parkinson's australia

2025 achievements

What we do

We define our strategic objectives through our tagline which we like to call our promises to the community:

National Advocacy • Connection • Awareness

Our community

10,080 subscribers / 194k PA and YOPX website users
2.5FTE staff / 33 volunteers

National Advocacy

- Formation of the Parliamentary Friends of Parkinson's Group with co-conveners Senator Marielle Smith, Senator David Pocock and Senator Wendy Askew.
- APVMA submission regarding the dangers of Paraquat.
- NDIS submissions - "ins and outs list", art therapy; exercise physiology; assistive technology; funding periods.
- Pre-budget submission.

New ambassador Damien Leith

Advocacy Success Story:

From 1 August 2025, Australians living with advanced Parkinson's can access a new treatment option — VYALEV®, a 24-hour levodopa-based infusion therapy delivered subcutaneously via a wearable pump.

This is a major step forward in improving quality of life for those experiencing severe motor fluctuations and we're proud to have advocated for this breakthrough.

PDEX Parkinson's Disease Education Exchange

Advocacy through education

- PDEX – Parkinson's disease Education Exchange: Creation of GP & Allied Health Professional training package.
- Australian Digital Health Agency partnership – raising awareness of My Health Record, EScripts and Active Script List and My Health App.
- YOPX website and app – designed for and by people living with Young Onset Parkinson's.

Awareness

Parkinson's Australia has had 309 media appearances in the 2025 calendar year-to-date.

Potential reach:

over 5 million

By media

- Television: 29 items, 989k reach
- Newspapers: 44 items, 2.7m reach
- Online stories: 199 items, 320k reach
- AM radio: 27 items, 956k reach
- FM radio: 10 items, reach not available

New research partners

serina therapeutics

CMAX CLINICAL RESEARCH

Connection

Community connection

- 21 newsletters sent to 10,080
- 11 Virtual Roundtables with Olivia, CEO and members of the Parkinson's community
- 22k+ followers on social media
- 10 social media channels
- Held first face-to-face national conference in 10 years

WHY NOT *IN* AUSTRALIA?

#BANPARAQUAT

Parkinson's Australia National Conference 2025

- 450 Attendees
- 91.3% of attendees said the event was EXCELLENT
- 3 international keynotes
- 33 Australian speakers
- 9 sponsors