

SDOHA

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Items for Circulation from Members

SDOHA Address to the National Press Club and Annual General Meeting: 20 August 2014

Please BOOK NOW for the SDOHA Address to the National Press Club. The flyer - with details of how to book individual tickets or tables for groups of 10 – is now available on the SDOHA website at www.socialdeterminants.org.au. Three renowned speakers - Martin Laverty, Dr Tom Calma AO and Kate Carnell AO - will be providing their unique perspectives on why Australian Governments need to respond to the social determinants of health. We are counting on your support to make this event a success – please also forward the flyer far and wide.

The National Press Club event will be followed by the SDOHA Annual General Meeting (AGM) for SDOHA Members. **NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SDOHA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – AND THE SDOHA CHAIR – ARE NOW OPEN.** Nominations should be provided via email to accounts@phaa.net.au by Friday 1 August 2014. The new positions will take effect following the AGM.

Social Determinants of Health Research Forum: presentations on SDOHA website

Around 120 people from the health and community sectors came together in Canberra on 14 July for a public forum to address factors affecting health outcomes in Australia. A new report *Taking Action on the Social Determinants of Health: Insights from politicians, policymakers and lobbyists* was also launched at the event. The report – along with audio and PowerPoint slides from the speaker presentations – is now available on the SDOHA website at www.socialdeterminants.org.au.

Health equity: much more than a focus on disease – ANU event on 5 August 2014

Professor Sharon Friel will be speaking on this topic from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in Seminar Room 3 of the Hedley Bull Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra. Click [here](#) for further information.

Disadvantaged Australians most at risk of Obesity: VicHealth report

A new [report](#) on obesity in Australia paints a worrying picture for the future health of nation, with disadvantaged groups most at risk of becoming ill from complications of the condition.

Perspectives on Global Development 2014: Boosting Productivity to Meet the Middle-Income Challenge

In this OECD [book](#), competitiveness is viewed as a multifaceted concept comprising aspects of the economy and society needed to implement change and move toward sustainable convergence.

OECD Reviews of Health Care Quality: Czech Republic 2014 - Raising Standards

This [book](#) presents a comprehensive review of health care quality in the Czech Republic.

National Conversation on Health Inequalities (UK)

Public Health England has developed 'Reducing Health Inequalities - a toolkit and guidance for starting local conversations'. Click [here](#) for link.

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 .

SDOHA meeting dates for 2014

The meeting dates for the remainder of 2014 are:

- Wednesday 20 August (National Press Club event, Canberra – to be followed by SDOHA AGM); and
- Thursday 13 November (SDOHA members' workshop for Strategic Action Plan development - destination TBA).

News items of interest

Other media items of interest since the last newsletter included:

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Stepping up the HIV response in the world's Indigenous communities (The Conversation)

Indigenous people are estimated to comprise 4.5% of the total global population. They are often overrepresented in HIV data and recognise themselves as being particularly vulnerable to HIV, explains Associate Professor James Ward. Click [here](#) for article.

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Southgate's new service to keep people healthy (INDAILY – Adelaide Independent News)

A new consultancy service to help the health care sector implement, evaluate and improve community health programs was launched by the Southgate Institute for Health Society and Equity on 22 July. Click [here](#) for article.

Media reports of HIV can be part of the problem – or the solution (The Conversation)

Research has shown that if used effectively, the media can play an important role in lessening fear and stigma about HIV – the biggest obstacles to seeking information and treatment about the disease. Yet media coverage of this important health issue remains patchy and sensationalist. Click [here](#) for article.

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Action on the social determinants of health – views from inside the policy process (Croakey)

Australian politicians and policy makers still struggle to understand how to translate growing evidence around the social determinants of health into policy action. Researchers Dr Gemma Carey and Brad Crammond have interviewed a range of politicians, senior past and present bureaucrats, government advisors and lobbyists to explore why and how that can be shifted. Click [here](#) for article.

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