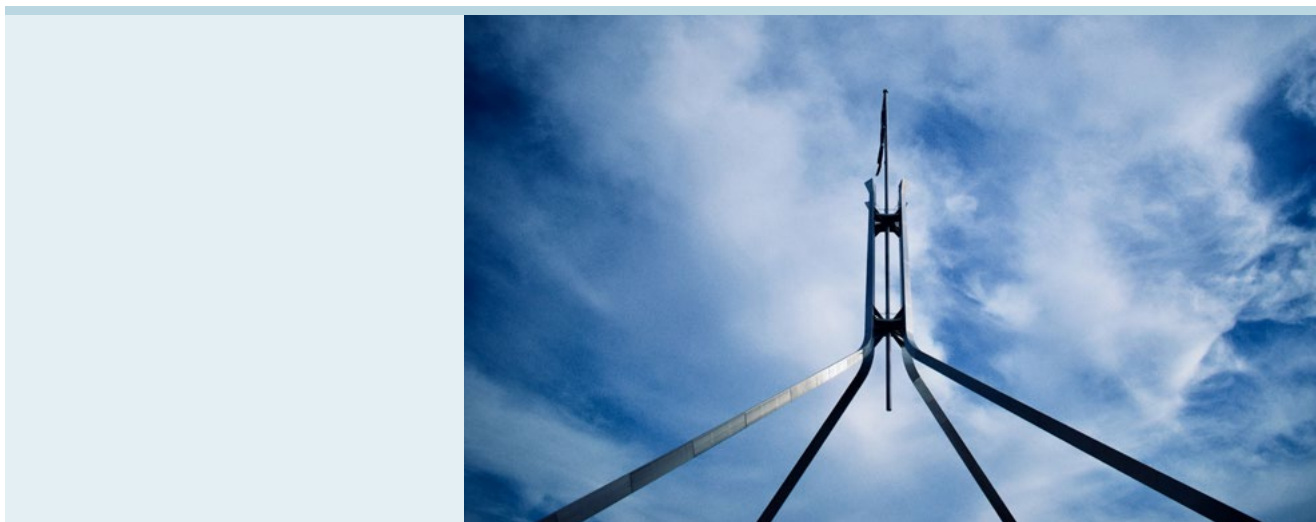
Twitter followers

7,435



Instagram followers

864



Pillar 3

Decision-makers act on climate to protect health

CAHA regularly engages with and advocates to elected representatives at all levels of government, as well as representatives from relevant departments and agencies to ensure that action on climate change and health is on the political and policy agenda.



A National Preventive Health Strategy that is fit for purpose in the 21st century must address climate change — or it will fail in its objectives.”

— Leading health and civil society organisations



Joint Statement signed by over 30 health groups calling on the federal Health Minister to recognise climate change, September 2020.

Calling for climate change to be recognised in the National Preventive Health Strategy

In September 2020, over 30 health groups signed a Joint Statement with the Climate and Health Alliance calling on the federal Health Minister to recognise climate change in the National Preventive Health Strategy.

The Joint Statement, signed by the Public Health Association of Australia, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation, and Australian Association of Social Workers states, “A National Preventive Health Strategy that is fit for purpose in the 21st century must address climate change — or it will fail in its objectives.”

The original draft made no reference to climate change at all. CAHA supported our members with a template submission. Additionally, we supported over 270 pre-written submissions from our supporters to the National Preventive Health Taskforce.

A win! We are delighted to report that, following this shared advocacy, climate change was included in the Draft Preventive Health Strategy released in March 2021, and a commitment made to produce a “national environmental health strategy by 2030”.

Federal budget

In September 2020, we produced a series of recommendations for the Federal Budget, calling for a health-led post COVID-19 economic recovery (building on the Framework for a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Wellbeing for Australia).



Seven Areas of Policy Action and Guiding Principles, from the CAHA Framework for a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Wellbeing for Australia, 2017.

Safeguarding our environment laws

In November 2020, CAHA made a submission to the Inquiry into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Streamlining Environmental Approvals) Bill 2020 – to put on record our concern about the poor process undertaken in the consultation, drafting and approval of these amendments to the EPBC Act. Given the importance of this Act for Australia on several levels, including endangered species protection, human health, and natural resources preservation, the negligence in this process is both surprising and dangerous: to human health and democracy itself.

This advocacy was supported by a successful media push, and a petition signed by 1,210 CAHA supporters.

