



Annual Report 2022/23

### **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.

CAHA is on its own journey to best understand how we can bring this commitment to life. We have taken a few initial steps and are pleased to welcome more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to CAHA in the last year. We have much listening and learning to do as part of our journey.

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After a decade of advocacy, the imminent delivery of a national strategy for health and climate change marks a new era for the Climate and Health Alliance.

This is a big win for the health system and health professionals to address the impacts of climate change in Australia. We are beginning this work in an era where the Australian government is committing to concrete action to protect Australians' health from climate change, and to increase resilience in our health sector in the face of the climate crisis.

CAHA management and staff team have been incredibly busy this year. CAHA has positioned itself as a key influencer in shaping comprehensive climate and health policies across Australia, championing critical issues like the Fuel Efficiency Standard and participating in COP28. In a world facing pressing challenges, CAHA is proud to advocate for the health benefits of climate action with collaboration, global leadership, and unwavering commitment.

Importantly, CAHA recognises the significance and impact of the Referendum for a First Nations Voice to Parliament. First Nations people have always had the solutions to improve their lives and communities whilst respecting the environmental ecosystem. It is time for state and federal governments to listen to First Nations people. The ability to make decisions about how we live our lives is fundamental to changing the social outcomes for First Nations people. CAHA is

reflecting on how to strengthen its commitment to support First Nations self-determination and justice. We look forward to working with members to move this important work forward.

In my year as President at CAHA, I was honoured to have led an engaged and committed Board that has provided clarity of vision and wise stewardship. Board members have contributed to the success of the organisation by generously giving their time to support the work of the staff through participation in the various sub-committees of the Board. In particular, the members of the Board Executive have steadfastly led implementation of the strategic pillars and worked to mitigate the risks to the organisation.

This year has marked a turning point in the evolution of CAHA. Our founder, Fiona Armstrong, BN, MPPP, resigned as an employee of CAHA, after over 13 years service to the organisation. We sincerely thank Fiona for her outstanding leadership and contribution to make Australia more sustainable and resilient through action on climate change and health. Many now credit Fiona with starting the national conversation about the very real impacts of climate change on health. Congratulations Fiona on starting the most important conversation of our generation.

I am grateful to the outgoing CEO Roland Sapsford, for his leadership and integrity in a challenging and changing environment. He laid the foundations for CAHA 2.0 and will remain a strong supporter of our work. We wish Roland all the best in the future.

Huge congratulations to the entire team for their tireless efforts and passion for excellence that has fueled the growth of CAHA and strengthened our reputation as a leader in climate and health advocacy. I am filled with pride as I reflect on the incredible achievements of our alliance.

The critical and ongoing support of our members, volunteers and expert advisors in our CAHA network and the GGHH Pacific network is the cornerstone of our success. We recognise and value the diversity of skills, perspectives, and experiences that each member brings to our organisation and it is this rich tapestry of collaboration that allows us to be a beacon of positive change.

We express our respect and admiration to our invaluable donors and funders. Their unwavering support has been the bedrock upon which our organisation's achievements rest and we are

honoured to acknowledge the impact of their generosity. It is not just the financial backing that we appreciate, but also the trust and confidence they place in our vision. Our partnership goes beyond the numbers; it signifies a shared commitment to making a lasting impact on the health of Australians and amelioration of the health effects of climate change. In this report, we proudly highlight the tangible outcomes of their generosity. Each success story, every milestone achieved and all the lives positively affected are a testament to the transformative power of collaboration between our alliance and its esteemed donors and funders. Thank you.

**Dr Frances Peart**President / Board Chair



The Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA) is widely recognised as the national peak body, and a leading non-government organisation (NGO) working on climate change and health in Australia. Over 100 organisations were members of CAHA as of June 2023: 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.

