| **Year** | **Presidents** | **Council Members** | **Conferences** | **Significant events** |
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| 1990 | Dr Ian Steven | Ian Steven, PresidentBarbara AndersonMarjorie Pawsey | From 1990-2012 the AAQHC hosted or co-hosted quality and safety conferences showcased as the premiere event on the Australasian Safety and Quality in Health Care calendar, appealing to all clinicians and managers from acute hospitals, aged care and primary care sectors, attracting delegates interested in providing safe, quality care to patients and their families. A range of local and international speakers were invited to present an innovative program of plenary sessions, invited papers and workshops exploring the major issues affecting health care quality and safety.  The Conferences’ focus is on continuing to improve the state of health care by reflecting on interventions implemented in the past, strategies currently being utilised effectively in addition to introducing new and innovative and proven strategies to further improve health care. Delegates were provided with the opportunity to share concerns, explore solutions, celebrate successes and look to a future of bold initiatives.  High-profile keynote speakers spoke to innovative and compelling research, theories and experiences. Interactive skills development workshops were held to find solutions to quality and safety in a challenging health care environment. Delegates attended from the UK, Canada, Hong Kong, France, Japan and NZ.  | The AAQHC began as the Association for Quality Assurance in Health Care (AQA) that was established during the National Quality Assurance Conference held in Adelaide in April 1990. Mrs Barbara Anderson, ACHS, was elected Honorary Secretary of the inaugural Council and the offer of the ACHS to provide secretariat services for the initial twelve months was gratefully accepted.199**0:** The Australasian Association for Quality in Health Care (AAQHC) was established at the first national conference for quality assurance in health care convened by the South Australian Quality Assurance Research Officers Association Inc. (SAQAROA) held in April 1990, in Adelaide. This group comprised the early quality and medical record officers at the time.The SAQAROA President, Dr Ian Steven, was elected as President of the new national association.  SAQAROA contributed a donation from the conference profits and also secured a grant from the Minister for Community Services and Health through the Community Organisation Support Program to assist the establishment of the association |
| 1991 | Dr Ian Stevens | Ian Steven, PresidentMarjorie PawseyDebra Graves | 2nd annual conference, Gold Coast.*Quality Assurance: Gamble, Game or Guarantee*  | National Quality Assurance Database developed in partnership with the ACHS  |
| 1992 | Dr Ian StevensDr Debra Graves (Nov) | Debra Graves, PresidentMarjorie Pawsey | 3rd annual conference, Sydney*A Vision for Quality in the Nineties* | The National Quality Association was incorporated in Adelaide on October 19, **1992**.  It is a member-driven, not-for-profit organisation served by a volunteer Council comprised of representatives from all Australian States and Territories and New Zealand. |
| 1993 | Dr Debra Graves | Debra Graves, PresidentMarjorie Pawsey | 4th annual conference, Adelaide*Horizons* |  |
| 1994 | Dr Debra Graves | Debra Graves, PresidentMarjorie PawseyJohanna Westbrook | 5th annual conference, Canberra*Quality Links* |  |
| 1995 | Dr Debra Graves | Debra Graves, PresidentSally Torr | 6th annual conference, Melbourne*Quality, Costs and Information, Bridging the Gap* |  |
| 1996 | Dr Debra GravesSally Torr (Nov) | Sally Torr, President | 7th annual conference, Perth*Quality – What is our Preferred Future*  |  |
| 1997 | Sally Torr | Sally Torr, President | 8th annual conference, Hobart*Quality in Perspective – The Complete Canvas* |  |
| 1998 | Sally Torr | Sally Torr, President | 9th annual conference, Sydney*Evidence or Intuition?*  |  |
| 1999 | Sally Torr | Sally Torr, PresidentGeraldine Wood, Vice PresidentLorraine Porter, NT,Honorary SecretaryAnn Nicholson, Vic,Paul FaheyJudith Manning, Editor, Quality Watch | 10th annual conference, Adelaide*A National Symposium on Quality in Health Care*  | AAQHC Operating Procedures prepared by Ann Nicholson, Vic, Lorraine Porter, NT, Paul Fahey |