Supporting a Climate Act for Australia

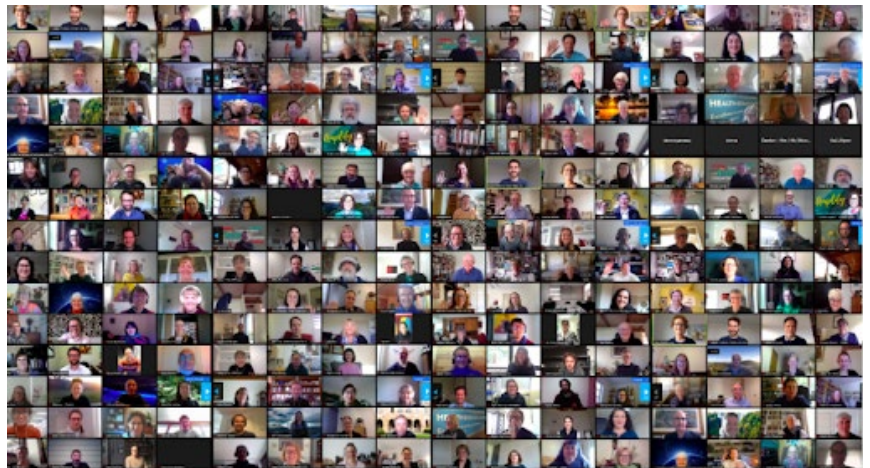
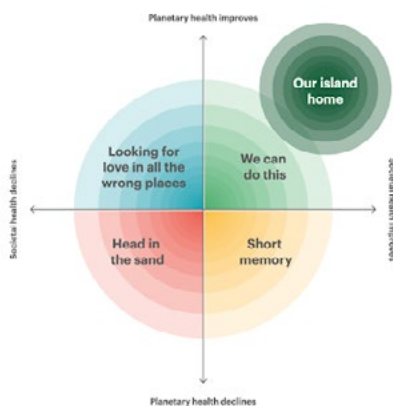
Also in November 2020, CAHA made a submission to the House Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy Inquiry into the Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020. CAHA's endorsement of the Bill, put forward by Independent MP, Zali Steggall, is on the grounds that the Climate Act will enable Australia to "make an immediate, positive and nationally coordinated response to the risks, challenges and opportunities of climate change". Given that climate change poses a significant and increasing risk to the health of Australians, the Climate Act is essential to safeguarding human health.

Australia in 2030: Possible alternative futures

A significant project for CAHA in 2020-21 was the Rewrite the Future initiative, through which we hosted a series of three Roundtables over a six week period involving over 100 thought leaders meeting together with futures thinkers to develop possible alternative future scenarios for Australia. The intention was to use the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic to think deeply and creatively about the future, and to consider how the future might be different, depending on the different choices we might make.



The results were four possible alternative futures, the consequences for human and planetary health shifting according to the choices we make. Based on these four scenarios, a fifth, integrated preferred scenario emerged – ‘Our Island Home’.



We then produced a policy agenda to realise this preferred future, entitled *Healthy, Regenerative and Just* as the roadmap to the preferred future.

Scenario 1 — No effective policy change

Australia in 2030

Head in the sand



Scenario 3 — Maladaptive change

Australia in 2030

Looking for love in all the wrong places



Scenario 5 — Integrated

Australia in 2030

Our island home



Scenario 2 — Marginal change

Australia in 2030

Short memory



Scenario 4 — Transformative change

Australia in 2030

We can do this



Thanks to the artists who produced the images to depict key elements of each of the scenarios:

Scenario 1: Belinda Richards

Scenario 2: Keren Dobia

Scenario 3: Kris Anderson

Scenario 4 & 5: Karen Alsop

Healthy, Regenerative and Just

We released the *Healthy, Regenerative and Just* vision in November 2020 with an Open Letter to the Prime Minister signed by 29 health groups today calling for “the same level of urgency in tackling climate change” as the COVID-19 pandemic and for the Prime Minister to commit to a national climate change response with health and well-being at its core.



Pushing back on the gas-led recovery

In February 2021, we made a submission to the Australian Government, opposing the Gas Led Recovery Plan on the grounds that the proposed gas fired plan is incongruent with actions required for Australia to rapidly move to a net zero carbon economy. CAHA's advice was to: “not go ahead with the proposed gas led recovery plan and invest in health benefiting energy infrastructure instead, such as renewable energy, electric vehicles, sustainable housing, water management, regenerative agriculture and sustainable food systems and the circular economy”.

