

ATANZ Strategic Plan

Values:

We believe:

- All people with disabilities have the right to assistive technology support in order to realise their full potential.
- All people with disabilities have the right to be included and participate in their community.
- People accessing assistive technology services have the right to the best possible service.
- Geographical equity of service throughout New Zealand must be established and maintained.

Vision:

“Every person in New Zealand who needs assistive technology, has access to excellent services and support.”

Mission:

“Promoting excellence in assistive technology service provision in New Zealand.”

Goals:

1. Professional Development: To elevate the skills of assistive technology practitioners through the provision of quality professional development opportunities.
2. Profile: To raise community awareness of assistive technology and become the nationally recognised authority on assistive technology and related issues.
3. Policy: To be the voice of assistive technology practitioners to advocate for policy that supports equity of assistive technology access.
4. Practice: To ensure quality assistive technology service provision through the establishment and monitoring of best practice assistive technology standards.
5. Resources: To provide a pool of resources for members to access for trial and assessment purposes.

Three-Year Strategy:

Professional Development Strategies:

1. We will provide at least two assistive technology related professional development events each year.
2. We will support other AT-related professional development events/SIGs.
3. We will identify and link to professional development resources on our website and Facebook page.
4. We will coordinate and publish a quarterly online newsletter to members.

Profile:

1. We will raise our profile and link with, therapists, referrers, funders, training institutions, potential sponsors and other relevant organisations.
2. We will develop our media presence.
3. We will use our website and Facebook page to inform the community and raise our profile.
4. We will encourage increased membership and nominate key members for succession planning and governance
5. We will forge alliances with national and international bodies.

Policy:

1. We will develop and maintain ongoing dialogue with all relevant fundholders and policymakers to raise awareness of Assistive Technology within those organisations.
2. We will maintain ongoing dialogue with all relevant professional bodies.
3. We will encourage funders to provide professional development around Assistive Technology.

Practice:

1. We will review the content and process of becoming CAT Level 1 and Level 2 accredited and then provide feedback to MOH.
2. We will link members to best practice AT standards and policies and ethics.
3. We will provide two funding grants each year: (1) for an individual engaged in postgraduate research related to assistive technology and (2) for an individual attending a professional development event related to assistive technology.

Resources:

1. TalkLink will continue to facilitate the ATANZ trial equipment pool.
2. We will link members to electronic resources on other websites.
3. We will complete a stock take of currently available equipment.