

About IAHA

Indigenous Allied Health Australia is a national member-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health organisation. IAHA focuses on four key goals: Support for members and their development; Grow the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce; Transform development of culturally safe and responsive health care and systems and Lead the allied health sector in improving health and wellbeing outcomes.

IAHA Acknowledges and respects the critical role that allied health professionals, across registered and self-regulated professions, play in improving the health system and health outcomes for all Australians, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our membership is very diverse and works across sectors including health, mental health, disability, aged care, education, justice, community services, academia and policy.



Our Vision

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and future generations are; healthy, strong, thriving and self-determined.

Our Purpose

We will collectively transform the allied health sector, led by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

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*Make a Difference...
Be an allied health professional*



What does IAHA do?

IAHA provides support to and advocates on behalf of IAHA members by:

- Strengthening leadership capacity across the allied health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sectors.
- Working in partnership with organisations, universities, governments and other related bodies to improve health curricula, address allied health workforce issues, and promote allied health careers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Providing expert advice to governments, allied health professional bodies, educational institutions and the health sector in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health policy and issues.
- Developing and maintaining strong networks and connections with Indigenous communities to ensure IAHA core objectives are meeting their needs and aspirations.
- Working closely with the health sector and communities to improve access to allied health services.
- Promoting the importance of allied health, using a holistic person centred and culturally responsive approach, to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Why Join IAHA?

The unique IAHA point of difference is that we bring together and collectively support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cohorts within over 25 allied health professions and value add to existing development and supports available for members. Our work is focused on improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing outcomes through increasing access to culturally safe and responsive allied health care and services.

By becoming a member of IAHA, you can work with us to support and grow a culturally safe and responsive health system that values and recognises the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities including our allied health workforce.



"I was provided with the opportunity to network and speak to like-minded people. I was in a safe environment with people of similar experiences and backgrounds. IAHA values the creation of opportunities for students and it was through these opportunities I could operate in my profession comfortably as myself."

— MATTHEW WEST, FULL MEMBER GRADUATE (PODIATRY)

IAHA Members have the opportunity to:

- Grow national and professional networks
- Access mentoring and personal development opportunities
- Participate in cultural, clinical, inter-professional development
- Have a voice at a national level on workforce development, policy and advocacy
- Access to resources, research and information
- Access to up to date information on Indigenous health and wellbeing policy and opportunities
- Participate in community events or careers expos to assist in promoting allied health careers
- Access to scholarships and supports to enhance your learning and development opportunities.

Who can join IAHA?

Full Memberships - Graduate \ Student

All individuals who have graduated from a tertiary allied health course with a recognised qualification and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are enrolled in an allied health course are eligible for full membership of IAHA.

Associate Membership – Individual \ Corporate

IAHA welcomes individuals and organisations who are committed to allied health as a mechanism to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Associate Members. This may include, but is not limited to non-Indigenous allied health professionals, allied health assistants, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people studying or working in the health-related fields. Corporate membership is open to organisations, corporate bodies, agencies, service providers that are committed to the strategic vision and goals of IAHA.



"IAHA gave me the opportunity to meet people from across the country and to draw from their disciplines and their knowledge. But also it's that real sense of comradery and solidarity that you get when you meet mob, you've got that enate connection"

— KEVIN YOW YEH, FULL MEMBER GRADUATE (SOCIAL WORK)