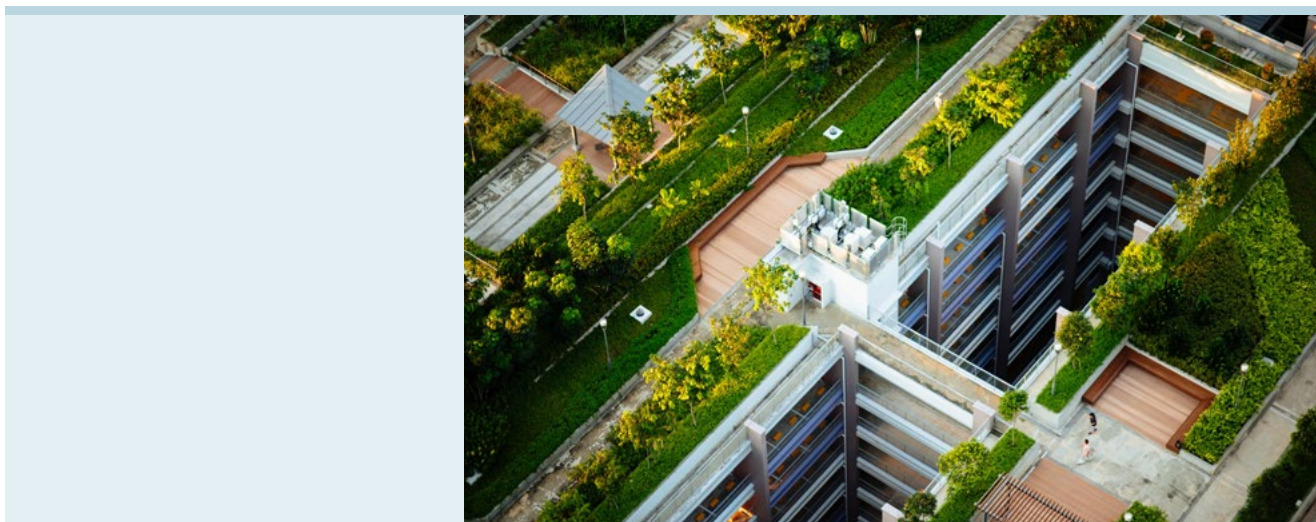
Calling for clean air

CAHA has continued its advocacy for action to reduce air pollution, with submissions to the NSW Clean Air Strategy consultation in NSW and the Inquiry into the Health Impacts of Air Pollution in Victoria in April 2021. Both submissions called for action to: reduce air pollution from coal-fired power stations; reduce urban pollution from transport; and improve air pollution monitoring data and access to information.

Advocating to federal parliament



In March 2021, CAHA organised and supported a delegation of over 30 health leaders to Parliament House to deliver a unanimous message: It's time for a national strategy on climate, health and well-being. Our delegation – representing 15 organisations of our (then) 55-member alliance, two former chief health officers, leading researchers, along with doctors, nurses, public health physicians, social workers, and health policy experts – met with 33 federal decision-makers to deliver a unanimous message: It's time for a national strategy on climate, health and well-being. There was keen interest in hearing the experience and perspective of practicing health professionals. It was encouraging to see support for a national strategy on climate, health and wellbeing.



Pillar 4

Health sector is climate resilient and sustainable

CAHA's Sustainable Healthcare Program continues to support the health sector to be climate-smart and sustainable. The Program is delivered primarily by coordinating the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH) network in the Pacific region (Australia and New Zealand).

GGHH is a worldwide network of hospitals, health services and health organisations working to reduce the environmental impacts of healthcare and foster a healthy future for people and the planet. CAHA's international partner, Health Care Without Harm, which coordinates GGHH worldwide, provides an annual regrant to support CAHA to manage and expand the GGHH network in our region.



Coordinated in the Pacific region by



Webinar series: Climate Risk Governance for Health Sector Boards

In November 2020, CAHA partnered with member organisation and law firm, Minter Ellison to host a Webinar series on climate risk and governance as it relates to the obligations of health sector boards. Leading climate risk specialists Sarah Barker and Charlotte Turner from Minter Ellison delivered two webinars:

- Managing upwards – what matters to your board on climate change risk?
- Fiduciary duties in a changing climate – climate change risk governance obligations for health sector directors

[This summary report](#) provides further details.

Global Roadmap for Healthcare Decarbonisation Pacific region launch

CAHA was pleased to be involved in a webinar to launch the Global Roadmap for Healthcare Decarbonisation in Australia in April. Sonia Roschnik, HCWH's International Policy Director and co-author of the Road Map introduced the Road Map and its recommendations for achieving zero emissions healthcare. This was followed by presentations from health sector leaders in Australia and New Zealand showcasing how they're working to reduce emissions, and improve health system effectiveness. Over 100 people attended.

The recording is available to [watch here](#).

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Pacific Region

As of 30 June 2021, there are 112 GGHH members in the Pacific region representing over 2,000 hospitals and health services. 31 health institutions joined the network in FY 20/21, including St John of God Health Care and Australian Capital Territory Government Health System. To join the network, each member endorses the [GGHH Agenda](#), a comprehensive framework of ten interconnected goals designed to support hospitals and health systems around the world to achieve greater sustainability and to contribute to improved public and environmental health.