| 2000 | Sally Torr | Sally Torr, President | 11th annual conference,Darwin*Reeling in the Rewards*  | AAQHC Operating Principles developed endorsed by the AAQHC Council  |
| 2001 | Sally Torr | Sally Torr, President | 12th Annual Conference, Melbourne *Putting the pieces together* |  |
| 2002 | Sally TorrSandy Thomson (Nov) | Sally Torr, PresidentSandy Thomson | 13th annual conference, Gold Coast*Riding the Wave of Quality* | October Review of AAQHC Operational Management Processes |
| 2003 | Sandy Thomson | Sandy Thomson, President | 1st Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Perth*Safety and Quality in Action* 668 registrations |  |
| 2004 | Sandy Thomson | Sandy Thomson, President | 2nd Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Canberra*Communicate – Collaborate – Celebrate* 760 registrations |  |
| 2005 | Sandy Thomson | Sandy Thomson, PresidentChristine Dennis | 3rd Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Adelaide*Evolution or Revolution*Adelaide671 registrations | AAQHC became a member of the ACHS Council represented by Christine DennisCredentialing ProgramFirst PDAC examinations heldPost nominals:***Fellow:*** The award of Fellow is an achievement of the highest standard for AAQHC members. To become a Fellow, members must first fulfil the Fellow components of the mandatory domains in the AAQHC Credentialing Package and be approved by the Board of Examiners to undertake the oral examination. Fellows have the right to use the post nominal FAAQHC***Associate Fellow***: An application for Associate Fellow can be submitted and approved at any time during the year. Successful applicants receive a certificate, the right to use the post-nominal of AFAAQHC |
| 2006 | Sandy ThomsonKathleen Ryan (Nov) | Kathleen Ryan, President | 4th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Melbourne*Raising the Bar for Qualit*y 884 registrations | Kathleen Ryan replaced Christine Dennis on the ACHS Council |
| 2007 | Kathleen Ryan | Kathleen Ryan, President | 5th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Brisbane*The Power of Us*889 registrationsKeynote speakers: Professor Dianne Parker, Professor Sean Clark and Dr Simon EcclesLocal key speakers: Professor Diana Horvath AM, Dr Robin Youngson (NZ), Dr Ian Reinecke, Ms Coral Rizzali, Dr SF Lui (Hong Kong) and Professor Warwick Anderson AM |  |
| 2008 | Kathleen Ryan | Kathleen Ryan, President, AustralasiaJenny Tuffin, Tasmania,Vice President/TreasurerAnnette Pantle, NSW/ACTSandra Blake, QldKim Bannon, SAChen Anderson, WASandy Thomson, PDACJenny Rance, VicGeorge Downward, NZ Honorary SecretaryJanine James, NT, Editorial subcommittee Chair | 6th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Christchurch*Bold Aims – Bold Outcomes*473 registrations | Professional Development and Credentialing Committee (PDAC) PDAC CommitteeSandy Thomson (WA) Chair and RegistrarVince Gaglioti (VIC) Assistant RegistrarJoan Sheppard (WA)Sheryl Gaston (NT)Adrienne Copley (SA) founding memberJenny Rance (VIC) Council RepresentativePDAC BoardSandy Thomson, Registrar and ChairDr Joseph Ibrahim, founding memberDr Heather Wellington, joined 2006Dr Marjorie Pawsey, joined 2005Mr Graham Bedford, joined 2008Changes to the Constitution proposedTenders for redevelopment of AAQHC website sought |
| 2009 | Kathleen RyanDr Annette Pantle (Nov) | Kathleen Ryan, President, AustralasiaJenny Tuffin, Tasmania, Vice President/TreasurerGeorge Downward, NZ, Honorary SecretaryJenny Rance, Vic, PDAC subcommittee ChairRob Griffin, NSW/ACTSandra Blake/Denise Curran, QldJannine Jamed/Judith Hopkins, NTKim Bannon, SAKathleen Ryan, Immediate Past PresidentRobyn Quinn, Editorial Committee ChairChen Anderson, WAVince Gaglioti, PDAC | 7th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Sydney*Bold Aims – Bold Outcomes*636 registrations |  Annette Pantle replaced Kathleen Ryan on the ACHS CouncilReview of AAQHC Council and subcommittees Terms of Reference and Duties of DirectorsResults of Survey of Members (Jan 2009)AAQHC website redevelopment commencedAAQHC access to ISQua Journal |
