

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

New Date confirmed – SDOHA Strategic Planning Meeting

The new date and venue for the SDOHA Members' Strategic Planning Meeting has been finalised and is: Thursday 19 February, Lvl 6 & 7, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney. The planning meeting will run from 10am – 3pm.

OECD Reviews of Health Care Quality: Turkey 2014 - Raising Standards

This review of Turkey's health care system looks in particular at the success of its 2003 "Health Transformation Programme" and makes recommendations for improvements. Click [here](#) for report.

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

Media items of interest since the last newsletter included:

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Alex Brown & Garry Jennings: Essence of care (MJA InSight)

The commitment in 2007 to [closing the gap](#) between the health status and life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Aboriginal Australians has been heralded as a defining point in Australia's history. Click [here](#) for full article.

Health advocates shine a light on Indigenous HIV infection (ABC PM)

MARK COLVIN: Community health advocates say it'll need a community-led campaign and government support to tackle increasing rates of HIV among Indigenous Australians. They launched the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Week today. Click [here](#) for full article.

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