Four case studies by GGHH Pacific region members were added to the [GGHH case study library](#) in FY 2020-2021. These case studies demonstrate some of the many ways members are improving environmental sustainability at their health institutions:

- Minimising Plastic Straw Use, UnitingCare Queensland
- Regional Health Solar Program, Department of Health and Human Services Victoria (now the Department of Health)
- R.A.W. project – Rescued and Wasted Food, Queanbeyan District Hospital
- Targeting 100% Renewable Energy by 2025, Ambulance Victoria

**Griffith University
Climate Action Beacon:
Facilitating Health System
Transitions - Climate
Resilient and Sustainable
Healthcare Pilot Project**

CAHA has been collaborating with project partners Griffith University, Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service and Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service, to deliver this pilot project in the 2021 calendar year. The project aims to demonstrate how the Australian/Queensland health sector can:

- accelerate its transition to low carbon, sustainable healthcare
- build climate resilience
- contain healthcare spending
- and develop case study documentation and communication materials.

**Queensland Green
and Healthy Hospitals
Pilot Project**

Queensland Health provided funding for CAHA to deliver a pilot project to build health sector awareness and understanding of the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Network and its resources. The project involved state-wide outreach, engagement and promotion of the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Network among Queensland Hospital and Health Services (HHSs). CAHA developed an engagement strategy, created a customised GGHH introduction pack and communication materials, delivered three live webinar presentations and shared webinar recording with Queensland Health.

These webinars:

- provided an overview of why HHSs need to develop climate resilience and provide encouragement for HHSs to use Queensland Health's Climate Change Adaptation Planning Guidelines
- included an introduction to GGHH and how GGHH can assist HHSs to develop their own climate adaptation plans and improve environmental sustainability
- highlighted examples of best practice for healthcare climate resilience
- provided an overview of the Healthcare Climate Challenge.

GGHH Pacific Region Members

VICTORIA

[Ambulance Victoria](#)
[Austin Health](#)
[Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation - Victorian Branch](#)
[Bairnsdale Regional Health Service](#)
[Bendigo Health](#)
[Cabrini Health](#)
[Cirqit Health](#)
[Dental Health Services Victoria](#)
[Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria](#)
[Epworth Healthcare](#)
[Goulburn Valley Health](#)
[Hepburn Health Service](#)
[IPC Health](#)
[Kilmore and District Hospital](#)
[Kooweerup Regional Health Service](#)
[Maldon Hospital](#)
[Manningham Day Procedure Centres \(MDPC\)](#)
[Melbourne Health](#)
[North Eastern Sustainability and Health Group](#)
[North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network](#)
[Northeast Health Wangaratta](#)
[Northern Health](#)
[Peninsula Health](#)
[Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre](#)

[The Royal Women's Hospital](#)
[South West Healthcare](#)
[Swan Hill District Health](#)
[Tallangatta Health Service](#)
[West Wimmera Health Service](#)
[Western Health](#)
[Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association](#)

NEW SOUTH WALES

[Family Planning New South Wales](#)
[Gosford Private Hospital](#)
[Hunter New England Local Health District](#)
[Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District](#)
[New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association](#)
[Northern Sydney Local health district](#)
[Prince of Wales Private Hospital](#)
[Queanbeyan Hospital](#)
[Royal North Shore Hospital](#)
[Singleton District Health Service](#)
[South Western Sydney Local Health District](#)
[St John of God Burwood](#)
[St John of God Richmond](#)
[St Vincent's Lismore](#)
[Sydney Children's Hospitals Network](#)

[Sydney Local Health District](#)
[South Eastern Sydney Local Health District](#)
[Southern Neurology](#)
[Sydney Surgical Centre](#)
[Uniting War Memorial Hospital](#)
[Western Sydney Local Health District](#)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

[Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation - South Australian Branch](#)
[Burnside War Memorial Hospital](#)
[Women's and Children's Hospital](#)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

[Central Australia Health Service \(CAHS\)](#)
[Top End Health Service](#)

QUEENSLAND

[Beautesert Hospital](#)
[Caboolture Hospital](#)
[Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service](#)
[Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service](#)
[Department of Health, Queensland](#)
[Far North Queensland Sustainability in Health](#)

[Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service](#)

[Kilcoy Hospital](#)

[Mater Misericordiae Health Services Brisbane Limited](#)

[Metro North Hospital and Health Service](#)

[Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital](#)

[Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union](#)

[Queensland Eye Hospital](#)

[Princess Alexandra Hospital](#)

[Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service](#)

[Uniting Care Queensland](#)

TASMANIA

[Public Health Services, Department of Health, Tasmania](#)

[Tasmania Health Service – South](#)

[UTAS Rural Clinical School](#)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

[Broome Regional Health Campus](#)

[Child and Adolescent Health Service](#)

[Dental Health Services](#)

[East Metropolitan Health Service](#)

[King Edward Memorial Hospital](#)

