

# SDOHA

## NEWS

29 August 2014

### Items for Circulation from Members

#### **2014 Victorian Male Health Gathering**

Male Health Victoria invites you to attend the 3rd Annual Victorian Male Health Gathering: *The Social Determinants of Health - Finding the Keys to Better Male Health and Wellbeing*, being held on Wednesday September 10, 2014 from 10.00am - 3.00pm at the Lyrebird Community Centre, Carrum Downs. Further information is available on the [website](http://www.malehealthvic.org.au/gathering). <http://www.malehealthvic.org.au/gathering>

#### **Anti-Poverty Week: 12-18 October 2014**

Everyone is encouraged to help reduce poverty and hardship by organising an activity during the Week or taking part in an activity organised by others (note the upcoming SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration listed below). Further information about activities around the country is available on the [website](http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/). <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/>

Don't forget to enter details of your own Anti-Poverty Week activities on the website - the number of activities across the country is the way we can demonstrate the level of concern Australians feel about poverty. You can also contact [apw@antipovertyweek.org.au](mailto:apw@antipovertyweek.org.au) for further information.

#### **New York Times article: Inequality Is a Drag**

For more than three decades, almost everyone who matters in American politics has agreed that higher taxes on the rich and increased aid to the poor have hurt economic growth. But there's now growing evidence for a new view - that is, taxing the rich and helping the poor may well raise, not lower, the economy's growth rate. Click [here](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/08/opinion/paul-krugman-inequality-is-a-drag.html?src=me&_r=1) for article. [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/08/opinion/paul-krugman-inequality-is-a-drag.html?src=me&\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/08/opinion/paul-krugman-inequality-is-a-drag.html?src=me&_r=1)

#### **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) .

#### **Remaining SDOHA meeting and event dates for 2014**

- Tuesday 14 October (11am in Canberra, venue TBA) - Inaugural Social Determinants of Health Alliance Anti-Poverty Week Oration – speaker: Professor Julian Disney AO, Director of the Social Justice Project at the University of NSW.
- Thursday 13 November - SDOHA Members' Meeting (SDOHA members' workshop for Strategic Action Plan development - destination TBA).

#### **News items of interest**

Other media items of interest since the last newsletter included:

### **28 August 2014**

#### ***Experts call for action to prevent health risks associated with climate change (Medical News)***

Previously unrecognized health benefits could be realized from fast action to reduce climate change and its consequences. Click [here](#) for article.

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20140828/Experts-call-for-action-to-prevent-health-risks-associated-with-climate-change.aspx>

### **27 August 2014**

#### ***WHO: Climate Change Brings New Health Threats (Herald Globe)***

The World Health Organization (WHO) warned Wednesday that major killer diseases will spread and health problems will worsen with climate change. Click [here](#) for article.

<http://www.heraldglobe.com/index.php/sid/225153371>

### **26 August 2014 (more National Press Club Address coverage)**

#### ***Yet another attempt to put the social determinants of health on the political agenda... (Croakey)***

Putting the social determinants of health on the political/policy agenda is no easy task, given the many barriers involved, not least the silos that so often impede the work of governments and service delivery. Click [here](#) for article.

<http://blogs.crikey.com.au/croakey/2014/08/26/yet-another-attempt-to-put-the-social-determinants-of-health-on-the-political-agenda/>

#### ***Red tape swamping action on mental health, suicide (National Indigenous Times)***

Any action taken by government on Indigenous mental health and suicide has to be firstly approved by four ministers and the Prime Minister in a bureaucratic nightmare condemning any attempt to address these critical issues are being bogged down in red tape. Click [here](#) for article.

<http://www.nit.com.au/news/3718-red-tape-swamping-action-on-mental-health-suicide.html>

### **22 August 2014 (more National Press Club Address coverage)**

#### ***Is your postcode affecting your children's health? (Kidspot.com.au – reworked version of News Ltd articles)***

New reports indicate that where you live and your education level affect your health far more than expected and experts are calling for 'poverty screening' to counteract the issue. Click [here](#) for article.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/lifestyle/parenting/is-your-postcode-affecting-your-childrens-health/story-fnivsv6m-1227032111915?nk=cb2048d1a868e6018177905fa61607a5>

#### ***Unemployment And Poor Health Are Linked – ACCI (Aust. Chamber of Commerce and Industry media release)***

The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has called on government, business and the wider community to make an extra effort in lifting the participation of marginalised groups into training or work, particularly the young. Click [here](#) for article.

<http://bsllibrary.org.au/employment-training/unemployment-poor-health-linked-acc-45596/>

#### ***National Press Club: Social Determinants of Health Forum (re-broadcast by ABC Northern Tasmania)***

Click [here](#) for link. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-08-20/national-press-club-social-determinants-of-health/5684538/?site=northtas>

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