| 2010 | Dr Annette Pantle | Annette Pamtle, PresidentKathleen Ryan, Past PresidentJenny Tuffin. TasmaniaGeorge Downward, NZJannine James, NTDenis Curran, QueenslandKim Bannon, South AustraliaDot Humphrey-Lesque, VictoriaRobert Griffin, NSW/ACTChen Anderson, WA | 8th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care Sydney *Back to the Future- Unlocking the Potential* Perth 600 registrationsKeynote speakers: Professor René Amalberti Judge Neil MacLean,Dr Diane Watson, Professor Jeffrey BraithwaiteThe Conference focused on continuing to improve the state of health care by reflecting on interventions that have been implemented in the past, strategies that were currently being utilised and ways in which they could be used more effectively as well as introducing new and innovative yet proven strategies to further improve health care. | The Professional Development and Credentialing Committee (PDAC) undertook an extensive review process of the credentialing program in both 2010 and 2011 which includedbenchmarking against other credentialing programs, review of ‘best practice’ literature and review of the PDAC policies and procedures.New Board of Examiners appointments:Dr Cathy Balding, Professor Jeffrey Braithwaite PhD and Professor Clifford Hughes AO join Dr Heather Wellington, Dr Marjorie Pawsey and Mr Graham Bedford (Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care) andpast Board Member, Dr Joseph Ibrahim.PDAC awards presentation to occur between two conference sessions rather than at the conference dinnerChairs, PDAC and Editorial Committees to attend Council meetings on an alternate basis, to improve communication.PDAC to assess and award Conference ScholarshipsAudit of files, documents, and collateral items in archival storage Exploration of the development of AAQHC partnerships with education providers to provide appropriate web based learning programs (webinars) |
| 2011 | Dr Annette Pantle | Annette Pantle, PresidentJenny Tuffin, Secretary, TasmaniaHelen Sinclair, NZDenise Curran, QldBeth McErlean, SADot Humphrey-Lesque, VictoriaRob Griffin, NSW/ACTJane Newcombe, WA |  9th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care Joint AAQHC, ACHS, AHHA, RACMA conference, Melbourne*The Great Healthcare Challenge*700 registrationsKeynote Speakers: Jeffrey Braithwaite, Cliff Hughes, Chris Baggoley, Bev Johnson, John Clark, Russell MannionThe conference brought together clinicians and managers from primary care, aged care and acute hospitals to discuss safety and quality in patients’ health care including Appropriateness of Care, Clinical Leadership, Information Management, E-Health and Clinical Governance. | 2011 Digital Strategy for AAQHC initiated |
| 2012 | Dr Annette Pantle | Annette Pantle, PresidentMaureen Robinson, NSW/ACT | 10th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Healthcare,Cairns*Hot Topics from the Tropics*Keynote speakers: Dianne Watson, Geraint Martin, Guy MaddenTarget audience: Rural Medical Practitioners, Rural Registrars, all members and FellowsObjectives:Health System Reform - including funding models: clinician engagement; education for quality and safety: Medicare LocalsGovernance in a devolved system - including accreditation and accreditation models; credentialing; regulation; managing performance for quality and safety of both systems and individualsPartnering with patients and their families/carers - including Patient Centred Care; consumer engagement in quality and safety; inter-professional collaboration for improvementMeasuring performance and outcomes in clinical care - including quality and safety in individual clinical disciplines; clinical quality registriesReturn on investment for quality and safety - including cost effective quality care; appropriateness of care; effective stewardship | AAQHC members allowed a full text view of the Australian Health Review, a peer-reviewed international journal of the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association.  |
| 2013 | Dr Annette PantleBelinda Westlake (Nov) | Belinda Westlake, PresidentJenny Tuffin, TasmaniaJane Newcombe, WADenise Curran, QldMaureen Robiunson NSW/ACTBeth McErlean, SA |  | Key points from the President’s report to the 2013 AGM:In 2013, a number of decisions were made to maintain the viability of the AAQHC.1. Not to convene a conference in 2013
2. Wind up the paid secretariat services of John Campbell and the secretariat function maintained by council members in a voluntary capacity (primarily by Jenny Tuffin).
