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AHCSA Key Updates

Member Service Forum – November 2025



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Governance | Board Business

Constitutional Review

- **AHCSA's Constitution amendments to enable and support NACCHO's Constitution adopted at the NACCHO EGM in May 2025**
- **Special Resolutions approved by AHCSA Board for members vote at the AHCSA AGM (tomorrow).**



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Governance | Board Business

Strategic Planning

- **AHCSA's Strategic Planning process recommenced in July 2025**
- **The AHCSA Board and Member Services are being re-engaged in the Strategic Planning process**
- **AHCSA leadership has visited a number of Member Service Boards and hopes to meet with all Member Service CEOs and Boards on Country in the coming months to further progress Strategic Planning and Ways of Working**



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Governance | Risk Management

- **As part of sector strengthening AHCSA is conducting training – ‘The Role of the Chair in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Governance’.**
- **AHCSA Board Directors, Member Service Board Chairs, and other representatives from Member Service Boards have been invited (up to 3 representatives from each Member Service Board)**
- **The role of the Chair is critical to good governance and to ensure sector strength. This Workshop is designed and targeted to current and aspiring Board and Committee Chairs as a continuation of NACCHO Governance Training.**



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Sector Development

Workforce

- Elder Care Statewide Yarning Circle in Mt Gambier – 25 to 27 November
- Scholarship program – support for Aboriginal people studying a health discipline to attend a relevant conference
- CPD Day planning underway for early 2026

Sector Strategic Leadership

- Cultural Safety Framework – supporting Clinical Governance (AHCSA Policy)
- Board Chair training
- Narungga ACCHO – further info in Projects

Communications

- Support to key campaigns – Stay Lubly, AMIC promotion, Mental Health, Trachoma
- AHCSA socials and website, including the Member Portal



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Business Services

Finance and Systems Update

- **AHCSA's Financial Audit is completed with AHCSA receiving an unqualified Audit**
- **AHCSA's 2025/26 Budgets approved by the Board**
- **AHCSA's HR Team, a new HR Manager and HR Business Partner now on commenced**
- **Business Services functional reviews continue to be undertaken in this F/Year**
- **Following an IT System Security Audit, AHCSA is implementing the recommendations per the Audit Report**
- **HR for the Sector: Fact Sheet on new legislative changes in portable Long Service Leave will be available in the Member Portal in the coming days**



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RTO Update

Qualification & Cohort	Student #	Workshops delivery	Comments
Cert III, Cohort 1 (April 25)	10	8/10	Approximately two-thirds completion of the program. All students remain on track to achieve successful completion by March 2026.
Cert IV cohort 1 (April 25)	15	7/14	Halfway point of formal training. They are progressing well and are on schedule for course completion by October 2026.
Cert IV Cohort 2 (July 2025 intake):	18	4/14	This cohort is also progressing strongly, having completed four workshops to date with high attendance and participation levels.
AMIC	5	5/8	With all cohorts progressing well against their learning and assessment milestones.



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RTO – Future Scheduled Intakes

- **AHCSA's Expression of Interest for Member Services for 2026;**
- **Crt III Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.**
 - **CRT IV Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.**
 - **EOI Closes 11 Dec 2025**

**Expression of Interest – 2026
Traineeship Planning (Member
Services)**



**Graduation Celebrations
tonight, 61 confirmed
graduates (2019-2025)**



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RTO – Future Addition to Scope (pending board approval)

- **Cert. II in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care**
- **Cert. IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Theory and Practice.**
- **Immunisation training to existing workforce**
- **Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid – facilitator training and general**



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Innovation, Evidence and Reform

- **MBS updates**
- **Election priorities**
- **Aged Care Position statement**
- **AHREC governance – including updated ToR, SOP, skills matrix**
- **PIMS system comparisons**
- **AI in healthcare**



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Primary Health Programs

- **Wellbeing campaign** - example video available, 2 members services booked, space available for all members
- **Culture Care Connect** - community of practice commenced and exploring program and workforce needs
- Recruited to TIS and AOD project officer role- engage with members about workforce and system needs
- **BreastScreen SA Screening Incentives Partnership** - increase mobile screening locations and codesign of incentives
- **Child Linker Project**- scoping project to co-design a centralised Aboriginal Child and Family Linker model informed by ACCHO with the aim of improve participation in key Child Health and Development Checks. Project will influence funding distribution



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Senior PHMO | Public Health Programs

Clinical governance

- New approved Clinical Governance Framework and Policy for AHCSA.
- Focus on implementation which includes new policy, procedures and systems.
- Support for Member Services with a focus on medical leadership and governance.

STI and BBV

- Recruited two new staff and so team now fully functional across STI, BBV and reproductive health
- Stay Lubly campaign continuing to be successful and we have commenced a formal evaluation to guide future investment decisions.

Annual GP forum was conducted in September, with over 30 doctors from across the Aboriginal health sector, with very positive feedback on the education program and networking opportunities.

Funded to support training coordination for vaccination and also for the Aboriginal Environmental Health workforce. We will reach out to member services to ensure a coordinated approach.



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Projects

Narungga Nations – Exploration of ACCHO

- **EOI submitted to Commonwealth**
- **Presented to NNAC board regarding recommendations in setting up governance and project team**
- **NNAC considering next steps, including applying for Associate Membership with AHCSA**

AHCSA Future Grant round – Community Lead Wellbeing grants

AHCSA's Building Refurbishment

- **Following Board endorsement in August 2025, building refurbishment has commenced in the L1 Portion of AHCSA's Building (first floor beyond the Main Kitchen).**



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Questions?