

# SDOHA

## NEWS

28 August 2015

### **2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates:**

Please note the **Annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration** details below:

- Wednesday 14 October 2015 – Anti Poverty Week Oration (Public Forum)  
Venue: ACT Legislative Assembly Reception Room  
Time: 11am – 12pm (Oration) to be followed by light lunch and SDOHA Members AGM.

### **Items for Circulation from Members**

#### **Anti-Poverty Week: 11 – 17 October**

With Anti-Poverty week less than 2 months away now is an opportune time to organise events. Please find [attached](#) the Health Services workers flyer outlining some event ideas for your organisation. All events can be advertised free of charge on the [APW calendar of activities 2015](#). In addition it is requested that you advise the APW organisers of your event via [jill.lang@optusenet.com.au](mailto:jill.lang@optusenet.com.au). Please feel free to connect to the week via Facebook as well!

#### **Member events previously advertised:**

- [Population Health Congress 2015: 6 – 9 September 2015 \(Hobart\)](#)
- [The Power to Persuade Symposium: 17-18 September 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [National Indigenous Men's & Women's Network Conference: 28-30 September 2015 \(Darwin\)](#)
- [Anti- Poverty Week: 11-17 October 2015 \(National\)](#)
- [2015 National Men's Health Gathering: 20-23 October 2015 \(Terrigal\)](#)
- [National Primary Health Care Conference: 2 – 4 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [Dropping off the Edge Report \(DOTE\) – State Briefing Dates \(National\)](#)

### **News Items of Interest**

Media items of interest over the past week included:

#### **25 August 2015**

##### ***Why health experts are asking governments to consider the health impacts of all policies (ABC)***

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure', Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying. But as bang-for-your-buck as prevention may be when it comes to your health, adopting a healthy lifestyle is not as simple as it may sound. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### **21 August 2015**

##### ***Blended services and technology signal 'future of seniors housing' (Australian Ageing Agenda)***

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Aged services will need to collaborate with housing providers and technology innovators to create the accommodation desired by seniors, the head of a major US service provider will tell Australian organisations at an upcoming conference in Perth. Click [here](#) for full article.

### **20 August 2015**

#### ***Neoliberal epidemics: the spread of austerity, obesity, stress and inequality (The Conversation)***

Within the small local authority of Stockton-on-Tees, where one of us lives and works, [the difference in male life expectancy](#) between the most and least deprived areas is 17 years. This is comparable to the difference in average male life expectancy between [the UK and Senegal](#). It does not mean that moving from a richer and leafier ward into Stockton town centre will shorten your life expectancy but it does reflect the consequences of what sociologist and urbanist Saskia Sassen calls “[a savage sorting of winners and losers](#)”. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### ***Discussing mental health – ABC Mental As (National Rural Health Alliance Inc)***

The ABC will again be highlighting mental health as part of the Mental Health Week (5-12 October, 2015) campaign to challenge understanding and reignite a national conversation about mental health. A broad television, radio and online program will provide the platform for this year’s [Mental As](#) production. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### ***Membership of SDOHA – Renewal period open***

Membership pledges are being sought for the 2015-16 financial year. For more information please contact Anne Brown on [accounts@phaa.net.au](mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au). 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](http://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](mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au).