

# SDOHA

## NEWS

15 May 2015

### Items for Circulation from Members

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

Please note the previously advertised AGM in August will now coincide with the Anti-Poverty Week Address.

- October 2015 – Anti Poverty Week Address (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. 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.**

#### **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:

#### **14 May 2015**

##### ***Understanding what really makes us sick (Health & Wellbeing – ABC)***

The lifestyle choices you make, such as diet, exercise and smoking, have a huge impact on your health. Yet most of us know nothing of the social factors that drive these.

When it comes to healing the sick, we look to doctors. When it comes to preventing us from getting sick in the first place, many say we should look to governments. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### ***Questions raised over drug focus (The Examiner)***

HEIGHTENED focus on use of the drug ice risks glamourising substance abuse, a parliamentary inquiry has heard.

The Tasmanian government has announced it will pump almost \$5 million in its upcoming budget into tackling ice and other drug use. Click [here](#) for full article.

**9 May 2015**

***Close the Gap campaign says Indigenous health must be quarantined from #Budget2015 cuts (Crikey Blogs)***

The Close the Gap Campaign has released its [position paper](#) on the Federal Budget 2015-16, calling on Government to restore cuts of up to \$534.4 million over five years from the rationalisation of Indigenous Affairs programs, grants and activities administered by the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Health portfolios. Click [here](#) for full article.

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