3. Seek the pro bono assistance of an experienced health governance consultant to assist in defining strategy and to work through the potential options available to council:

a. Continuation “as is” – the outcome was likely to be consumption of residual resources and wind up in 12-18 months.b. Continuation “as is” with investment of residual assets in a major conference –Council considered this posed a significant risk because of the risk to the “up front”investment.c. Merger or strategic partner with a like-minded organisation, with efforts to maintain AAQHC’s identity and products going forward.Although strong support and encouragement across the board was received this did not translate into active assistance.The President’s final statement was:*But the time is now right for change.* |
| 2014 | Belinda Westlake  | Belinda Westlake, PresidentBeth McErlean, Vice PresidentJenny Tuffin, Treasurer TasmaniaDot Humphrey-Lesque, Temporary Secretary, VictoriaRobyn Quinn, Skills basedDenise Curran, PDAC, QueenslandAllison Garrett, SA/NT/TasRob Griffin, NSW/ACTKaren Luxford, Skills based /Consumer participationMargaret Way, Skills basedDebra (Hull) Millist Skills basedMargaret Banks (ASQHC), advisor, non voting |  | March 2014 Discussion document prepared by the AAQHC Council for consultation with members on the future management of the AAQHCAAQHC constitution reviewed and changes to the Council were accepted at a Special General Meeting on 17 June 2014:The PDAC Registrar to be a Council memberAmalgamation of some jurisdictions to ensure Council would not be too large Four ‘skills based’ positions - marketing, financial management,research/education and patient advocacy A representative of the Safety and Quality Commission with a non-voting roleCommencement of reinvigoration of the Credentialing ProgramUpdated website went live August 2014September 2014 AAQHC had a booth at the AHHA conference at Brighton le SandsSydney to advertise the organisation |
| 2015 | Belinda Westlake | Belinda Westlake, PresidentDot Humphrey-Lesque, VictoriaDenise Curran, QldAlison Garret, SA/NT/TasRobyn Quinn, skills basedKaren Luxford, skills skills based/consumer participationMargaret Waym, skills basedDebra (Hull) MillistMargaret Banks (ASQHC), Advisor, non-voting |  | Strategic Planning Day, February, Melbourne. Working Parties to assist in rebuilding AAQHC:Working Party 1: Business and GovernanceWorking Party 2 Membership Management/ CommunicationsWorking Party 3- Valued Products and ServicesWorking Party 4 – Position as LeaderEstablishment of Mentoring Program The AAQHC Mentoring Program was designed, through discussion and discovery, to assist participants to:Explore and understand national and international trends and directions in safety, quality and risk management; identify and influence professional opportunities;Increase the mentor's own effectiveness in the workplace; be able to assist, influence and lead others; have a fulfilling and rewarding career |
| 2016 | Belinda WestlakeRobyn Quinn (Nov) | Belinda Westlake, PresidentRobyn Quinn, Vice President, NZ vacant rep,skills based, technicalexpert to support communicationSystem, website, SecretariatAlison Garrett, SA/NT/Tas Jill Butty, VictoriaDenise Curran, Qld, PDACRob Griffin, ACT/NSW TreasurerKay Richards, skills based Debra Millist, skills based Dale Vaughan, WA Margaret Banks, Advisor,non voting  |  | . |