## About

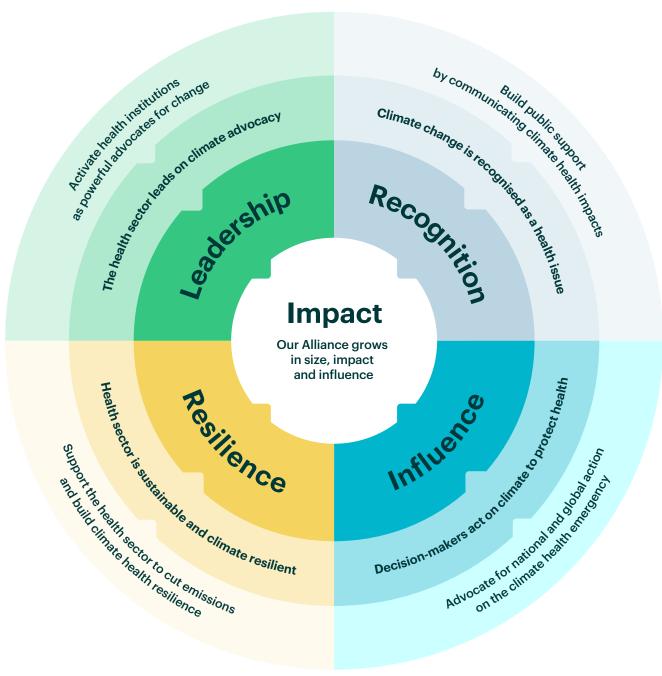
### **Mission**

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.

### **Strategy**



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

### **Board Directors** as of 30 June 2023



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## CAHA's Organisational Membership has grown this year, reaching **over one hundred (100) organisations**.

For the last four 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**





## Leadership: The health sector is leading climate advocacy

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

### **Healthy Conversation**

CAHA launched Healthy
Conversation at the end of June
2022 and continued throughout
the 2022-23 financial year. Healthy
Conversation is an online forum for
health professionals to learn about
all things climate and health. These
webinars provide a space for the
CAHA community of climate-health
advocates and supporters together
for discussion and exchange.



### How to talk about climate change at work

CAHA was joined by experienced climate-health communicators to share evidence-based tips and resources for talking about climate change at work. Thanks to our knowledgeable speakers, Dr Ben Dunne, Dr Kate Wylie and Carol Ride.

#### **Always caring for Country**

With co-hosts the Lowitja Institute, CAHA was joined by Indigenous health leaders, Dr Janine Mohamed and Dr Summer May Finlay, to discuss the links between climate change, health and Indigenous self-determination.

#### Becoming a sustainable healthcare champion

CAHA was joined by three sustainable healthcare leaders to share their experience and top tips for inspiring sustainability in their workplace. Thanks to our insightful guests, Cath O'Shea, Sue Crosbie, Dr Emma-Leigh Synnott and Bridget Egan.

#### Re-imagining the future

CAHA was joined by visionary climate leaders, Damon Gameau, Millie Rooney and Fiona Armstrong, to discuss the role of hope and imagination in achieving progress on climate change.

#### What does COP27 mean for health?

CAHA was joined by three international climate-health experts to discuss the highs and lows of COP27, and what it all means for health. Thank you to our incredible speakers, Arthur Wyns, Rashmi Venkatraman and Shweta Narayam.

## Climate and Health Continuing Professional Development Program

CAHA remains committed to delivering ongoing educational opportunities for the health sector.

CAHA's research shows that a majority of health stakeholders strongly support a climate and health CPD program developed by CAHA, and would be keen to participate. With these insights, CAHA will now work towards developing the optimum climate and health CPD program that health stakeholders want and need.

We are exploring opportunities for funding or sponsorship to develop the climate and health education program with content experts and university partners. We intend to launch the program with a generic set of core modules, and build out further modules and tailored content as resources, capacity and opportunities are available.



## Recognition: Climate change is recognised as a health issue

A growing focus of our work is connecting climate change and health in the minds 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.

### **Healthy Transport**

Healthy Transport is CAHA's health-led campaign for clean air, safer streets and healthier communities. This campaign was a strategic communications priority in FY2022-23.

Australia's transport system has been identified as a key area for decarbonisation. Australia's transport system also has immense effects on population health. The 2023 policy landscape presented a window of opportunity for CAHA to meaningfully contribute a health perspective to a public discussion often dominated by climate cobenefits.



Transport is relatively new to CAHA and its members, so the campaign started primarily through media engagement and social media messaging to its audiences, ahead of a public campaign and government advocacy strategy. This project accelerated and will continue in the 2023-24 financial year.





### **Expanding Real, Urgent and Now**

CAHA's flagship communications project **Real, Urgent and Now** continues to build after its two year pilot funding in 2020-21. CAHA continues to deliver communications guidance to partners, and communications training upon request. Aspects of the project are now being picked up and built upon externally.

CAHA was approached by the World Health Organization (WHO) to contribute to the development of a global communications toolkit on climate change and health. WHO was commissioned to create the toolkit by Health Canada. CAHA



was a key advisor on the project, alongside the Global Climate and Health Alliance, George Mason University and the Canadian Medical Association. CAHA's **Real, Urgent and Now** communication guide is a starting point for the end product. This project is due to be wrapped up in the 2023-24 financial year.



