



2024-2025 Membership Guide

CAPHIA

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH
INSTITUTIONS AUSTRALASIA

About CAPHIA

CAPHIA is the peak organisation that represents public health in universities and aligned organisations that offer undergraduate, postgraduate programs and workforce development program, education and research in public health throughout Australasia.

- We maintain **high quality academic standards** in the education and development of public health practitioners and researchers
- We lead and represent **public health education** in the tertiary sector
- We are a respected voice and **advocate** for the development of public health professionals and researchers within Australasia.

Vision

CAPHIA is the lead advocacy organisation for tertiary public health education, research and public health training and development in Australasia

Mission

To improve the public's health by advancing public health education, research and workforce development

Objectives

To advance public health education and research, and to lead and represent public health in universities throughout the Australasian region

Members

Full Membership is open to universities teaching and researching public health. **All staff and current students of member organisations are eligible for member benefits.**

Affiliate Membership is open to aligned organisations who are not eligible for Full Membership and support the objectives of CAPHIA.

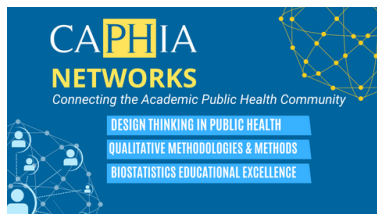
Professional Development

We support capacity building and skills development for staff and current students from member organisations



Teaching & Learning Forum + Public Health Hackathon ●

Hosted annually by a member institution, the Forum is a unique 2-day collaborative event enables participants to share best practice public health education. The Public Health Hackathon enables to apply Design Thinking to Preventing Domestic Violence



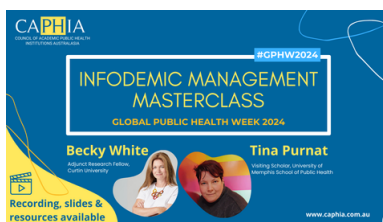
Early Career Support, Networking & Paid Internships ●

We offer monthly Early Career Academic Public Health Professionals networking, [paid internships](#) and a variety of leadership opportunities across within our governance groups. CAPHIA networks on specific areas of public health provide mechanisms to further connect the academic community.



Annual CAPHIA Awards ●

The awards recognise individuals or teams currently working at a CAPHIA member institution who have made an outstanding contribution to public health teaching and learning, and/or research and who have clearly demonstrated excellence and innovation.



Workshops, Summits & Resources ●●

CAPHIA regularly hosts a variety of events for members to develop their capability and capacity. This includes targeted programs for [Early Career Academics](#), an annual Heads of Schools Summit and a variety of professional development events. Regular resources and communications are also provided.



CAPHIA Competencies Renewal Project●

The Third Edition of the CAPHIA competencies is being collaboratively co-designed via a 3-staged research approach to characterise the competencies [knowledge, skills, attributes] required by public health graduates to effectively contribute to the workforce and meet existing and emergent public health.

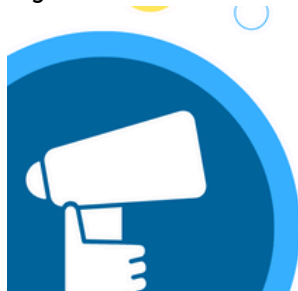
Key:

- Halfprice
- Free

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Advocacy

We advocate for public health teaching, learning, and research - particularly for and with Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse people, to improve the health of Australasian people and their health systems.



Advocacy in Action

- The 'ask' > Invest in education of the public health workforce
- The outcome > A well-educated, sustainable, scalable and prepared workforce
- The impact > Enhanced prevention, promotion and protection for all

Written submission to:
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT COVID-19 RESPONSE INQUIRY

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- Cross-sector collaboration and transparent information-sharing for improved communication and decision-making
- Comprehensive public health training for effective policy guidance
- Urgently invest in prevention to minimise risk and reduce health inequities

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OPEN LETTER
CAPHIA SUPPORTS THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

VOTE YES

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RESPONSE: DRAFT NATIONAL CONSUMER STRATEGY FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING
BROADLY, CAPHIA CALLED FOR:

- Removal of language that places responsibility of ill-health on individuals and communities
- Recognition of public health factors that contribute to non-engagement in health services
- Clear timelines of policy implementation to be shared across all stakeholders
- Clarification of on whether input provided by individuals and communities will be for their specific needs, or if their input will affect the wider population
- Expand and support the public health workforce to conduct effective co-design
- Provide tools to upskill health policy makers to conduct co-design.

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPONSE TO NATIONAL HEALTH AND CLIMATE STRATEGY CONSULTATION PAPER

- Reword Enabler 1.1:** "Invest and embed climate and health competencies in all specialist training and certification program and in continuing professional development and re-certification programs."
- Add new Enabler 1.2:** "Invest and support in climate and health competency uplift for the whole public health workforce."
- Add new Enabler 1.3:** "A scan of current education and training activities and resources pertaining to climate change and health."
- Develop a Climate and Health Workforce Capability Development Grant** to genuinely invest in this key enabler.
- Invest in the upskilling of the Public Health Workforce** by funding the development of micro-credentials and short courses on OneHealth, health systems and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Decision makers require fundamental public health education** to address the climate crisis and create a healthier Australia.

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POSITION STATEMENT
EDUCATING THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

Who is the Public Health Workforce?
The Public Health Workforce comes from a variety of backgrounds including:

- Educators, researchers and evaluators
- Epidemiologists and biostatisticians
- Policy writers and program designers
- Allied health professionals
- Lawyers, ethicists, urban planners and engineers
- Clinicians and practitioners
- Health, community and industry workers, including health promotion practitioners, as well as managers, leaders, and advocates.

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Vision
For Australasia public health educators to work as a community of practice to co-create public health curricula that prepares a bold and adaptive workforce to lead public health action for a more sustainable and equitable future

Public Health Education for a Sustainable Future

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Calls to Action, Submissions, Position Statements and Publications

The CAPHIA community develops a range of materials to build the evidence and advocate for the advancement of public health education, research and workforce development. CAPHIA also participates in consultations and writes articles in peer reviewed journals. The Advocacy In Action Consultation Group lead this work and request input from the community via top-down and bottom-up mechanisms to reflect member views.

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Partnerships & Networks

We work with individual organisations and consortiums to represent and advocate for Australasian academic public health.

Global engagements

CAPHIA members and representatives are active participants on a number of international organisations, governance bodies. Through these partnerships, CAPHIA members are able to receive exclusive benefits such as grant funding, involvement in WHO competency development work and global events.



Through our events and governance bodies and working group we guide best-practice academic public health standards through collaborative design and consultation with our members. Through our social media platforms and newsletters we also curate resources and share opportunities within the academic public health community both locally and internationally.

Membership Enquiries

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