

## ATANZ Strategic Plan Reviewed January 2007

### 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.

### Three-Year Strategy

#### Professional Development Strategies

1. We will develop a sustainable conference model and undertake an ATANZ Conference every two years.
2. We will undertake at least one professional development event in each ‘off year which focuses on a particular skill need
3. We will develop Board policies around both professional development events.
4. We will identify and host Professional Development resources on our website.

5. We will coordinate and publish a quarterly on-line newsletter to members

Profile:

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

Policy:

1. We will develop and maintain ongoing dialogue with all relevant fund holders and policy makers to raise the prominence 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 and referral processes for front line staff

Practice:

1. We will develop a training qualification
2. We will source funding for research and development to write best practice AT standards.
3. We will design an implementation plan for AT standards including monitoring, discipline etc.
4. We will develop a broad voluntary code of practice and ethics.