

# Acupuncture Association of Victoria Inc.



**INFORMATION**

The Acupuncture Association of Victoria (AAV) was established in 1974 as a democratic association of professional acupuncturists.

In 1998 the AAV became multi disciplinary in the recognition that most if not all members were qualified in 'other' professional health modalities as well as acupuncture. Therefore, the AAV recognises the requirements of specialist modality practitioners and modalities and assist them where needed/possible.

AAV is committed to Quality Assurance and Public Safety by maintaining the highest Qualification and Ethical Standards.

As a democratic professional association the AAV is governed by a Constitution and a Code of Professional Ethics.

Members can attend and vote at AAV general meetings and elect representatives on the Executive Committee.

### **QUALITY POLICY**

AAV is a quality organisation and aims to deliver quality service at all times.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

AAV's mission is for Acupuncture, Natural and Traditional Therapists to uphold and advance their standing within the community and to provide the public with best practice health care..

### **REPRESENTING THE PROFESSION**

Working with Governments, Researchers, Educators, Health Funds, WorkCover Authorities Professional Organisations and like minded bodies, AAV represents the interests of but not limited to:

- ☉ Acupuncture
- ☉ Aromatherapy
- ☉ Ayurveda
- ☉ Chinese Herbal Medicine
- ☉ Chiropractic
- ☉ Counselling
- ☉ Dry Needling
- ☉ Herbal Medicine
- ☉ Homoeopathy
- ☉ Hypnotherapy
- ☉ Masseur
- ☉ Meridian therapist
- ☉ Myotherapist
- ☉ Naturopathy
- ☉ Nutrition
- ☉ Oriental Massage Therapies
- ☉ Osteopathy
- ☉ Pharmacist
- ☉ Physiotherapy
- ☉ Remedial Massage Therapies

### **RECOGNISED PROFESSIONALS**

Australian Taxation Office Private Ruling Authorisation Number 21966

“AAV is a professional association that has uniform national registration requirements for practitioners of traditional medicine and natural therapies. Consequently practitioners who are members of AAV will be considered to be recognised professionals for the purposes of paragraph 38-10(1)(b) of the GST Act”.

## **GST-FREE SERVICES**

AAV Members are able to supply GST-Free services in accordance with the “GST Act” and in particular Section 38-10 (1) (b) of the “GST Act”.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

It is expected that AAV Members adhere to, and never knowingly breach Federal, State and Territory *Privacy Laws*.

## **HIGH STANDARDS**

AAV sets high standards and demanding codes of practice for members and places strong emphasis on improving knowledge and skills.

## **MAINTAIN THE QUALITY AND INVESTMENT IN YOUR QUALIFICATION**

Graduates and practitioners who join AAV are assured the considerable time, effort, money and dedication invested in their qualification and training is respected and maintained by AAV.

To protect your investment, AAV maintains a rigorous course assessment that ensures that courses that deliver quality education and training are recognised by AAV.

Because of the high educational standards maintained by AAV, it is reassuring to know that the considerable time, effort, money and dedication you have invested in your training and future is not devalued or compromised when you join AAV.

## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) & SEMINARS**

AAV organises regular high quality national seminars for AAV Members, Student Members and guests. Practising AAV members must complete a minimum of 20 hours CPE per annum. It is the member’s responsibility to supply the association with a detailed outline of accrued CPE points, before or at the time of membership renewal.

## **PRACTITIONER REFERRAL SERVICES**

Computer data base of members with variable search options and a dedicated phone number for referral to practitioners.

## **FIRST AID**

AAV members are encouraged to have a current Senior (or Level 2) First Aid qualification. This requirement assists AAV members in receiving extensive recognition by Health Funds and WorkCover authorities. It is the member’s responsibility to supply the association with a copy of the current First Aid certificate, before or at the time of membership renewal.

## **GOVERNMENT**

As a peak body representing the pinnacle of the profession, AAV is represented and involved with Federal and State government.

**SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE**

The AAV office is staffed by a dedicated team. Support and assistance is available to all AAV Members during business hours Monday to Friday.

**FULL PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE COVER**

Practising AAV members must have current Malpractice and Public Liability Insurance of no less than 2 million dollars (A\$2,000,000). It is the member's responsibility to supply the association with a copy of the current insurance certificate, before or at the time of membership renewal.

**PUBLIC & MEDIA EXPOSURE**

As an a association representing practitioners of the profession AAV is frequently called upon to comment on Natural and Traditional Therapies and public health issues.

**CERTIFICATES**

AAV members receive a Membership certificate and Code of Ethics.

**NEWSLETTERS**

Regular newsletters are sent to members to ensure members are kept up-to-date with developments and news.