

# SDOHA

## NEWS

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### **Items for Circulation from Members**

#### ***Changes to SDOHA meeting schedule for 2014***

The new meeting dates for the remainder of 2014 are:

- Monday 14 July (SDOH Research Forum, day before the Australian Health Care Reform Alliance Summit, Canberra);
- Wednesday 20 August (National Press Club event, Canberra); and
- Thursday 13 November (topic and destination to be determined).

#### ***2014 National Health Reform Summit: reflecting back, peering forward***

The Australian Health Care Reform Alliance is holding this year's National Health Reform Summit (15-16 July 2014, The Brassey Hotel, Barton, ACT) for members, health professionals and consumers interested in real health reform. SDOHA's Research Forum and meeting will be held in the afternoon prior to the Summit. For further information about the Summit: [Click here for link](#).

#### ***National Commission of Audit reports***

The Australian Government yesterday released the Phase One and Phase Two Reports of the National Commission of Audit – *Towards Responsible Government*. [Click here](#) for reports and related appendices

#### ***Standing Council on Health Communique***

On 11 April, Australian Health Ministers met in Brisbane for a meeting of the Standing Council on Health (SCoH). [Click here](#) for meeting Communique.

#### ***Society at a Glance 2014: OECD Social Indicators***

The biennial OECD overview of social indicators. [Click here](#) for article.

#### ***Invitation to contribute to the SDOHA Blog***

We are seeking Blog posts – to be published on the website - from member organisations, either commenting on key issues/current events or showcasing work that your organisation is undertaking in relation to the social determinants of health. Please forward Blog posts to Anne Brown, SDOHA Coordinator at [accounts@phaa.net.au](mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au) .

### **News items of interest**

Other media items of interest over the past fortnight or so included:

#### **29 April 2014**

##### ***Nursing students get involved in breast health awareness (University of Tasmania)***

UTAS nursing students have been learning about the social determinants of health, prevention and health promotion – the McGrath Foundation's *Curve Lurve* initiative provided an opportunity to see health promotion in action. [Click here](#) for article.

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***The health impact of sexual orientation (Australian Doctor)*** – [Click here](#) for article.

**21 April 2014**

***Evidence-based interventions provide promising strategies for reducing racial, ethnic health disparities (The Medical News - US)***

Evidence-based interventions at the local and national levels provide promising strategies for reducing racial and ethnic health disparities related to HIV infection rates, immunization coverage, motor vehicle injuries and deaths, and smoking, according to a new report by the CDC's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity. [Click here](#) for article.

***Linking data to improve health outcomes (Medical Journal of Australia)***

Routinely collected data, when linked, are a rich source of sound evidence for making health care decisions, according to Professor Ian Olver. [Click here](#) for article.

**16 April 2014**

***The real drivers of so much poor health – the inequitable distribution of power and resources (Croakey)***

The implications of rising levels of inequality for the economy and indeed the future of capitalism are gaining plenty of attention thanks to the splash being created by a new book by economist Thomas Piketty, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. [Click here](#) for article.

***Health Gap Widens as Politicians Fail to Act on Senate Report (Catholic Communications)***

"We remain grateful for the considered and forward thinking report by the Senate Community Affairs Committee tabled in March 2013, but our frustration at the lack of action is mounting," says Martin Laverty, Chair of the Social Determinants of Health Alliance (SDOHA). [Click here](#) for article.

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