

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

Postponement of 13 November Strategic Planning Meeting

Unfortunately the SDOHA Members' Strategic Planning Meeting set down for 13 November 2014 needs to be re-scheduled for early 2015 due to the availability of the facilitator. The new date and venue will be advised ASAP.

Menzies Centre for Health Policy workshop on research implementation (26 November, ANU)

Research Implementation: what is it and how can we build capacity? This workshop will explore the multiple activities included under research "implementation" or "translation" and will specifically examine how research implementation can be taught. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Lowitja Institute – Health System Coalition Bulletin (No. 2, November 2014)

SDOHA is a member of the Health System Coalition for constitutional recognition. The Coalition is now 109 members strong and the latest members' bulletin is available [here](#).

OECD Health Update (Issue No. 22, October 2014)

The purpose of the OECD Health Update is to provide up-to-date information on the diverse activities related to health at the OECD. Click [here](#) for the latest edition.

Membership of SDOHA

Full membership is open to organisations that agree with the Alliance's purpose and principles; abide by the Alliance's terms of reference; and consistently and regularly attend Alliance meetings. Individuals can also be listed on the SDOHA website as supporters of the Alliance. Further information is available on the "Who We Are" page of the website at www.socialdeterminants.org.au.

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

Other media items of interest since the last newsletter included:

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HMRI announce \$3.5m for Hunter researchers (Hunter Headline and Yahoo 7 News)

Mental health trailblazer Professor Brian Kelly has been heralded as the Hunter's Researcher of the Year for 2014 during a record-breaking Awards Night held by the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI). Click [here](#) for full article.

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OPINION: Nothing lost in the translation (Newcastle Herald)

Nine years ago the New England Journal of Medicine published an article on translational science headlined *Time for a New Vision*, prompting international researchers and policymakers to ponder: what is translation? Click [here](#) for full article.

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Nutrition is key to closing the Aboriginal life expectancy gap (Business Reporter & 1 other source)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have significantly poorer health and lower life expectancy than other Australians. But while reducing these inequalities is a priority for governments, national policy has neglected nutrition, one of the most important determinants of health. Click [here](#) for full article.

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The Health Wrap: Ebola evidence goes MIA; the cost of obesity; investing in our kids (Croakey)

Ebola continued to dominate health headlines this past fortnight as Western media outlets turned their attention from the disease toll to the appropriate emergency response and the political ramifications of quarantine at home. Click [here](#) for full article.

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