

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

Addiction 2016 – 18-20 May 2016 Gold Coast

The Australian and New Zealand Addiction Conference 2016, themed Alcohol – Other Drugs – Behavioural Addictions, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery will be held on the Gold Coast from the 18 – 20 May 2016.

The Conference, hosted by the Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association, will include workshops, presentations and forums dedicated to sharing skills and understanding in the treatment of all addictive disorders, including alcohol and other drugs, behavioural addictions, and the emerging field of online compulsive behaviour in both adults and children. Click [here](#) for link to website.

Member events previously advertised:

- [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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Up the Creek on Indigenous Health Issues (The Huffington Post)

When I first looked at a map of Alice Springs, the ephemeral Todd River was marked as a deceptive blue snake, winding its way through the centre of town. For the local Indigenous Arrernte people, the river is known as Lhere Mparntwe.

In my head, I pictured a desert oasis, brown-skinned children gleaming with sun and water, screaming with glee as they plunged from rope swings into the cool river water. 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 .