



THE AUSTRALASIAN INJURY PREVENTION NETWORK (AIPN)

STRATEGIC PLAN

2025-2026

Vision

To be the peak body for injury prevention and safety promotion in Australia and New Zealand and inform discussions around injury with a specific focus on addressing inequities.

Mission Statement

The AIPN will support coordinated national injury prevention action in advocacy, knowledge sharing, research, policy and practice. The AIPN will facilitate the prevention of injury-related harm throughout Australia and New Zealand for all population groups with a specific focus on addressing inequities in prevention and care.

Background

The AIPN recognises that, as a leading cause of preventable death and disability in Australia and New Zealand, injury is unquestionably a public health problem of major importance, with inequities in the incidence and outcomes following injury. This is particularly apparent among groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples, Māori peoples, and those who are socially and economically disadvantaged.

Who are we?

The AIPN is an independent, non-government network representing all-age, all-cause injury prevention and safety promotion in the Australasian region. The AIPN is governed by a constitution and managed by an elected Executive Committee. The AIPN strives to promote knowledge of the causes of injury and safety promotion in order to minimise injury-related harm and reduce inequities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

The AIPN is the region's key professional body for practitioners, researchers, academics and allied professionals working in injury prevention and safety promotion. It has a broad-based membership from all sectors of the injury prevention and safety promotion community including research, health, transport, emergency services, crime prevention, education, sport and recreation, planning, industry, policy makers and regulators. Membership is open to students, individuals and organisations, including community-based groups.

The AIPN has a website, newsletter and facilitates conferences where injury prevention research, practice and knowledge is shared with its membership and other interested parties.

The AIPN represents the interests of its constituents, encourages best practice in injury prevention and safety promotion, as well as research and injury surveillance.

Aim of the Strategic Plan

The 2025-2026 Strategic Plan will set the agenda for the AIPN until mid-2026 and guide its activities to maximise the potential for achieving its mission.

The AIPN has identified two broad strategic objectives and a range of goals to achieve these. The two objectives are:

1. Strengthen our role as the peak advocacy body in Australia and New Zealand in the injury prevention/safety promotion sector
2. Provide a forum for collaboration and knowledge sharing between injury researchers, practitioners, policymakers, organisations and communities.

Underpinning these objectives is a fundamental principle to reduce inequities in injury, with a specific consideration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Maori peoples, as First Peoples of Australia and New Zealand, respectively.

An action plan has been developed to address each of the strategic objectives. The Action Plan will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.

1. Advocacy

- Continue to raise awareness of injury and safety promotion as a community-wide, cross-sectoral, all-of-government issue.
- Strengthen the capacity of the AIPN to advocate for injury prevention and safety promotion in Australia and New Zealand.

2. Knowledge Sharing, Collaboration and Capability Development

- Facilitate collaboration between sectors and foster engagement between Australian and New Zealand injury and safety promotion-related bodies.
- Respond to emerging injury issues by raising awareness of the issues through activities such as mobilising members, advocacy, and collaborating to provide a sound evidence base, and, where relevant, contributing to policy submissions.
- Disseminate evidence-based preventive strategies.
- Host the biennial AIPN conference and organise/support injury relevant seminars/webinars/workshops.
- Provide a collaborative environment among members that encourages and supports multisectoral approaches to injury prevention and safety promotion.