



## Update from the Public Health Association of Australia

### Australian Public Health Conference 2021 - Pivoting to Virtual

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) have been constantly monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 situation in relation to holding the Australian Public Health Conference in Canberra from Thursday 23 to Friday 24 September 2021. With the ongoing challenges of travel restrictions, uncertainty around outbreaks and the impact on the Public Health sector, PHAA in consultation with the Conference Advisory Committee have decided to **pivot the conference to a virtual only conference**, therefore not proceeding with the face-to-face component.

The PHAA do not make this decision lightly. We understand the individual impacts of not proceeding with the face-to-face component of the event; and we appreciate that, like us, you would have welcomed the opportunity to be in the room together to network and share learnings, and reconnect/connect with your fellow colleagues. However also understanding that during the pandemic running a face-to-face component of the event is not without its challenges.

We are however excited to bring you the Australian Public Health Conference as a virtual event, providing the sector with an opportunity to share learnings, network, meet with sponsors and exhibitors, and had have access to hours of content virtually. We have now successfully run seven conferences virtually since April 2020 and we are confident this too can be a successful meeting.

For sponsors and exhibitors, we appreciate the ongoing support for this important conference and look forward to continuing to work with you in the virtual environment. For those that have registered for face-to-face, we will be in touch to arrange a refund to the virtual price for you. In addition, we will continue to provide regular updates as we pivot this event to virtual.

We thank you for your understanding and support, and look forward to meeting you virtually for the Australian Public Health Conference 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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