

RHPA 2010-2014 Strategic Plan

RHPA Vision

All Australians recognising and benefiting from the services of rheumatology health professionals.

RHPA Mission

The RHPA is an organisation of health professionals that promotes interest and involvement into the needs of Australian people with rheumatic or arthritic disease to its members, other health professionals and the public. It aims to advance rheumatology through programs of education, research, collaboration, and advocacy.

RHPA Goals

In order to undertake its mission RHPA strives to:

1. Develop and maintain a growing and engaged membership base by providing relevant and valued services to members and undertaking relevant professional initiatives to address the collective needs of members.
2. Ensure strong business viability to ensure an effective and efficient association.
3. Advance public knowledge and understanding of rheumatic or arthritic diseases through:
 - development of professional relationships with organisations with similar interests;
 - representation of members and persons with the diseases to any organisation of government department;
 - provision of education and information to the public in matters relating to rheumatic and arthritic disease and disability;
 - cultivate and promote the study of the treatment of rheumatic diseases and of related sciences.

Strategic Plan 2010 - 2014

Goals

- Maximise value for members and promote increased membership
- Improved professional development opportunities
- Effective corporate governance
- Representation on organisations with similar interests
- Representation at relevant government forums
- Improved education to members of the public in matters relating to rheumatic and arthritic disease and disability

Strategic area of focus	Actions	Responsibility
<p>Objective 1: To maximize value for members and promote increased membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake consultation with current members in regard to members needs, and directions to maximize membership value • Promote benefits of membership to health professionals working in the area of rheumatology • Investigate ability of website to facilitate on-line membership registrations and payments • Devise communication strategy, including regular meeting schedule for RHPA Exec & State Reps, and review of format / content of newsletter 	<p>RHPA Exec</p> <p>State reps</p> <p>Website convener</p> <p>RHPA Exec / small working gp</p>
<p>Objective 2: To maximize professional development opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Conference committee to support conference convener • Undertake evaluation of 2010 conference to inform conference committee and convener • Undertake professional development needs analysis as part of consultation in Objective 1 • Develop a register of professional development opportunities on RHPA website • Establish network for dissemination of educational, research information • Establish special interest groups • Utilisation of newsletter and website • Continue relationship with Roche to ensure rollout of Nurses education modules and development of recognition by university of 	<p>RHPA Exec</p> <p>RHPA Exec</p> <p>RHPA Exec</p> <p>Website convener / state reps</p> <p>RHPA Exec / all members</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Nurses Special Interest Group</p>

	post-graduate study	
Objective 3: To maintain a financial position over the next two years that enables planned growth and achievement of the association's mission and strategic plan	Maintain best possible return on RHPA funds whilst ensuring accessibility and security	RHPA Executive
Objective 4: To maintain representation on current, and take up opportunities for representation on, and collaboration with organisations with similar interests and government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue membership on Cochrane Musculoskeletal group • Continue membership of Pain Summit • Continue fostering relationships with ARA • External environmental scan to ensure involvement occurs, and communication of opportunities to RHPA Executive • Seek representation on groups as appropriate • Communication of outcomes from groups to members in groups 	President RHPA RHPA rep RHPA Exec Executive / all members RHPA Executive Representatives
Objective 5: To improve educational opportunities to members of the public in matters relating to rheumatic and arthritic disease and disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Conference committee to support conference convener • Undertake evaluation of 2010 conference to inform conference committee and convener • Maintain and enhance relationships with Arthritis foundations and other organisations involved with people with rheumatic and arthritic disease • Environmental scan regarding opportunities for involvement in public education forums 	RHPA Executive RHPA Executive Members Members

Document expiry 2014

Periodic (interim) review recommended in 2012 to ensure ongoing relevance.

Periodic review should be considered alongside an environmental scan in 2012.

Quarterly updates against the Strategic Plan to be provided within RHPA newsletter by key responsible persons

Reference material

From the Constitution:

4. The objects for which the Company is established are:

a) to promote interest and involvement into the needs of people with rheumatic or arthritic disease and advance public knowledge and understanding of those diseases and their consequence disabilities;

b) to communicate and encourage the development of professional relationships with state, national, and international private and public organisations with similar interests including the Australian Rheumatology Association and State Arthritis Foundations;

c) to promote, organize and hold meetings, conference, seminars, workshops, lectures involving where possible visiting authorities in the fields of rheumatic & arthritic disease and disability, for the purpose of providing a public forum for consideration and discussion of matters relating to rheumatic and arthritic disease and disability, and for the dissemination of such information.

d) to either, submit articles about rheumatology to any journals and publications of the Australian Rheumatology Association, or to publish its own newsletters, journals, and/or other bulletins.

e) to promote, organize and hold educational, training and counseling courses concerned with all or any of the objects of the Association;

f) to secure members of the Association the advantage of unity of action in matters affecting their rights, interest, and legal obligations and to make representations to any organisation or government department;

g) to subscribe to or otherwise aid benevolent, charitable, national or other institutions or objects of a public character which relate in any way to all or any of the objects of the Association and which in the opinion of the Association warrant support.

h) to cultivate and promote the study of the treatment of rheumatic diseases and of related sciences by all or any of the following:

- 1) convening regular meetings of members
- 2) encouraging communication including media releases and informative advertising regarding the specific needs of the arthritic person;
- 3) developing relationships with medical suppliers and industries which manufacture equipment, aids and facilities associated with arthritis;
- 4) to expand the number of health professionals whose focus is rheumatology practice, education and research;
- 5) the collection and dissemination of information amongst members, relating to the treatment of rheumatic disease, related sciences, and proceedings of meetings of the Association;
- 6) the promotion of research into rheumatic diseases and biomechanical disability out of funds of the Association or out of funds donated for the purpose;
- 7) where funds permit, to hold or promote competitions or examinations on subjects which relate in any way to the objects of the Association and to provide prizes in connection therewith consisting of cash, scholarships or other payments or gifts of any other description;
- 8) to print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.