

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November, Canberra

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) - in conjunction with the National Complex Needs Alliance (NCNA) - is holding the Second National Complex Needs Conference in Canberra on 17-18 November 2015. This will be the second Australian conference to showcase successful programs/approaches in addressing complex needs. For late registrations please contact Janine Turnbull on 6171 1308 or alternatively register on the day!

Keynote speakers include:

- Dr Tom Calma AO, National Coordinator, Tackling Indigenous Smoking; Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia
- Bernadette Mitcherson, Executive Director, ACT Corrective Services
- Kate Carnell AO, CEO, Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Kieran Palmer, Clinical Service Manager & Psychologist, Ted Noffs Foundation
- Sue Miers AM, Chair, National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (NOFASD)
- Yvette Berry MLA, ACT Minister for Housing, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Community Services, Multicultural Affairs, Women and Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Social Inclusion and Equality

Other program highlights include panel sessions featuring:

- Kirsten Livermore, A/g Director, Health, Safety, Environment & Community Policy, Minerals Council of Australia and former Federal Member for Capricornia
- Senator Deborah O'Neill, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Health
- Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive Officer, St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia
- Julie Tongs OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service
- Sue Murray, Chief Executive Officer, Suicide Prevention Australia
- Lyn Morgain, Chief Executive, cohealth
- Camilla Rowland, Chief Executive Officer, Marymead
- Professor Valsa Eapen, Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Tamara Stewart-Jones, Director, Multicultural Youth South Australia Inc.
- Sharon Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer (Interim) Karralika Programs Inc.

Click [here](#) to view the full Provisional Program for the conference.

Australian Community Sector Policy & Research Forum 2015 – 23-24 November, Sydney

Join ACOSS and the Centre for Social Impact at this important event designed for not-for-profit leaders, policy experts, practitioners, government, business representatives, academics and researchers to engage in in-depth discussion, analysis and debate across key areas of social and economic research and policy in Australia. Click [here](#) for further information.

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Health at a Glance 2015 (OECD Publishing)

This book presents the most recent comparable data on the performance of health systems in OECD and certain partner countries. It includes a dashboard of health indicators, a special focus chapter on the pharmaceutical sector, and indicators on health workforce migration and health care quality. Click [here](#) for full report.

Beyond inequality: Acknowledging the complexity of social determinants of health (Richard Eckersley)

The impact of inequality on health is gaining more attention as public and political concern grows over increasing inequality. The income inequality hypothesis, which holds that inequality is detrimental to overall population health, is especially pertinent. Click [here](#) for link to publication.

Member events previously advertised:

- [Our Climate is Our Health Seminar – 19 November, Melbourne](#)
- [The Lowitja Institute - Translating research into action – 19 November, Canberra](#)
- [Talk About Men: International Men's Day Masculinity Debate – 19 November, Sydney.](#)
- [Creating a healthy and sustainable food system for Australia – 24 November, ANU](#)
- [People's Climate March - 27-29 November, Various](#)
- [2015 Indigenous Allied Health Australia National Conference – 1 – 2 December, Cairns](#)
- [2015 Canberra Conference on Earth System Governance – ANU, 14-16 December](#)

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

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Countries lack national plans to protect the health of citizens from climate change (The Tree)

A close look at countries' preparedness for the health impacts of climate change shows there's plenty of room for improvement. [A survey from the World Federation of Public Health Associations](#) measuring the preparedness of 35 nations found that more than half of those countries had no national plan to adequately protect the health of their citizens from the many impacts of climate change. 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. 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.

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