

SDOHA

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Items for Circulation from Members

Please note that due to staff leave arrangements over the next fortnight, the next edition of SDOHA News will be distributed on Friday 25 July 2014.

SDOHA appearance at Senate Committee hearing on the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014

Representatives of SDOHA appeared before the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee on Wednesday 2 July to speak to SDOHA's submission on the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014. The submission is available on the Committee's [website](#) and a transcript of the hearing will also be available shortly.

Save the date: Primary Health Care Conference Roadshow

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) invites you to save the date to attend the Primary Health Care Conference Roadshow being held around the country throughout September. The anticipated dates are: Perth - 18 September; Adelaide - 22 September; Melbourne - 25 September; Sydney - 29 September; Brisbane - 1 October.

Primary health care in Australia is undergoing a transformation with the introduction of Primary Health Networks (PHNs). These new structures are tasked with improving patient outcomes in their local areas by ensuring that services across the primary, community and secondary sectors align and work together in the interest of patients. But how they will do this - including how they will take into consideration social determinants of health - has yet to be determined. The Primary Health Care Conference (PHCC) Roadshow will provide a unique opportunity for organisations and individuals interested in the establishment of the PHNs to meet with those with similar interests in the same state. More information will be available soon.

OECD Health Update, Issue No. 21: July 2014

OECD newsletter containing the latest news and links to numerous interesting studies. Click here for [newsletter](#).

The 2012 Labour Market Reform in Spain: A Preliminary Assessment

This report provides an initial evaluation of the comprehensive reform of the Spanish labour market undertaken in 2012. Click [here](#) for report.

Ageing and Employment Policies: France 2014 - Working Better with Age

People today are living longer than ever before, while birth rates are dropping in the majority of OECD countries. In such demographics, public social expenditures require to be adequate and sustainable in the long term. Click [here](#) for report.

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 .

SDOHA meeting dates for 2014

The other meeting dates (after 14 July meeting) for the remainder of 2014 are:

- Wednesday 20 August (National Press Club event, Canberra – to be followed by SDOHA AGM); and
- Thursday 13 November (topic and destination to be determined).

News items of interest

Other media items of interest over the past week included:

1 July 2014

Earth's generation next will be wealthier, but not always healthier (The Conversation)

A new report on the State of the Tropics has revealed rapid changes in human and environmental health in the Earth's tropical regions. This is the second in a four-part series about the new report, based on the work of 12 universities and research institutions worldwide, which shows the challenges facing diverse nations such as Burma/Myanmar to manage those changes. Click [here](#) for article.

30 June 2014

A New System for Better Employment and Social Outcomes – DSS (BROCAP)

A summary of the Australian Department of Social Security report: "A New System for Better Employment and Social Outcomes." Click here for [summary](#).

27 June 2014

The Health Wrap: Big tobacco arguments; fad diets and pills; fairness, equality and human rights (Croakey)

Summary of key recent happenings in health by Frances Gilham, Digital Communications Manager at The Sax Institute. Click [here](#) for article.

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