[North Metropolitan Health Service](#)

[PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA](#)

[Perth Clinic](#)

[Rural Clinical School of Western Australia](#)

[Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group](#)

[South Metropolitan Health Service, Western Australia](#)

[WA Country Health Service](#)

[WA Country Health Service, South West Coastal Region](#)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

[ACT Government health system](#)

NATIONAL

[Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association](#)

[Australian Medical Association](#)

[Australian Medical Students' Association](#)

[Children's Healthcare Australasia](#)

[Healthy Futures](#)

[Institute of Healthcare Engineering, Australia](#)

[Mercy Health](#)

[Optometry Australia](#)

[Southern Cross Care \(NSW & ACT\)](#)

[St. John of God Health Care](#)

[St Vincent's Health Australia](#)

[Tresillian](#)

[Women's Healthcare Australasia](#)

NEW ZEALAND

[Auckland District Health Board](#)

[Bay of Plenty District Health Board](#)

[Capital and Coast District Health Board](#)

[Counties Manukau District Health Board](#)

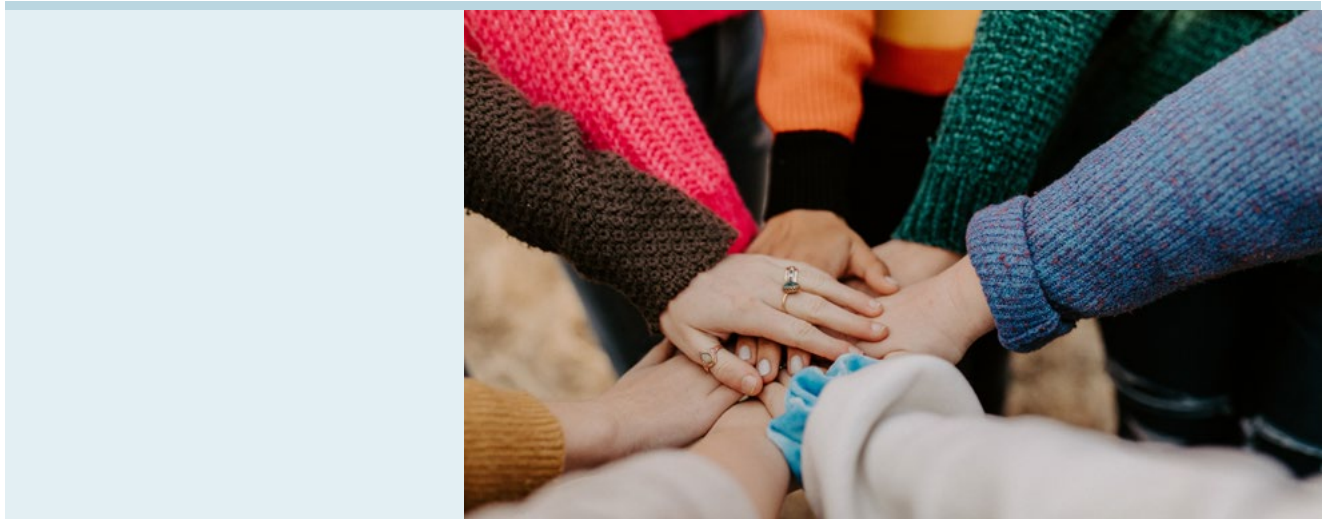
[Hawke's Bay District Health Board](#)

[Northland District Health Board](#)

[Southern Cross Hospitals Limited](#)

[Turner Lim Orthodontists](#)

[Waitemata District Health Board](#)



Pillar 5

Our Alliance grows in size and influence

As we reported above, there has been strong membership growth in CAHA over the last twelve months. Growing our membership not only provides important funding to support our core operations, but it also amplifies our influence and impact.

We have engaged in a membership drive throughout the year, inviting other organisations and individuals to join our growing movement.

New members in FY20/21 included: Arriba Group, Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM), Australasian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine (ACNEM), Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine (ASLM), Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG), Australian Federation of Medical Women (AFMW), Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), Australian Lesbian Medical Association (ALMA), Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association (ANZACATA), Climatewise Design, Cultivate Impact, Food for Thought Consulting Australia, Healthcare Consumers' Association ACT, Inner East Primary Care Partnership (IEPCP), Optometry Australia, Rural Doctors Association of Victoria (RDAV), Women's Health Goulburn North East (WHGNE), and Women's Healthcare Australasia.

We're delighted to welcome so many new members, and look forward to continuing to work to build this movement to achieve the changes we know are needed to avert the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Organisational members

2020

45

Members

2021

66

Members (+21 on 2020)

Individual members

148

CAHA's individual membership for this financial year.

