

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

PLEASE NOTE: 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](#).

Appointment of new CEO for the Lowitja Institute

The Chairperson and Board of the Lowitja Institute have announced the appointment of Mr Romlie Mokak to the position of CEO. Mr Mokak will be commencing in his new role in late July – congratulations Rom ☺. [Click here](http://www.lowitja.org.au/mokak-ceo-announcement) for further details at: <http://www.lowitja.org.au/mokak-ceo-announcement>

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 .

News items of interest

Media items of interest over the past week or so included:

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WHO most polluted cities list sees New Delhi smog trump Beijing (The Canberra Times, Planet Ark, Eco News)

An effort by the World Health Organization to measure pollution in cities around the world has found New Delhi admits to having the dirtiest air, while Beijing's measurements, like its skies, are far from clear.

[Click here](#) for Canberra Times article.

[Click here](#) for Planet Ark article.

[Click here](#) for Eco News article.

Life events link to mania bolstered (The Medical News – US)

Study findings support a role for childhood and adulthood stressors in the risk of both new-onset and recurrent mania. [Click here](#) for article.

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The Efficient Delivery of Quality Services - State Budget 2014-15: Funding to continue Closing the Gap work (WA Health Minister media release)

The WA State Government has announced funding of \$30.3million to continue and build on the work already undertaken to close the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal people. [Click here](#) for article.

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Tony Shepherd's numbers on health don't add up (The Canberra Times)

“Tony Shepherd is the man in charge of the National Commission of Audit and is using inaccurate numbers to push an ideological ordinary-Australian-hating line,” according to Columnist Jenna Price. [Click here](#) for article.

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