CAHA's RUN guide highlighted as inspiration by the World Health Organization

The **Real, Urgent and Now** survey was also adapted into research conducted in the University of Queensland School of Public Health, led by CAHA member Gabriela Stilita. The project, "Keeping sane on a changing climate" used a nationwide survey to ask psychologists about their experiences, knowledge and perspectives relating to climate change events. Research papers for this project are pending.

### Reactive and proactive media

CAHA's media strategy focussed on mainstream coverage and targeted local media, particularly around transport-related air pollution relating to the **Healthy Transport** campaign.

Local media was particularly effective in highlighting the health effects of transport, and making a national policy locally relevant, like the Fuel Efficiency Standard. There is power in



local coverage which raises community awareness of threats to their own health. In these examples, CAHA highlighted a local hero as the main spokesperson along with expert comment from CAHA.

Our biggest media hit of the year was by AAP, <u>All new cars should</u> <u>be electric by 2035</u>. The article quoted CEO Roland Sapsford extensively alongside Transport Minister Catherine King and Australia Electric Vehicle Association President Dr Chris Jones. According to Meltwater tracking, the article was syndicated 93 times and reached 83.6 million viewers. Traditional media will continue to play an important role in disseminating our climate and health messaging.

### Social media engagement

CAHA's audiences on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn continue to grow. For the first time, we tracked our collective social media reach for certain projects. In the first half of 2023, we reached 62,000 people with messaging specific to our campaign **Healthy Transport**.

Our community	TI:
Facebook followers	6.4k
Twitter followers	9.8k
instagram followers	1.8k
in LinkedIn followers	3.6k





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## Influence: Decision-makers act on climate to protect health

CAHA regularly engages with decision makers to ensure ambitious action on climate change and health is on the political and policy agenda.

### A major focus on the National Health and Climate Strategy

After a decade of advocacy from CAHA and its members, the Albanese Government committed to a National Health and Climate Strategy (the Strategy) in May 2022 and committed \$3.4 million in its October 2022 Federal Budget to fund the Strategy and a National Health Sustainability and Climate Unit to develop it.

Thus, 2023 presented a key window of opportunity. CAHA has been strategically engaging with all jurisdictions, including executive and bureaucracy stakeholders from Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. This engagement has focused on advocating for an ambitious Strategy and providing guidance on funding, support and governance structures to facilitate a health in all policies approach to climate and health across Australia.

The development process kicked off in March 2023. From March until the end of the financial year (and beyond), CAHA has provided expert input into the development of the Strategy through regular engagement with the National Health, Sustainability and Climate Unit, targeted consultations, participation in the Chief Medical Officer's Advisory Group for the Strategy, and bringing CAHA members and climate and health experts into the process.

The first public discussion paper for the Strategy was released for consultation in June 2023, and CAHA coordinated the health sector to respond with a co-designed submission guide. The Strategy is due to be released before the end of the year.



### Key areas of focus in FY 2022-23

Engagement with key climate and health policy issues across
the Commonwealth Government including Measuring What
Matters: Developing wellbeing indicators for Australia, National
Electric Vehicle Strategy, The Fuel Efficiency Standard, Setting,
tracking and achieving Australia's emissions reduction targets,
National Climate Risk Assessment, the Safeguard Mechanism,
and the draft ACSQHC Sustainable Health Care Module







 CAHA's work in policy engagement and grassroots mobilisation in the 2022 election was published in the <u>Journal of Climate</u> <u>Change and Health</u> (August 2022)

 Collaborated with with members of the Better Futures Australia Healthcare Working Group to host the <u>Better Healthier Futures</u> <u>Roundtable</u> (September 2022)



- Input into major international initiatives around sustainable healthcare at the G20, in partnership with Healthcare Without Harm (November 2022)
- Health community engagement and leadership in the lead up to and at the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP27) (December 2022)
- CAHA and GGHH member engagement and support to make submissions to the Australian Commision on Safety and Quality in Health Care on their draft Sustainable Health Care Module via a <u>submission guide</u>, information session and media engagement (January 2023)
- Our in-depth <u>pre-Budget Submission</u> included an analysis of the Commonwealth Budget against climate and health indicators of success (January 2023)
- Rapid analysis of the Commonwealth Budget for climate and health and resulting media engagement (May 2023)
- Ongoing engagement with the international climate and health movement as a member of the Global Climate and Health Alliance and as a Strategic Partner on the Global Coordination Council for Health Care Without Harm



## Resilience: The health sector is climate resilient and sustainable

CAHA's Sustainable Healthcare Program continues to support the health sector to be climate-smart and sustainable.

### Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Pacific Region Network

CAHA coordinates the Pacific network for Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH Pacific). As of June 2023, the GGHH Pacific network has grown to 150 members, representing 2,399 individual hospitals, health services and health organisations. Welcome to our new members this financial year:

- Mercy Radiology (July 2022)
- NSW Ministry of Health (July 2022)
- Wolper Jewish Hospital (August 2022)
- Lakeview Private Hospital (September 2022)
- Central Highlands Rural Health (September 2022)
- Department of Health, Tasmania (October 2022)
- Monash Health (November 2022)
- Rural Northwest Health (November 2022)
- CRANAPlus (November 2022)
- Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand (November 2022)
- Rural Northwest Health (November 2022)

- Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria (December 2022)
- Australian Podiatry Association (December 2022)
- Queen Elizabeth centre (January 2023)
- Your Community Health (February 2023)
- Alfred Health (February 2023)
- Monash University Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food (March 2023)
- Public Health Division, Department for Health and Wellbeing (March 2023)
- Royal Children's Hospital (April 2023)
- Department of Health Northern Territory (April 2023)
- Vision Eye Institute (April 2023)
- Hospitals North, Tasmanian Health Service (May 2023)
- Evolution Care (June 2023)
- St Luke's Care (June 2023)

### **Member achievements**

Five members <u>received awards</u> for the Healthcare Climate Challenge at the end of 2022

- Ambulance Victoria (Australia)
  - Renewable Energy Gold
  - · Climate Resilience Gold
  - Climate Leadership Gold
- Counties Manukau District Health Board (New Zealand)
  - Climate Leadership Silver
- Hunter New England Local Health District
  - Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Energy) Silver
  - Renewable Energy Silver
  - · Climate Leadership Silver
- Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District (Australia)
  - Climate Leadership Silver
- South Metropolitan Health Service (Australia)
  - · Climate Leadership Silver

Three members submitted data for the UN Race to Zero initiative – Ambulance Victoria, Hunter New England Local Health District and the Eye Surgery Hastings.

## Highlights of CAHA's coordination of GGHH Pacific region

We have sought ongoing feedback from members on their satisfaction with the network, what they find valuable and areas for improvement. In particular, the opportunity to connect with others in the network, sharing of information, resources and case studies were reported as being valuable to members.

- Facilitating Environmentally Sustainable and Climate Resilient
   Healthcare Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service/
   Griffith/GGHH (May 2023)
- Serving Up Bush Tucker Fiona Stanley Hospital
   (February 2023)
- Reducing single use plastics South West Healthcare (February 2023)
- Nitrous Oxide Reduction Southern Cross Hospitals (February 2023)
- Paper Towel Composting, Auckland District Health Board (January 2023)
- Reuse of untouched oral nutrition supplements Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (July 2022)
- A green future for Green Labs Peter MacCallum Cancer (July 2022)
- Delivering a Positive Future Fiona Stanley Hospital (July 2022)

## **2023 Global Gathering** for Health Care Climate Action

Sustainable Healthcare Program Manager, Dr Stefanie Carino attended the *Global Gathering for Health care Climate Action* in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in May 2023. There she joined representatives from 11 organisations, all members of the international Global Green and Healthy Hospitals and Practice Greenhealth networks. This was the first event of its kind, with the objectives to:

- 1. Revise a set of recommendations for the global health sector to achieve net zero while centering health equity.
- Build the foundations of a global peer network, collectively working to design climate adaptation approaches, build resilience, and reach net zero.
- 3. Bring together representatives from different regions of the world to share best practices and challenges in achieving net zero.

CAHA also supported the Hunter New England Local Health District to share their experience as a Race to Zero participant.

The result of the Global Gathering was the development of a step-by-step guidance for sustainable, climate-smart care informed by the race to zero journey of attendees. The guidance document and case studies developed as part of this initiative can be viewed on the Health Care Climate Learning Initiative site. Two other case studies by Mercy Health and Royal Darwin Hospital were selected for inclusion in this initiative.



Identifying priority areas for sustainable food in healthcare in GGHH Pacific region In collaboration with Monash University, CAHA completed research on "Identifying priority areas for sustainable food in healthcare in GGHH Pacific region", to understand work underway and how we can best support members with their food goals.