Organisational members

[Abilita](#)

[Arriba Group](#)

[Australasian College of Health Service Management \(ACHSM\)](#)

[Australasian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine \(ACNEM\)](#)

[Australasian Epidemiological Association \(AEA\)](#)

[Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine \(ASLM\)](#)

[Australian Association of Gerontology \(AAG\)](#)

[Australian Association of Social Workers \(AASW\)](#)

[Australian College of Nursing \(ACN\)](#)

[Australian Council of Social Service \(ACOSS\)](#)

[Australian Federation of Medical Women \(AFMW\)](#)

[Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association \(AHHA\)](#)

[Australian Health Promotion Association \(AHPA\)](#)

[Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association \(AIDA\)](#)

[Australian Institute of Health Innovation \(AIHI\)](#)

[Australian Lesbian Medical Association \(ALMA\)](#)

[Australian Medical Students' Association \(AMSA\)](#)

[Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association \(ANZACATA\)](#)

[Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation \(ANMF\)](#)

[Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association \(APNA\)](#)

[Australian Psychological Society \(APS\)](#)

[Australian Women's Health Network \(AWHN\)](#)

[Central Australia Rural Practitioners Association \(CARPA\)](#)

[Children's Healthcare Australasia](#)

[Climatewise Design](#)

[Codesain](#)

[CoHealth](#)

[ConNetica Consulting](#)

[Consumers Health Forum of Australia \(CHF\)](#)

[CRANaplus](#)

[Cultivate Impact](#)

[Dietitians Australia](#)

[Doctors for Nutrition](#)

[Doctors Reform Society \(DRS\)](#)

[Food for Thought Consulting Australia](#)

[Friends of CAHA](#)

[Health Care Consumers' Association ACT](#)

[Health Consumers NSW](#)

[Health Issues Centre \(HIC\)](#)

[Health Nature Sustainability Research Group \(HNSRG\)](#)

[Health Services Union \(HSU\)](#)

[Healthy Futures](#)

[Inner East Primary Care Partnership \(IEPCP\)](#)

[Kooweerup Regional Health Service \(KRHS\)](#)

[Medical Association for Prevention of War \(MAWP\) Australia](#)

[Medical Scientists Association of Victoria \(MSAV\)](#)

[MinterEllison](#)

[Motion Energy Group](#)

[Naturopaths and Herbalists Association of Australia \(NHAA\)](#)

[NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association \(NSWNMA\)](#)

[Optometry Australia](#)

[Pharmacists for the Environment Australia \(PEA\)](#)

[Psychology for a Safe Climate \(PSC\)](#)

[Public Health Association of Australia \(PHAA\)](#)

[Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union \(QNMU\)](#)

[Royal Australasian College of Physicians](#)

[Rural Doctors Association of Victoria \(RDAV\)](#)

[School of Public Health, University of Sydney](#)

[School of Public Health & Social Work, Queensland University of Technology](#)

[Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health \(SARRAH\)](#)

[Veterinarians for Climate Action \(VFCA\)](#)

[Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association \(VAHPA\)](#)

[Women's Health East \(WHE\)](#)

[Women's Health Goulburn North East \(WHGNE\)](#)

[Women's Health in the North \(WHIN\)](#)

[Women's Healthcare Australasia](#)

Presentations and events

As CAHA grows, and we increase our level of activity, we also attract more attention and requests for support and expert advice. CAHA receives many invitations to speak at national and international events – over the past year we have given presentations at more than 20 local, national and international events and conferences, seminars, workshops and forums, reaching a combined audience of around 2,000 people.

Some highlights from July 2020 until June 2021 include:

- [Gertrude Berger Oration at Australian College of Nursing](#)
- [Ramphal Institute Air Quality Webinar](#)
- [Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation Build Back Better](#)
- [Better Futures Australia Webinar and Health Sector Roundtable](#)
- [Australian Society of Lifestyle Medicine Conference](#)
- [Dieticians Association of Australia Conference](#)
- [Sustainable Healthcare Forum, Aotearoa](#)
- [Climate and health webinar with the Cancer Council](#)
- [Central Australian Rural Practitioners Association AGM](#)
- [Two webinars with Minter Ellison on climate risk and governance in healthcare](#)
- [Webinar on Hunter air quality and health \(Healthy Futures\)](#)
- [WHO/UNDRR/IHF Lessons from the COVID pandemic series](#)
- [Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences](#)
- [Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Intensive](#)
- [Australian Health Promotion Association & CAHA mental health webinar](#)
- [Sustainable Living Festival: Launch of Australia in 2030: Possible Alternative Futures](#)

Fundraising is a big part of the work for the CAHA team – seeking major gifts and grants from philanthropic and community foundations, and regular donations from our network of supporters.

Fundraising

With Gratitude

The whole team contributes to fundraising through helping to drafting proposals and contributing to funding applications, but particular thanks are due to Remy Shergill and Fiona Armstrong who led on our fundraising efforts during FY 2020-21.

