

Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA)

Health Promotion Special Interest Group (HPSIG)

Annual Report 2004 -05

Convenors

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Qld MaryLou Fleming (MF) and Fran McFadzen (FM)

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WA Nikki Johnston (NJ) – resigned during the year

Communication

Bi-monthly teleconferences. AGM S in Perth – 1pm Tues 27 Sept.

Emails to members

PHAA Bulletin Board

Policy development/revisions

- Physical activity
- *Skin cancer prevention*; NL, T Slevin
- Licit and illicit drugs
- Passive smoking (with EH)
- Ecologically sustainable development (EH with HP assistance?)
- Immunisation
- *Hepatitis C prevention*; AT
- *HIV/AIDS*; Graham Brown
- *Hepatitis B Vaccination*; AT
- Alcohol
- Community participation

Policies in *italics* have been completed.

Health advocacy

Members were involved in many advocacy issues at State level. Some of the national level initiatives included:

1. Cheap imported vegetables from China and SE Asia. Concerns about pesticide levels and other potential contamination due to lax testing requirements. Also concern on the impact on livelihood of growers in regional centres.
2. Concern about the tragic situation in Zimbabwe due to Dictator Mugabe's policies.
3. Concern was expressed that restructuring of Health Departments in each State was likely to reduce the influence of health promotion there, and impact negatively on career paths in HP
4. Abortion issue.

Public health evaluation award

Selection panel AT, LC, MLF (Chair). Applications close by June 30.

Liaison with AHPA

Agreement with Michael Sparks, AHPA National President to work in collaboration where possible. Eg advocacy; and with State branches eg advocacy and seminars

Liaison with IUHPE SW Pacific Regional Committee

PH worked with Cheryl Hutchins and Trevor Shilton on progressing the 'Melbourne Statement' on workforce development.

2005 National Conference.

A strong HP stream with a large number of papers relevant to health promotion.

Sunday workshops - AHPA(WA) has taken a major role.

PH was the Program Chair for the National Conference organising committee.

Revision of 'Health Promotion Competencies for Australia.

The project is a collaboration between the PHAA HP SIG, AHPA. and the IUHPE SW Pacific Regional Committee Workforce Development Group.

InTouch

Members prepared articles for Intouch during the year eg Sandra Jones - article on the new report : Alcohol in the lives of Australian women.

Proposed Worksite Health Promotion network

Support to Marietta Davis of the Mental Health Assoc of NSW fro the establishment of a Worksite Health Promotion network.

Thanks to the State Convenors, staff in the Canberra Office and members who all contributed to activities during the year.

Peter Howat

PHAA Health Promotion National Convenor

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