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*The Peak Body Representing Allied Health in Australia*

# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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**Comprising:**

Audiological Society of Australia, Australasian Podiatry Council, Australian Association for Exercise and Sports Science, Australian Association of Social Workers, Australian Institute of Radiography, Australian Orthotic and Prosthetic Association, Australian Psychological Society, Australian Sonographers Association, Dietitians Association of Australia, OT AUSTRALIA, Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health Inc, Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia, Speech Pathology Australia, The Orthoptic Association of Australia and incorporating AHPARR (AHPA Rural & Remote).

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## **ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS AUSTRALIA**

Allied Health Professions Australia is the national peak body for major health professions other than medical practitioners and nurses. It works to represent the interests of the non-medical health professions sector, particularly to the Commonwealth Government; and to provide a vehicle for liaison and discussion between the professions themselves.

Members of AHPA are national organisations representing specific professions, with membership across Australia in both urban and rural areas. Collectively, they represent approximately 50,000 allied health professionals. Each has internal systems and networks for liaising with their members, ensuring that AHPA has input from allied health professionals right across Australia who together provide a vast wealth of expertise.

Current membership of AHPA represents the following professions:

- . Audiologists
- . Dietitians
- . Exercise physiologists
- . Occupational Therapists
- . Orthoptists
- . Orthotists and Prosthetists
- . Pharmacists
- . Podiatrists
- . Psychologists
- . Radiographers
- . Radiation Therapists
- . Social Workers
- . Sonographers
- . Speech Pathologists
- . SARRAH



# ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS AUSTRALIA

*Personnel – 1 January to 31 December 2007*

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Graeme Ramsay	Australasian Podiatry Council
Anita Hobson-Powell	Australian Association of Exercise and Sports Science
Peter Richardson	Australian Association of Social Workers
Emile Badawy	Australian Institute of Radiography
Jane Gray	Australian Orthotic Prosthetic Association
David Malone	Australian Physiotherapy Association (to November 2007)
Jonathan Kruger	The Australian Psychological Society Ltd
Lyn Littlefield	
David Stokes	
Elaine Trevaskis	Australian Sonographers Association Ltd
Monica Persson	The Audiological Society of Australia Inc
Claire Hewat	Dietitians Association of Australia
Ron Hunt	OT AUSTRALIA
Bo Li	
Shelagh Lowe	Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health Inc.
Yvonne Allinson	Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia
Gail Mulcair	Speech Pathology Australia

## STAFF

### ***Executive Officer (honorary)***

Lyn Littlefield

### **Executive Assistants**

Gina O'Donoghue

Rina Harber

## **AUDITORS**

*Moore Stephens HF*

# ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS AUSTRALIA

## President's Report 2007

Once again, this year, significant work has occurred through AHPA.

2007 saw AHPA consolidate its position as the peak body for the allied health professions and as the point of reference for the Commonwealth Government in relation to matters involving the allied health professions. AHPA held a number of important meetings which increased the opportunities for the voice of allied health to be heard by significant players in the health industry, including senior managers at DoHA, political figures, including Nicola Roxon, and other key personnel in the rapidly changing health environment.

A number of papers have been developed and circulated which outline AHPA's position and promote allied health.

I am delighted to report that substantial progress was made in most of the priority areas defined by the Board for 2007. The additional activities undertaken by the Management Group and Board have seen AHPA progress in its aim of being recognised as the peak body for allied health. This can be measured by the increase in invitations to participate in various committees, forums and focus groups. Numerous meetings have been held during 2007 with various organisations which have opened the door and allowed AHPA to continue with its charter to advocate for allied health.

Building relationships to strengthen the national perspective of Australia's health services has been an aim of AHPA and liaison with government and non-government bodies as has occurred in the past twelve months is vital to the continued development of AHPA; and it is pleasing to note the increased recognition of AHPA in discussion on national health issues.

In 2007 we welcomed SARRAH into the organisation. Its contribution will provide a further perspective on issues that effect rural and remote allied health practitioners and indigenous Australians.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lyn Littlefield, AHPA's Executive Officer, and the Australian Psychological Society which continues to provide secretariat support for AHPA. I would also take this opportunity to thank Rina Harber for her contribution in the role of AHPA Executive Assistant.

The fact that the outstanding voluntary input of Directors and members of the Management Group accomplishes most of the work of AHPA, once again needs to be acknowledged and highlighted. Significant submissions and reports have been prepared by many volunteers and this has had major benefits for all members.

It has been a busy and successful year for AHPA and I would like to thank AHPA directors, members of the Management Group, and AHPA representatives on external committees. I would also like to thank those directors who have stood down from the Board during the year for their contribution to the organisation.

Carol Mioduchowski  
**PRESIDENT**

# ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS AUSTRALIA

## Treasurer's Report 2007

The Allied Health Professions Australia Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007 have been compiled and audited, and are presented to the Annual General Meeting.

The Financial Report, as required under Australian Accounting Standards, includes a notation of the principal activities of the company, and notes that there were no significant changes in the financial status of the AHPA during 2007.

As detailed in the Profit and Loss Account, the net result for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 was:

- an operating profit of \$891 (last year- loss \$11,255)
- income \$67,931, was slightly below the budgeted income of \$71,400 due mainly to the expected new membership not joining our organisation
- expenditure during 2007 was mostly in line with the budgeted amounts.

It is pleasing to report that the target in the original budget of having a break even result has been achieved by curtailing expenses and controlling all outgoings during the year under review.

Again this year, the role of the Treasurer has largely been a statutory one, overseeing the financial affairs of the association, with the financial operations being managed by the AHPA Management Group under the guidance and input from Lyn Littlefield (APS) and Emile Badawy (AIR).

Anthony Schembri  
**TREASURER**