

SDOHA

NEWS

8 May 2015

Items for Circulation from Members

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates

- Thursday 13 August – (SDOHA AGM – other details TBA)
- Thursday 15 October – Anti Poverty Week Address (Public Forum) – date and venue TBA

SDOHA Public Forum: Achieving health equity through action on social determinants: challenges and opportunities in Australian health policy

SDOHA – in conjunction with the Southgate Institute for Health, Society & Equity at Flinders University – brought together some of the best research and policy minds in the country in Canberra yesterday to address health inequities in Australia. The Public Forum – attended by almost 100 people - featured some of Australia’s great thinkers discussing the big challenges and opportunities in Australian health policy. The event program and speaker presentations can be found on the “events” page at www.socialdeterminants.org.au .

Nudge theory and public health: what can we learn from the British experience? 21 May, Canberra

Professor Mike Kelly, Honorary Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge, was Director of the Centre for Public Health at the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence from 2005-2014. Professor Kelly will describe examples of the application of nudge theory to aspects of public health policy. Click [here](#) for further information.

2nd 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. 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.**

Innovation Policy in Panama: Design, Implementation and Evaluation (OECD)

This report reviews the experience of Panama in designing and implementing innovation policy. Click [here](#) for full 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 over the past week included:

6 May 2015

Leaders to address health inequities at Public Forum (medianet)

The media release from yesterday's Public Forum published on AAP's medianet. Click [here](#).

4 May 2015

Launch of the Centre of Research Excellence on Social Determinants of Health Equity (NRHA)

Report on the launch of the Centre of Research Excellence on Social Determinants of Health Equity at Flinders University in Adelaide. The Centre – referred to in brief as the 'CRE for Health Equity' – is a new initiative funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council. The Centre will be jointly led by Professor Fran Baum, from Flinders University, and Professor Sharon Friel, from the Australian National University. Click [here](#) for full article.

The Hothouse: Session 1 thinkers (The Examiner & other sources)

On Monday, June 1, the Hothouse: Session 1 will feature a showcase of selected educators, thinkers, doers and achievers, who will gather inside the Hothouse Structure on Salamanca Lawns, Hobart, for Dark Mofo 2015. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Newcastle specialist ear surgeon Kelvin Kong closing the gap (Beaunes Times & 139 other sources)

When two brothers walk into a starkly lit room at the rear of Broome Hospital on a Tuesday morning, the confronting extent of ear disease among Aboriginal children becomes apparent. Click [here](#) for full article.

1 May 2015

Health forum in Mackay (The Morning Bulletin)

Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local will host an interactive forum for all sectors of the community to learn how a whole systems approach can tackle obesity and slow the growth of lifestyle related diseases in the Mackay region. Click [here](#) for full article.

Life expectancy is on the rise in England and Wales, but more so for some than others (News Medical)

In England and Wales, life expectancy is projected to reach 85.7 years for men and 87.6 years for women by 2030, according to findings published in The Lancet. The new estimates show a narrowing of the gap in life expectancy between men and women, from 6.0 years in 1981 to 1.9 years in 2030. Click [here](#) for full article.

28 April 2015

Seven per cent of the Kimberley homeless! (CAAMA)

Western Australia's Kimberley region continues to see rising levels of homelessness with a new report claiming seven per cent of the region's predominately Aboriginal population is currently homeless. Click [here](#) for audio.

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