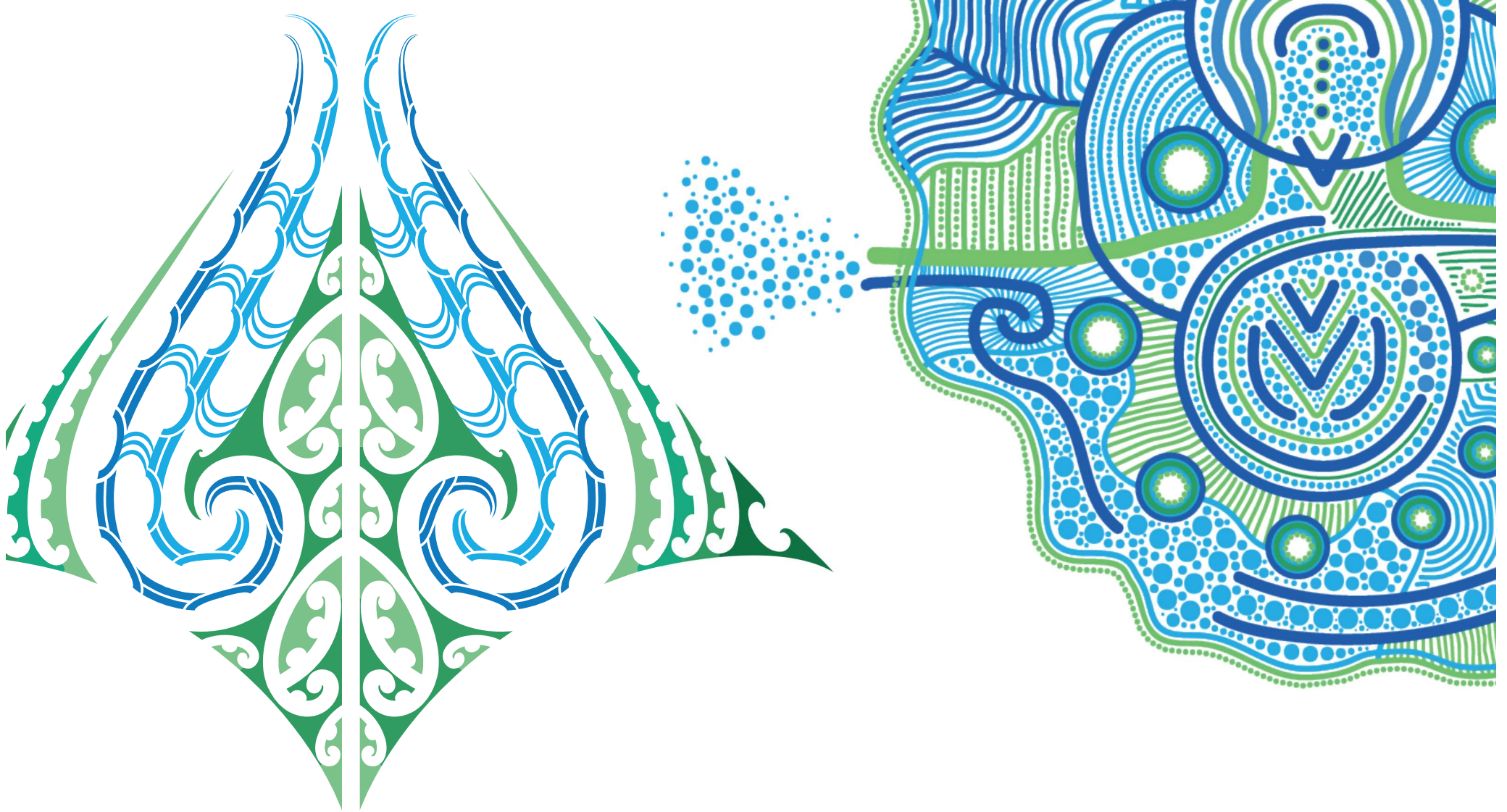




The Thoracic Society
of Australia & New Zealand
LEADERS IN LUNG HEALTH

Strategic Plan 2026-2031

MISSION STATEMENT

The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) leads, supports and enables all health workers and researchers to prevent, cure and relieve disability caused by lung disease.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



FOUNDATIONAL THEMES*

THEME

DEFINITION / APPLICATION

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Māori Leadership and Partnership

TSANZ commits and aspires to embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Māori voices, knowledge, and priorities across all pillars and principles. Cultural safety, respect for self-determination, and partnership with Indigenous communities will guide governance, research, education, and advocacy activities.

International Partnerships

TSANZ will strengthen collaboration with national, regional and global respiratory societies (e.g. national and international partnerships, and other key respiratory societies) to share knowledge, enhance member opportunities, and amplify the regional and global voice in lung health. International cooperation will be embedded within governance, research, and professional development efforts.