### Climate Impact Check Up tool

CAHA presented a four part webinar series to increase knowledge of the **Climate Impact Check up Tool** produced by Health Care without Harm International.



## Other Sustainable healthcare initiatives in FY 22/23

 CAHA / GGHH Pacific partnered with the Hunter New England Local Health District to organise and host the annual <u>Greening the</u> <u>Healthcare Sector Forum</u> in October 2022.



- In March 2023, CAHA joined the World Health Organisation's
   <u>Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH)</u>
   initiative as a non-state member. We take part in working groups
   on supply chains, low carbon sustainable health systems, climate
   resilient health systems, and financing.
- CAHA has been taking part in the Healthy Environments and Lives (HEAL) Network Health System Resilience and Sustainability Theme meetings.
- CAHA continued work on the <u>EPIC for Health pilot project</u> in partnership with Plastic Oceans Australasia, funded by the Minderoo Foundation. This project supported two health services, Austin Health and King Edward Memorial Hospital, to reduce their single use plastics.
- In collaboration with Griffith University and Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, a pilot project on <u>Facilitating Health</u> <u>System Transitions - Climate Resilient and Sustainable Healthcare</u> was completed. The pilot a) investigated current attitudes, knowledge and practices regarding environmentally sustainable and climate resilient health care through a staff survey, and b) developed and evaluated an environmental sustainability checklist for SCHHS staff to apply within their work units and teams.
- CAHA completed a review of our Sustainable Healthcare
   Program to to maximise CAHA's impact in promoting, driving and supporting sustainable and resilient healthcare, to inform our next strategic plan.
- As part of our Healthy Conversation series, we hosted a very popular session on <u>Becoming a sustainable healthcare champion</u>.



## Impact: Our Alliance grows in size and influence

In the past year, CAHA has made significant strides in empowering the health sector for climate advocacy. Through webinars, training sessions, and collaboration opportunities, CAHA has enhanced the confidence of health professionals and built a robust evidence base for the health benefits of climate action.

With our growing network of dedicated organisations and individuals, CAHA is fostering a community dedicated to a healthy, regenerative, and just approach to climate action, exemplifying a vision beyond boundaries.

#### New organisational members in FY22/23 included:

Alfred Health, Australian Counselling Association, Catholic Health Australia, Climate Action Nurses, Mayfield Medical Connection, Metta Health & Psychology, Neurolink Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy Australia, Orygen, ProVeritas Group, Rocketship Pacific, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Spelfabet, UQ Mental Health in Climate Change Transdisciplinary Research Network, Wayapa Wuurrk

We're delighted to welcome 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.

CAHA finished FY 22/23 with 105 organisational members and 211 individual members.

### Organisational Membership at 30 June 2023



Individual members at 30 June 2023



### **Organisational members**

2XE <u>Central Australian Rural Practitioners Association</u>

Abilita (CARPA)

Alfred Health Children's Healthcare Australasia (WCHA)

Arriba Group Climate Action Nurses

Asthma Australia Climatewise Design

<u>Australasian College of Health Service</u> <u>Codesain</u>

Management (ACHSM) CoHealth

<u>Australasian College of Nutritional and ConNetica Consulting</u>

<u>Environmental Medicine (ACNEM)</u>

Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF)

Australasian Epidemiological Association (AEA)

Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation

Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine (ASLM)

<u>Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG)</u>
Cultivate Impact

<u>Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)</u>

Deakin Health Nature and Sustainability Research

**CRANAplus** 

Australian College of Nursing (ACN) Group (HNSRG)

Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)

Dietitians Australia

Australian Counselling Association

Doctors for Nutrition

Australian Federation of Medical Women (AFMW)

Doctors Reform Society (DRS)

Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) Enliven Victoria

<u>Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA)</u> <u>Enriching Lives Psychology</u>

<u>Australian Institute of Health Innovation (AIHI)</u> <u>Environmental Health Australia (EHA)</u>

Australian Lesbian Medical Association (ALMA) <u>eWater Systems</u>

Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) Friends of CAHA

Australian Women's Health Network (AWHN)

<u>Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation</u>
<u>Health Care Consumers' Association ACT (HCCA)</u>

(Federal) (ANMF) Health Services Union (HSU)

<u>Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA)</u>
<u>Healthy Food Systems Australia (HFS)</u>

Australian Podiatry Association (APODA)

Healthy Futures

<u>Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association</u>
(APNA)

Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA)

Kooweerup Regional Health Service (KRHS)

Australian Psychological Society (APS)

Lowitja Institute

Brooke Shelton Mayfield Medical Connection

Cairns Hand Clinic

Medical Scientists Association of Victoria (MSAV)

Catholic Health Australia (CHA)

Metta Health & Psychology

**MinterEllison** 

**Motion Energy Group** 

Mott MacDonald

National Association of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners
(NAATSIHWP)

National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA)

Naturopaths & Herbalists Association of Australia (NHAA)

**Neurolink Physiotherapy** 

NSW Nurses & Midwives' Association (NSWNMA)

Nursing and Midwifery Health Program Victoria (NMHP)

**Nutrition Australia** 

Occupational Therapy Australia (OTAUS)

Optometry Australia

OraTaiao: New Zealand Climate and Health Council

<u>Orygen</u>

Pharmacists for the Environment Australia (PEA)

**ProVeratis Group** 

Psychology for a Safe Climate (PSC)

Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA)

Pura Vida Behavioural Nutrition

Queensland Nurses & Midwives' Union (QNMU)

Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
School of Public Health & Social Work

Rocketship Pacific

Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO)

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of

Psychiatrists (RANZCP)

Rural Doctors Association of Victoria (RDAV)

**SANE Australia** 

Second Chance Psychology

Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied

Health (SARRAH)

Spelfabet

Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

University of Technology Sydney, Faculty of Health

UQ Mental Health in Climate Change

Research Network

**USYD School of Public Health** 

**UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures** 

Vets for Climate Action (VFCA)

Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association

(VAHPA)

Vote Earth Now

Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

(WEHI)

Wayapa Wuurrk

Weenthunga Health Network

WHO Collaborating Centre for Environmental

**Health Impact Assessment** 

Women's Health Goulburn North East (WHGNE)

Women's Health in the North (WHIN)

Women's Healthcare Australasia (WCHA)

In the period since June 2023 a small number of members listed above have left and several new members have joined.



### Highlights in FY22/23

Thank you to members and allies who invited CAHA to share our expertise with diverse audiences in 2022-23. Some highlights:

- Keynote speech at the 16th National Rural Health Conference (August 2022)
- 'The role of nurses and midwives in climate action' at the ANMF
   SA Annual Professional Conference (August 2022)
- National Health & Climate Strategy workshop at the Better Futures Forum (August 2022)
- Climate & Health Roundtable at the Better Futures Forum (August 2022)
- DFAT roundtable on climate change priorities and COP27 (September 2022)
- 'Sustainable healthcare' at the Nursing for the Environment Intensive by ANMF Victoria (September 2022 and June 2023)
- Chairing the MJA-Lancet Countdown session at the Population Health Conference (September 2022)
- 'Climate action for students' for Sydney Abroad Speaker Series (October 2022)
- 'Climate-health communication' for CRANAplus staff (November 2022)
- 'Sustainable healthcare' at the HEAL Conference (November 2022)
- 'Sustainable healthcare' at Health Facilities Design & Development Summit (December 2022)
- 'Culturally appropriate climate communication' with the City of Greater Dandenong, City of Casey, City of Cardinia and enliven (March 2023)
- Panellist on 'Sustainability Towards Net Zero Hospitals' at the Australian Private Hospitals Association National Congress (March 2023)
- 'How to talk about climate change and health' at the Warrnambool Climate Forum (May 2023)
- 'Sustainable healthcare' at Procurement in Healthcare Forum (May 2023)
- 'Beyond the plate: How Sustainability is Reshaping Institutional Foodservice' at Penang International Conference on Hospitality (June 2023)
- 'Climate communication and advocacy' for the VicHealth Health Promotion Fellowship Program (June 2023)
- 'Sustainable food initiatives and priority areas for action in Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Pacific Region' at Dietitians Australia Conference (June 2023)

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

## Fundraising

### With Gratitude

We are pleased and grateful to have secured support during 2022-23 from:

- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- Community Impact Foundation
- Australian Communities Foundation
- Health Care Without Harm
- Climate Action Network Australia
- Boundless
- Minderoo Foundation
- Members of the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network
- Sponsors of our Greening the Healthcare Sector Forum:

