



CLIMATE AND
HEALTH
ALLIANCE

CLIMATE AND HEALTH ALLIANCE (CAHA) STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2018

MISSION

Who we are

A group of health organisations and individuals who are committed to protecting people's health from the adverse effects of climate change.

What we do

Build understanding about the health impacts of climate change to catalyse action to prevent catastrophic global warming.

Why we do it

We recognise that climate change is the greatest health threat of the 21st century and that urgent action on climate change is the greatest opportunity to improve public health in the 21st century (*The Lancet, 2009 and 2015*)

How we do it

We use scientifically based communications and evidence to promote the development of a zero-carbon Australian society.

We educate and support politicians, policymakers, the public and the health sector to ensure the Australian community is resilient and ready to respond to climate change. We lead by example, supporting the health sector to move to healthy, sustainable, low carbon operations.

VISION

A healthy, resilient, fair global society using resources sustainably.

VALUES

Integrity – we are honest in our actions in our statements; we respect others, and keep our commitments

Evidence – our work is based on scientific evidence, and we utilise and encourage research to guide our work

Inclusiveness – we aim to engage a wide range of stakeholders in our work to ensure we are informed by a diversity of views and opinions

Commitment – we are unwavering in our commitment to achieve our goals

Collaboration – we recognise that our success depends on collaborating with others

Passion – we are determined to ensure all possible actions are taken to protect people's health from climate change

Fairness – we abide by principles of social and environmental justice

ORGANISATIONAL GOALS

Internal:

- To achieve a strong, resilient alliance of health organisations and individuals working together.

Policy:

- To achieve effective action on climate change, through the development and implementation of a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Well-being for Australia.
- To influence policy development to reduce harm to community health through the promotion of healthy energy choices.

Sector:

- To support the development of a vibrant, dynamic and ever expanding network of hospital and health services working to reduce their environmental impact.
- To ensure the health sector is climate-resilient and prepared and ready to respond to the impacts of climate change.

Community:

- To raise awareness about the nexus between climate change and human health to build support for climate mitigation and adaptation, and improve community resilience.
- To work with aligned organisations and individuals (nationally and globally) to achieve our goals.

STRATEGIES WE WILL TAKE TO DELIVER OUR VISION, MISSION AND GOALS

Internal Goal: To achieve a strong, resilient alliance of health organisations and individuals working together.

The tasks we will undertake to achieve this:

| Strategies | Who will be accountable | Actions |
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| Engage in strategic outreach to members and other healthcare stakeholder groups | CAHA CoM, Campaign Core Group and Organiser / Training Program Lead | Maintain regular contact with CAHA and GGHH members, and NSCHW Campaign Supporters; and other healthcare stakeholders. |
| Maintain regular communication with members and external stakeholders | CAHA admin and volunteer media team | Design and publish bi-monthly newsletters on sustainable healthcare + climate and health research policy and advocacy |
| Conduct evaluation of member's satisfaction through surveys and direct consultation | CAHA CoM | Consult directly with each CAHA member organisations + develop and distribute annual survey |

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| Implement the Strategic Plan for the National Strategy on Climate, Health and Well-being (NSCHW) | Campaign Core Organising Group and Organiser / Training Program Lead | Develop framework for strategy Develop and deliver training Promote advocacy initiatives |
| Secure funding for campaign director and organiser to implement the NSCHW campaign | CAHA CoM | Apply for grants Seek sponsorship / support from CAHA member organisations + campaign supporting organisations Implement crowdfunding campaign |

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| Implement the GGHH Workplan | CAHA/GGHH Project Officer | As per Workplan |
| Secure funding for staff and resources to continue / expand GGHH / sustainable healthcare program | CAHA/GGHH Project Officer, CAHA CoM, and Fundraising Committee | Apply for grants Partnerships with ClimateWorks et al |

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| Produce newsletters, media releases, and other communications materials on climate and health research and policy | Volunteer media team | Bi-monthly newsletters |
| Maintain relationships and participation in key stakeholder alliances eg Climate Action Network Australia and Global Climate and Health Alliance | CAHA CoM delegate/s | Participate in quarterly meetings, project working groups and annual Climate and Health Summit |
| Expand and secure funding for research / policy and communications initiatives | CAHA CoM and Fundraising Committee and Fundraising Volunteers | Work with partners eg Climate Media Centre, Monash Climate Change Communications Research Hub Apply for grants |

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