



NEWS - Quarter 1 2022

CESAHN is a member organisation of the Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network (CESPHN) with the aim to connect and advocate for AHPs in the region.

Vision 2022

BY JOHN PETROZZI - CHAIR

2022 promises to be one of opportunities for allied health professionals (AHPs). The past few years have shown that Australian AHPs are a resilient lot and able to work together for the common good of the community. Along with our medical colleagues, AHPs have provided important health and wellbeing services with professionalism and certainty in public and private practice settings. These efforts have not passed unnoticed. Central and Eastern Sydney PHN (CESPHN) will be releasing the CESPHN Allied Health Engagement Strategy 2022-2025 in March 2022. The AHP engagement strategy acknowledges the efforts and importance of AHPs within the region's healthcare system, and provides support with clear and achievable goals to strengthen the delivery of allied health services.

The CESAHN is a membership led organisation which relies heavily on the efforts of individuals including board directors and the general membership. The primary aim of CESAHN is to provide Advocacy, Connection, Information and Education opportunities for AHPs. This support enables AHPs in public and private practices to deliver high-quality healthcare for the community. Stay connected with CESAHN news and information to ensure you benefit from the support available in 2022.

CESAHN Newsletter Highlights

VISION 2022

NETWORKING:
CONNECTING NEW
GRADUATES AND
STUDENTS WITH AHP
PRACTICES

STAY INFORMED -
LINKEDIN

CESPHN - AHP
ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
2022-25

MEMBER FEEDBACK

Membership of CESAHN ensures you don't miss out on information that can potentially improve the delivery of services for your community. One major goal of the CESAHN board is to increase membership in the coming year to facilitate the spread of accurate and timely information for all AHPs in the CESPAN region. Please encourage your allied health colleagues in our region to join CESAHN by sharing this becoming a member link and newsletter with them.

Your voices and views are important and required, please contact office@cesahn.com.au with ideas to support AHPs through the efforts of CESAHN. Along with the CESAHN board, I wish you all the very best for the coming year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Networking: Connecting new graduates and students with AHP practices

Will you be employing an AHP in 2022? You are invited to attend a networking event in Feb/March that will bring together final year AHP students and recent graduates from Sydney-based universities to meet you and hear about early career opportunities. With a small attendance fee you will have the opportunity to meet new graduates over a light meal and refreshments supported by a friendly networking environment.

CESAHN have organised several speakers to talk about some of the best ways to transition from university to an AHP workplace. Please keep an eye out in future emails and on the CESAHN LinkedIn page for invitation details and RSVP information.

Stay informed - LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a good way to stay up to date with important CESAHN news and information.

Bookmark and follow the [CESAHN LinkedIn page](#)

Please share this link with your AHP colleagues and encourage them to become a member for \$110/year (including gst).



CESPHN Engagement Strategy 2022-25

Allied health is attracting strategic attention federally and features significantly in the consultation draft of Australia's Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan 2022-2032. The need to develop an AHP Engagement Strategy has been consistently raised by CESPHN's advisory councils and is now reflected in the CESPHN Strategic Plan 2022-25.

The Allied Health Engagement Strategy describes CESPHN's commitment to supporting AHPs in quality improvement activities and their greater participation in primary healthcare activities.

In the earliest stages, the strategy aims to address topics of local need and enhance AHP's adoption and operation of systems that connect them to general practice and the broader health system.

CESPHN Engagement Strategy will work to promote:

- Use of quality improvement frameworks endorsed by the relevant AHP professional peak body;
- Better use of electronic clinical information systems;
- Increased use of eHealth, such as MHR, Secure Messaging and Telehealth, and
- Greater opportunities for professional development and local networking.

Central and Eastern Sydney PHN will be releasing the CESPHN Allied Health Engagement Strategy 2022-2025 in March 2022. This strategy will provide a strong platform for CESPHN to increase support to allied health and enable allied health professionals to build stronger connections with other health professionals and promote continued professional development.

Member Feedback

You are supported by an enthusiastic and engaged group of CESAHN elected board directors who are eager to hear from you and your practice. Please reach out with your questions, concerns, and ideas that will provide positive support for AHPs and community members in our region.

The board directors have lived experience from the perspectives of the physical, mental and preventative wellbeing healthcare fields. You can provide your feedback directly to any board director by locating their profile and email address on the [CESAHN governance webpage](#).