

# SDOHA

## NEWS

17 April 2015

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

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

Please note the time and venue for our next Public Forum and meeting on 7 May and pencil in the remaining dates for the SDOHA Member meetings and Public Forums in 2015:

- Thursday 7 May – Brassey House, Canberra  
Public Forum, 9:30am – 12:30pm: *“Achieving health equity through action on social determinants: challenges and opportunities in Australian health policy”* to be followed by a light lunch, Members Meeting and Management Committee Meeting. Click [here](#) for further information. **Please RSVP to [accounts@phaa.net.au](mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au) by COB 27 April.**
- Thursday 13 August – (SDOHA AGM – other details TBA)
- Thursday 15 October – Anti Poverty Week Address (SDOHA Members Meeting and Public Forum) – date and venue TBA

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> National Complex Needs Conference – abstract submission & registration site now open***

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) - in conjunction with the National Complex Needs Alliance (NCNA) - invites you to participate in the second Australian conference to showcase successful programs/approaches in addressing complex needs - with the broader purpose of identifying what works and how. The Second National Complex Needs Conference is being held in Canberra on 17-18 November 2015. Please note that the abstract submission and conference registration site is now live. Abstract submission closes on Friday 12 June 2015. Click [here](#) for link. **Please also circulate this info throughout your networks.**

#### ***What is #Just Justice***

#JustJustice is a crowd-funded campaign that aims to produce a series of articles at the public health blog Croakey. These will highlight the wide-ranging health impacts of over-incarceration upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, families and communities. The #JustJustice project developed out of conversations with Aboriginal health leaders, including Dr Tom Calma and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### ***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](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) .

## **News Items of Interest**

Media items of interest over the past week included:

### **16 April 2015**

#### ***WGAR News: Land Grab In The Outback: Australia Unites Against Genocide of First Peoples with Gerry Georgatos and Elders: Global Freedom Movement Media (Indymedia Australia)***

Extended Insightful Audio/Video Interview: Aimee Devlin & Brendan D. Murphy, Global Freedom Movement Media: *Land Grab In The Outback: Australia Unites Against Genocide of First Peoples with Gerry Georgatos and Elders* [Featuring Bella & Herbert Bropho] Click [here](#) for full newsletter.

#### ***Manifesto Check: Greens to invest in tackling mental health (Australian Business)***

The Green Party manifesto is built on the premise that the solutions to problems are found by creating a series of virtuous circles – a cycle of events in which each stage aims to increase the benefits of the next. Within mental health, they highlight the various interactions between mental health and the welfare system, crime and substance misuse. Click [here](#) for full article.

### **15 April 2015**

#### ***How we've ended up with a bankrupt health debate (Crikey Blogs)***

Health policy news has been making headlines of late. There's been:

- the Federal Government's long-awaited announcement on the new Primary Health Networks;
- the move to financially penalise conscientious objectors to childhood vaccination (the merits of this approach have been questioned by some public health experts);
- calls for action on mental health reform in the wake of a leak of the National Mental Health Commission's review of mental health programs and services (some more background here);
- and reports that the forthcoming federal budget will cut co-payments for some prescription medicines.

Click [here](#) for full article.

#### ***Why do people not vaccinate? (The Conversation)***

The National Health Performance Authority's report on childhood vaccination coverage released this morning shows immunisation rates slightly increased in 2011-2012. But there are still some areas where coverage is below the national target. Click [here](#) for full article.

### **10 April 2015**

#### ***Helping victims who use drugs and alcohol to cope (In Daily - Adelaide Independent News)***

A Flinders University researcher is working to help victims of crime who turn to alcohol and drugs find better ways to cope with the trauma of their experiences. Click [here](#) for full article.

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