Special thanks also to CAHA past President Peter Sainsbury who kindly organised a lunch for CAHA donors (past and present) at Minter Ellison's office in Sydney in May 2021 (and thanks to Minter Ellison for hosting).

We are pleased and grateful to have secured support during 2020-21 from:

- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation for our *Real, Urgent and Now* project;
- Australian Communities Foundation for our post-COVID *Rewrite the Future* project;
- Community Impact Foundation (Pool of Dreams);
- Groundswell Giving for advocacy work in relation to the climate-health emergency;
- Climate Action Network small grants program;
- Australian Conservation Foundation;
- Health Care Without Harm;
- and members of Australian Environment Grantmakers network for core support.



International Engagement and Influence

We are delighted to be part of the international climate and health movement as a member of the Global Climate and Health Alliance (GCHA). CAHA is represented on the GCHA Board by Fiona Armstrong, and by Dr Ying Zhang in the World Health Organization (WHO) Working Group to Advance Action on Health and Climate Change.

Dr Zhang has been involved in several committees as part of the Working Group, including on research, advocacy and capacity building. A paper on research priorities has been produced and will be released at COP26 (the global climate talks in Glasgow in November).

CAHA worked with GCHA and WHO to advise on and help facilitate regional consultations on climate change and health in the Western Pacific Region in May 2020. The aim of the consultation was to broaden participants' collective understanding of the implications of climate change for health in each region, and inform the actions taken by the global climate and health community in the year ahead.

WHO has announced a COP26 Health Programme focussed on five thematic work areas:

- Building climate resilient health systems
- Developing low carbon sustainable health systems
- Adaptation Research for Health
- The inclusion of health priorities in Nationally Determined Contributions
- Raising the voice of health professionals as advocates for stronger ambition on climate change

We also supported the dissemination of an important GCHA report Limits of Livability: The emerging threat of smoke impacts on health from forest fires and climate change in late June. This report used Australia's 2019-20 bushfire season as a case study for climate and health, featuring the story of CAHA members. We pitched this global report heavily in Australia and had good media coverage, including five radio interviews with Fiona Armstrong, Dr Arnagretta Hunter and Dr Jo Walker, plus several news articles, including this one in AAP which was syndicated 89 times.



Finance



Treasurer's Report

Kim Daire

It is with both pleasure and sadness that I deliver my final report as Treasurer for CAHA. As I review another year of growth, I cannot help but reflect on how far we have come over my six years with CAHA. In 2015/16, CAHA had a total (cash) income of \$110k, one part time paid staff member and a volunteer Executive Director. In 2020/21 CAHA's income, on a cash basis, was \$651k. I am pleased to say that CAHA's budget plan for 2021/22 has provisions for just over 6 full time equivalent staff members. This includes provisions for a full time CEO.

The lion's share of this remarkable achievement must be attributed to our Executive Director and Founder, Fiona Armstrong. Thank you Fiona for your willingness to keep learning and your considerable determination to keep trying and find a way forward. I know I speak for the Board when I say you are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank both new and long-term funders who are increasingly seeing the importance of reducing climate impacts on health; our increasing number of organisational and individual members; our staff and volunteers, and of course my colleagues on the Board. In particular I would like to thank Michael Wheelahan (Deputy Treasurer) and David Zerman for the work that they are currently doing in positioning CAHA for our next attempt at obtaining Tax Deductible Recipient status. This work is a critical part of positioning CAHA for continued growth over the next few years.

A snapshot of CAHA's 2020/21 financial results has been provided below. The full budget figures for the financial year have been provided in the audit documentation attached to this report.

CAHA 2020/21 financial results Snapshot

On an accrued basis, CAHA's income increased from \$372k in 2019/20 to \$521k in 2020/21. On a cash basis, CAHA's income increased from \$530k in 2019/20 to \$651k in 2020/21.

On an accrued basis, CAHA's expenses increased from \$371k in 2019/20 to \$490k in 2020/21. On a cash basis CAHA's expenses increased from \$374k in 2019 to \$420k in 2020/21.

CAHA's total equity increased from \$5k in 2019/20 to \$37k in 2020/21. Cash held in CAHA's bank accounts increased from \$329k in 2019/20 to \$547k in 2020/21.