| 2017 | Robyn Quinn | Robyn Quinn, President |  | Affiliation with the Australian College of Nursing establishedUpdated AAQHC policies on the websiteFellowship Program re-introducedFebruary 2017 Service Recognition Policy introduced.The Service Recognition Awards recognise member contribution to quality and safety using a progressive scale: Certificate of Appreciation Certificate of Recognition Life Membership  |
| 2018 | Robyn Quinn | Robyn Quinn, President, NZ, skills based, website, secretariatAlison Garret, secretary, SA/NT/TasJill Butty, VictoriaMarjorie Pawsey, Public OfficerDenise Curran, Qld/Asia Pacific, PDACRob Griffin, Treasurer, NSW/ACTSandy Thomson, PDAC RegistrarKay Richards, skills basedDebra Millist, Vice President, skills basedDale Vaughan, WANicola Champion, skills based, ACTMargaret Banks, Advisor non voting |  | Strategic Planning Day, February, MelbourneThe objectives set by the Council for 2018 at the strategic planning day were1. 1.To provide valued products and services
2. 2.To influence and advise on the safety and quality agenda in Australia
3. 3.To remain financially viable with good Governance

Heart Foundation Walking Program promotedPDACAs a result of feedback the program will undergo extensive review to reduce the burden of evidence preparation requirements while still maintaining the efficacy of the program |
| 2019 | Robyn Quinn | Robyn Quinn, PresidentDebra Millist, Vice PresidentKay Richards, secretary, skills basedRobert Griffin, Treasurer NSW/ACTDenise Curran, skills based, QldSandy Thomson, PDAC registrarNicole Grose, Tas/SA/NTDale Vaughan, WAJill Butty, VictoriaKathleen Ryan, skills basedBelinda Westlake, immediate Past President |  | 29th AAQHC Annual General MeetingRevised Constitution accepted at AGMSupport for members:Mentoring, Linkedin, Twitter, EducationVHQA ceases operation |
| 2020 | Robyn Quinn | Robyn Quinn, PresidentSandy Thomson, PDAC RegistrarRobert Griffin, Treasurer, NSW/ACTNicole Gross, Tas/ SA/ NTDr Karen MardeganAmamda McMasterKay Richards, secretary, skills basedChristine Cullen, skills basedJane Early, skills basedKathleen Ryan, skills based |  | 30th AAQHC Annual General Meeting |
| 2021 | Robyn Quinn | Robyn Quinn, PresidentSandy Thomson, member, PDACRobert Griffin, member, Honorary TreasurerMargo Carberry, memberDr Karen Mardegan memberIrene Mooney, memberJane Early, skills based,, Honorary SecretaryKathleen Ryan, skills based Roisin Dunne, skills based Rebecca Smith, skills based  |  | 31st Annual General Meeting via Zoom  |
| 2022 | Robyn Quinn | Robyn Quinn, PresidentSandy Thomson, PDAC Robert Griffin, Honorary TreasurerDamien Lloyd, memberDr Karen Mardegan, memberIrene Mooney, memberJane Early, skills based, Honorary SecretaryKathleen Ryan, skills based Roisin Dunne, skills based Sarah Bird, skills based Gary Pratt, skills based  |  | 32nd Annual General Meeting via Zoom |
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This timeline was prepared from personal communication with members past and present, and the review of documents such as AAQHC newsletters, minutes of Annual General Meetings and Council Meetings, reports and ACHS annual reports