3.1 The objects of the Association are:

(1) to make a strong contribution to public health policy by —
   (a) advocating for the reduction in health inequality across the Australian and international communities.
   (b) encouraging research and promoting knowledge relating to the problems, needs and development of public health, which may include study in the following areas:
      (i) the distribution, determinants and significance of health, sickness and disabilities in communities,
      (ii) the social, behavioural and biological sciences in relation to health and disease,
      (iii) the impact of the physical and social environment on health, and the prevention and control of disease,
      (iv) the economic, social and personal resources required for the optimum health of individuals,
      (v) the health problems and needs of the community, and the distribution and utilisation of health resources,
      (vi) the structure and organisation, and function, planning and management of health services and health information systems; and
      (vii) the causes and likely remedies for a reduction of social and economic inequities in health status, especially the inequities between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous populations.
      (viii) to advocate for the safeguarding of health via protection of the planetary ecological systems that support life and human civilisation;
   (c) promoting and providing a forum for the regular exchange of views and information, and developing policies, in relation to the areas set out in (a) above;
   (d) promoting the development and education of workers engaged in these areas;
   (e) promoting excellence in public health practice; and
   (f) advocating the objects and policies of the Association.

(2) to support the following Health Equity Values Statement
   (a) Health is a human right, a vital resource for everyday life, and a key factor in sustainability. Health equity and inequity do not exist in isolation from the conditions of society that underpin people’s health. The health status of all people is impacted by the social, political, environmental and economic determinants of health. Specific focus on these determinants is necessary to reduce the unfair and unjust effects of conditions of living that cause poor health and disease.
Achievements

- 10 Point Plan for Election
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Major Conferences
  - Immunisation
  - Prevention Conference
  - Australian Public Health Conference
  - Communicable Diseases
  - Nutrition
  - Justice Health
- Funding renewed
- Effective engagement
  - States and Territories
    - Government
    - Opposition
- New Diversity Special Interest Group
- Submissions (74 in one year)
  - Parliamentary Committee
  - Government
- Policy renewal
  - Every 3 years
  - 90 Policies
Leadership and Governance

• Change of CEO
  • Selection by the Board

• Turnover of Board members

• Establishment of specific positions
  • VP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
  • Young Professional
  • Representation of Special Interest Groups
  • Representation of Branches

• Reconciliation Action Plan