Profit and Loss — Key Figures (accrued accounting)

2021 2020

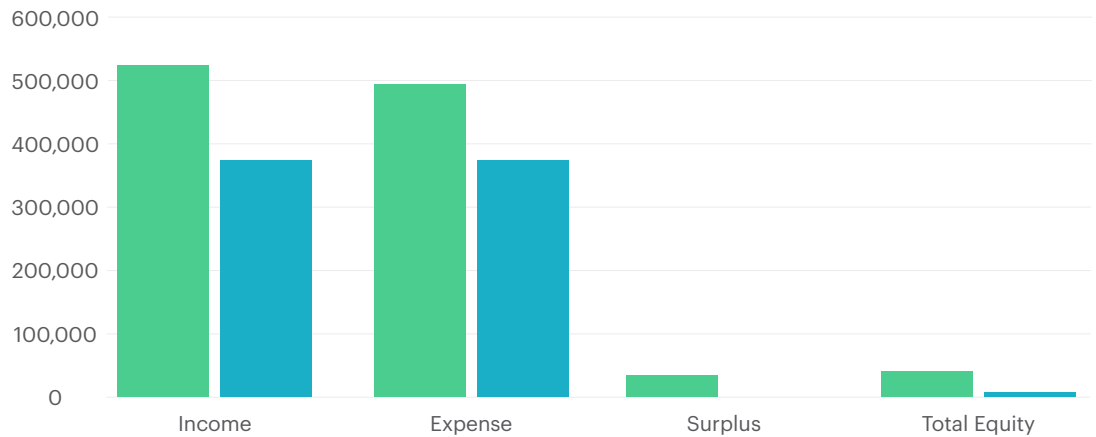


Figure 1 Key profit and loss figures

Cash Flow (cash accounting)

2021 2020



Figure 2 Key cash flow figures

There were a few key changes to the way that CAHA reports liabilities in 2020/21. As CAHA is now able to offer staff longer contracts and increasing job security it is timely that annual leave and long service leave provisions be added as a liability in the balance sheet. This change makes these staff entitlements easier to track and include in budget planning.

CAHA has received updated advice about tracking our lease contract under the accrued accounting method in the Australian Accounting Standards. As CAHA only has a 12 month lease we don't need to include it as an asset and liability in our balance sheet. This means that we have reverted back to the original method of only recording monthly rental payments in our profit and loss statement as the expense is occurred each month.

Liabilities (accrued accounting)

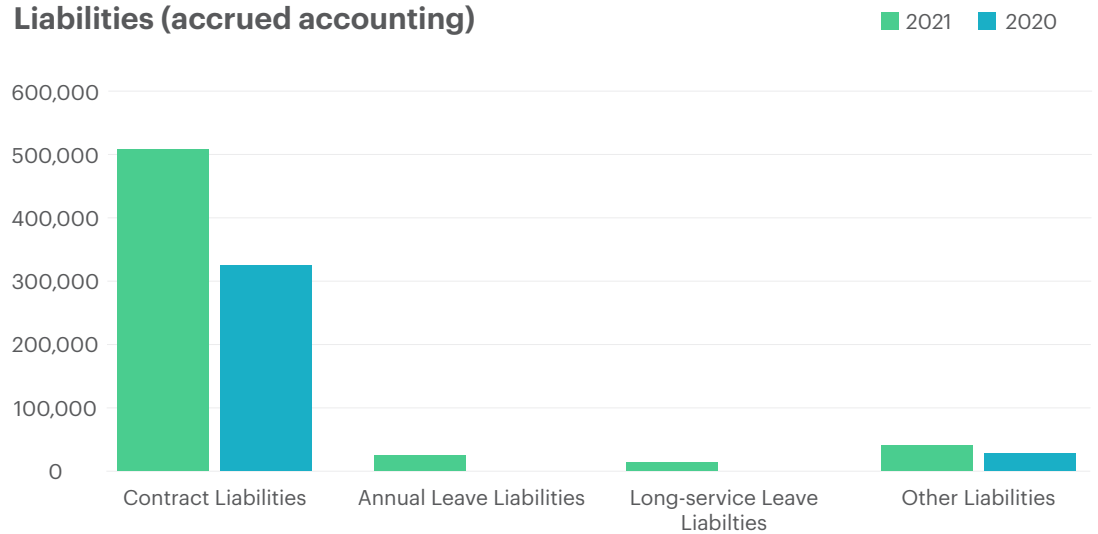


Figure 3 Liability figures

The bulk of CAHA's liabilities continue to be contract liabilities. This means that most of our liabilities continue to be projects that CAHA has been paid for that need to be completed before the money gets moved out of the liability's column on the balance sheet.

Deductible Gift Recipient Status

In March 2021, the CAHA members approved changes to the CAHA Rules of Association to support an application to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, and CAHA is progressing that application. Should CAHA gain DGR status, it would allow donors to tax deduct their donations, thus making giving to CAHA more attractive and strengthening our financial sustainability.

Appreciation

We are grateful to all those who have supported CAHA's work in this financial year - our hard working board of directors, the CAHA team, our donors, our members, our partners, our supporters, and our supportive families and friends — thank you!

**Together we are building
a powerful health sector
movement for climate action.**

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