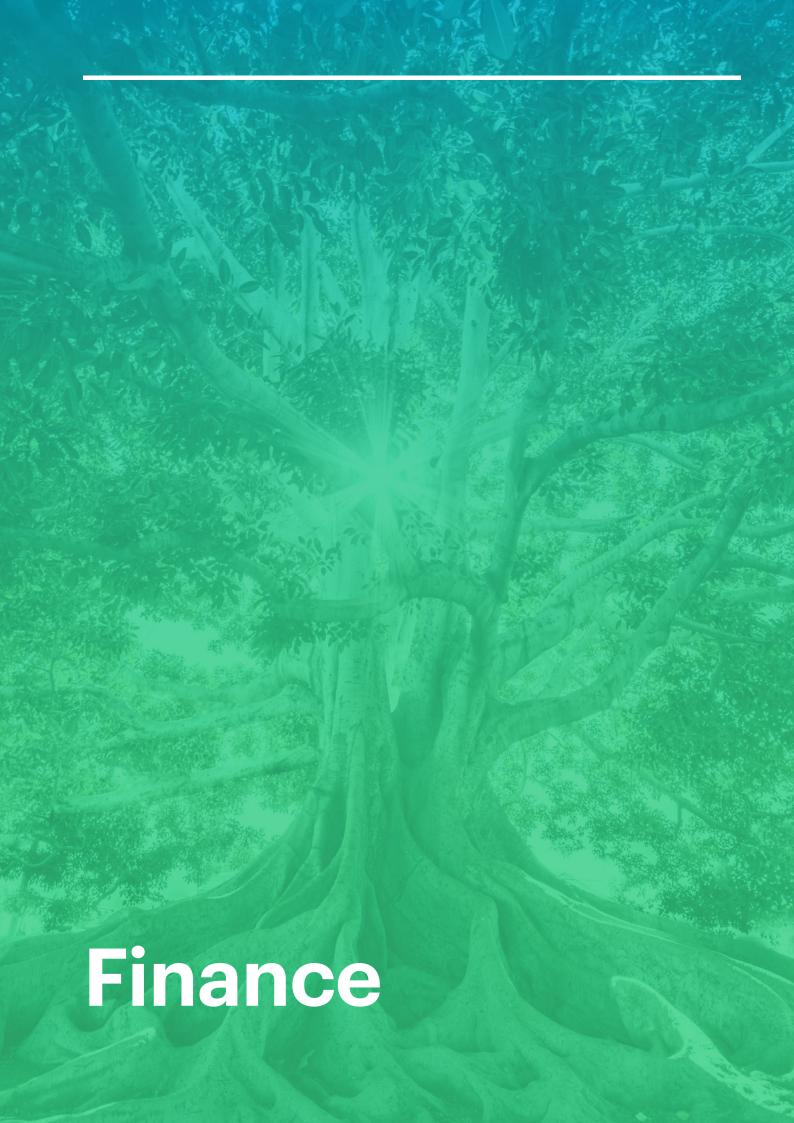
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- Ecoaid
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- Mil-tek
- Our incredible regular giving community

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### **Treasurer's Report**

Rajini Surendren

A summary of the financial results extracted from CAHA's audited financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2023 is provided below in this report. Complete audited financial report is available at caha.org.au.

CAHA reported a surplus of \$134k for FY2023. It is pleasing to note that CAHA has managed to maintain a surplus position for the past five years despite facing many challenges such as elevated inflation, COVID, adverse climate events and operating in a limited funding environment.

### CAHA's Surplus for the past five years

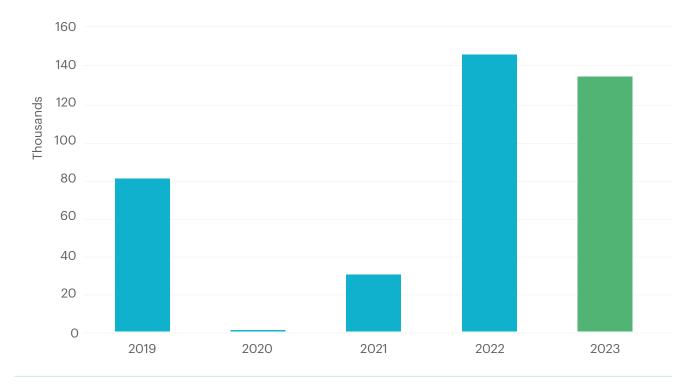


Figure 1 CAHA's Surplus FY2022/23

CAHA's total income increased by 27% reaching \$1,004k in FY2023. Over the past five years CAHA's income has grown at a compound annual growth rate of 29% reflecting the tireless work of our team in securing funding and donations

