

SDOHA

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Items for Circulation from Members

SDOHA Address to the National Press Club and Annual General Meeting: 20 August 2014

Please BOOK NOW for the SDOHA Address to the National Press Club. The flyer - with details of how to book individual tickets or tables for groups of 10 – is now available on the SDOHA website at www.socialdeterminants.org.au. Three renowned speakers - Martin Laverty, Dr Tom Calma AO and Kate Carnell AO - will be providing their unique perspectives on why Australian Governments need to respond to the social determinants of health. We are counting on your support to make this event a success – please also forward the flyer far and wide. The National Press Club event will be followed by the SDOHA Annual General Meeting (AGM) for SDOHA Members.

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 meeting dates for the remainder of 2014 are:

- Wednesday 20 August (National Press Club event, Canberra – to be followed by SDOHA AGM); and
- Thursday 13 November (SDOHA members' workshop for Strategic Action Plan development - destination TBA).

News items of interest

Other media items of interest since the last newsletter included:

5 August 2014

Report finds Grampians women miss antenatal visit (The Courier - VIC)

Almost two-thirds of pregnant women in the Grampians do not attend antenatal visits during their first trimester, a report has found. The National Health Performance Authority report - the first of its kind in Australia to break down statistics by Medicare Local catchments - measured infant and child death rates, low-birth weight infants and the percentage of women who had not attended any antenatal visits in their first trimester. Click [here](#) for article.

4 August 2014

AMA demand for pensioners' fee exemption could cost \$2b (Financial Review)

The Abbott government faces a budget hit of up to \$2 billion if it agrees to a demand from doctors that pensioners be exempt from the \$7 medical payment, which is designed to discourage people going to the doctor with minor complaints. Click [here](#) for article.

2 August 2014

Primary health care and public health lessons from classical opera (Croakey)

Inspired by Pinchgut Opera's public health analysis of Salieri's *The Chimney Sweep*, is this light-hearted look at five famous characters from classical opera, as they may have been treated by a (best practice) comprehensive primary health care service. Click [here](#) for article.

29 July 2014

'When Bacteria and Virus Can Work So Well Together, Why Can't We?' (News Blaze)

At a press conference on "Dual Challenge: Tuberculosis and HIV" at the 20th International AIDS Conference, Dr IS Gilada, President of the AIDS Society of India, emphasized that collaborative activities between national TB and HIV programmes can help maximise and strengthen public health outcomes. Click [here](#) for article.

Queensland Corporate Lawyer Named As New CEO of Catholic Health Australia (Catholic Communications)

Queensland high profile international corporate lawyer, Suzanne Greenwood, a former finalist in Queensland's Telstra Business Woman of the Year and Chief Executive of the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia has been named as the new CEO of Catholic Health Australia (CHA). Click [here](#) for article.

28 July 2014

Fruit and vegetables 'out of reach' for Tasmanians, university study (Australian Food News)

The price of healthy food is unaffordable for many Tasmanian households and this is partly due to the shopping choices available in Tasmanian towns and neighbourhoods according to new research from the University of Tasmania. Click [here](#) for article.

28 July 2014

Tasmanians lagging on health (The Examiner)

The social determinants of health featured prominently at last week's Tasmanian Health Conference. Click [here](#) for article.

AMA warns of health's 'perfect storm' (The Mercury)

The physical and mental health of Tasmanians is being programmed before birth and in the first two years of life, doctors warn. The health system is facing a "perfect storm" as federal funding cuts coincide with the burden of chronic disease and poor health associated with low socio-economic status, according to the Australian Medical Association. Click [here](#) for article.

26 July 2014

Heaven's Kitchen provides for 100 people (The Advocate - TAS)

Once a week, up to 100 people are fed a low-cost three-course meal at Heaven's Kitchen cooked by chef Melissa Gregory. Each Tuesday night, people finding it tough come to Devonport's Gateway Church to Heaven's Kitchen for a nutritious dinner and the social interaction which is also nourishing. Click [here](#) for article.

25 July 2014

High demand for cheap food (Get Farming Australia)

Alarming new research shows there is a lack of affordable healthy food in Tasmania. High demand for cheaper fruit and vegetables is partly blamed on the shopping choices available in towns and neighbourhoods, but could yield a large gap in the market for the agriculture industry. Click [here](#) for article.

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