* apply across all Guiding Principles



STRATEGIC PILLARS



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Supporting
our
members



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Advocacy



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Advancing
knowledge in
lung health



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Optimal lung
health across
the lifespan

PILLARS



1

Supporting our members

As a member organisation TSANZ supports a collegiate, connected, skilled, culturally aware, and meaningful membership through lifelong learning, career development, and professional community.



Why it matters

Members are the foundation of TSANZ's identity and impact. Education and engagement build workforce capacity, leadership, belonging, and participation to support the professional development journey of members.



TSANZ's unique role

TSANZ offers peer-led, evidence-based learning across professions, tightly linked to research, policy, and respiratory best practice.



What success looks like by 2031

A vibrant and connected membership community

- Regular networking, mentoring, and cross-disciplinary engagement opportunities via conferences and educational events across Australia and New Zealand.
- Active working parties and working groups.

Consistent local engagement and presence

- Each State and New Zealand Branch delivers a consistent level of annual member activity, including educational events, branch meetings, and outreach initiatives.
- Where local activity levels vary, opportunities will be explored to deliver national education events or workshops in those states, ensuring equitable access to member engagement across all regions.
- Improved integration between national and branch-level initiatives, creating a consistent member experience regardless of location.

Recognition as the professional home for respiratory excellence

- TSANZ is viewed as the trusted source for respiratory education, professional standards, and peer support across all respiratory disciplines.

PILLARS



2

Advocacy

TSANZ promotes evidence-based policy, culturally aware, clinical and public health leadership, and system reform to improve lung health across Australia and New Zealand.



Why it matters

As the trusted voice in respiratory medicine and science, TSANZ proactively works to influence improvements in lung healthcare, health workforce, and future health outcomes.



TSANZ's unique role

TSANZ brings scientific credibility and clinical leadership to the public conversation. It speaks as a respected, apolitical expert body.



What success looks like by 2031

Recognised Australian and New Zealand voice in lung health

TSANZ is widely acknowledged as the leading expert and trusted authority on lung health policy across Australia and New Zealand.

Tangible influence on policy and system reform

TSANZ's advocacy leads to system changes that improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and research capacity.

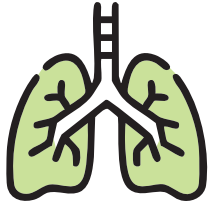
Transparent, member-driven and consistent advocacy

TSANZ undertakes advocacy through clear, consistent, and well-governed processes, ensuring members understand, value, and see their contribution to collective advocacy priorities and outcomes.

Recognition and leadership in public health promotion

TSANZ champions public and preventive health through visible campaigns, recognition, and partnerships.

PILLARS



3

Advancing knowledge in lung health

TSANZ enables research, innovation and knowledge translation that improves understanding, prevention, treatment, and cure of respiratory problems.



Why it matters

Respiratory progress depends on research. TSANZ plays a pivotal role in supporting discovery, dissemination, and implementation of new evidence.



TSANZ's unique role

As an independent, multidisciplinary peak body, TSANZ convenes funders, researchers, and clinicians, and develops best practice in bridging research, clinical practice, and policy.



What success looks like by 2031

A thriving and sustainable respiratory research community

TSANZ helps grow a diverse, multidisciplinary research workforce across Australia and New Zealand.

Demonstrable impact and visibility of TSANZ-supported research

Research backed or endorsed by TSANZ shows tangible influence on practice, policy, and knowledge advancement.

Stronger education and research capability building

TSANZ provides education and mentoring to help clinicians and scientists enter and succeed in research careers.

Expanded and diversified TSANZ research funding portfolio

TSANZ's grants and awards program grows in both scale and reach, supporting excellence and equity in research.

Thought leadership at the nexus of research, practice, and policy

TSANZ is recognised as the professional home for respiratory researchers and innovators, and as a leading convener translating scientific evidence into policy dialogue to advance lung health.

PILLARS



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Optimal lung health across the lifespan

TSANZ develops and promotes standards, guidelines, and quality frameworks to advance best-practice prevention, diagnosis, and care.



Why it matters

Clinical guidance and standard-setting are TSANZ's key outputs that ensure quality, safety, and consistency in patient care.



TSANZ's unique role

As the clinical and scientific voice for respiratory care, TSANZ leads on developing best-practice guidance by supporting respiratory workforce.



What success looks like by 2031

Widely adopted and influential TSANZ clinical standards

TSANZ's official documents, guidelines, and position statements are the recognised benchmarks for respiratory care across Australia and New Zealand.

Strong focus on prevention and early detection

TSANZ drives preventive early diagnosis and early intervention approaches.

Enhanced translation of evidence into practice

TSANZ supports clinicians and health services to apply evidence-based care consistently across settings.

Recognition of TSANZ as the trusted authority on lung care

TSANZ's reputation as the scientific and clinical leader in lung healthcare is firmly established.



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