### **CAHA's Income**

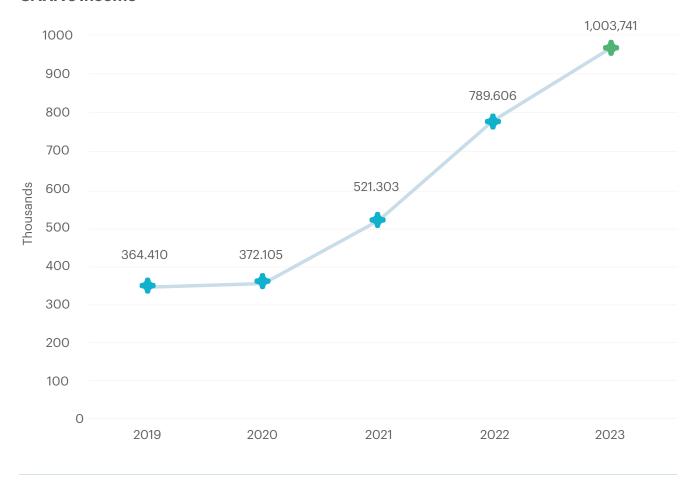


Figure 2 CAHA's Income FY2022/23

Income from project grants accounted approximately 48% (FY 2022: 70%) of the income, Reduction in the percentage of project grants to total income was due to the Increase in donations (including untied funding) from \$33k in FY 2022 to \$268k during FY 2023. Membership income also increased from \$157k in FY 2022 to \$183k in FY 2023.

#### **CAHA's Income**

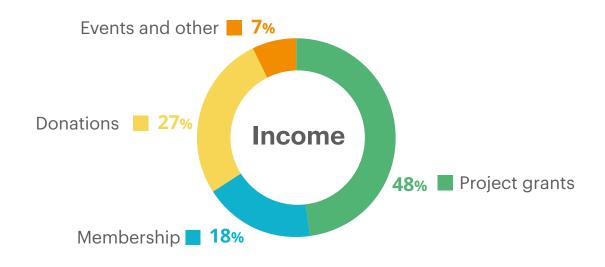


Figure 3 CAHA's Income FY2022/23

Expenses also increased from \$645k in FY 2022 to \$869k in FY 2023 in line with the increase in income. Increase in staff costs accounted for more than 75% of the increase in expenses reflecting CAHA's strategy to invest in resources to further its mission.

CAHA is forecasting a challenging year ahead as a result of turnover of senior staff and limited funding for service delivery. CAHA is maintaining a disciplined approach operating in an environment of changes and challenges to maintain financial sustainability.

CAHA is excited to receive long awaited positive outcome from its application to Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Obtaining DGR status, is expected to increase the possibility of securing new and alternative funding options to further CAHA's services.

### **Appreciation**

We would not have been able to achieve these financial results without the strong and enduring support of the long standing financial supporters tangibly demonstrated by the continued inflow of grants. We are excited and humbled by the increase in new supporters who have joined the growing list of financial supporters.

Our energetic and supportive members and funding organisations, dedicated staff and committed volunteers have worked together seamlessly to provide the financial base to further our mission. We thank your support and trust placed in us and hope to continue CAHA's mission in the years to come.

The following is an extract from audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

### Statement of surplus and deficit other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2023

INCOME	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Membership income	182,991	156,947
Donations	267,874	33,199
Project revenue	482,629	568,035
Other income	70,010	31,425
Finance income	237	-
TOTAL INCOME	1,003,741	789,606
EXPENDITURE	2022 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Audit, legal and accounting	20,300	13,320
Fundraising expenses	2,150	11,968
Conference and project expenses	30,612	24,490
Consultancy costs	34,291	46,082
Personnel costs	660,849	486,634
Other expenses	121,178	62,474
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	869,380	644,968
Operating Surplus for the year	134,361	144,638
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	134,361	144,638

### Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023

CURRENT ASSETS	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Cash and cash equivalents	520,942	425,323
Trade and other receivables	14,930	55,011
Total current assets	535,872	480,334
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CURRENT LIABILITIES	2022 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Trade and other payables	55,994	44,965
Contract liabilities	118,862	221,303
Provisions	35,967	29,343
Total current liabilities	210,823	295,611
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	9,445	3,480
Total non-current liabilities	9,445	3,480
TOTAL LIABILITIES	220,268	299,091
NET ASSETS	315,604	181,243
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	315,604	181,243
TOTAL EQUITY	315,604	181,243

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