

SDOHA

NEWS

8 August 2015

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

Items for Circulation from Members

Population Health Congress 2015: 6 – 9 September 2015 (Hobart)

The four leading professional population health organisations in Australia are jointly organising and sponsoring this public health event. Provocative and constructive perspectives from leading researchers, practitioners and policy makers will form the core of the program, around which lively debates, workshops and networking opportunities will also be available to progress action on key population health issues. Click [here](#) for further details.

National Primary Health Care Conference: 2 – 4 November 2015 (Canberra)

The National Primary Health Care Conference 2015 will be held on 2-4 November 2015 at the National Convention Centre Canberra. This event will bring together leading international and national speakers providing a platform to engage, challenge and exchange ideas, where pivotal issues for the future of primary health care in Australia will be discussed and where delegates will learn from the experience, opinions and perspectives of sector leaders and their peers. Click [here](#) for further details.

Other Member events previously advertised:

- [Fundamentals of Writing a Policy Brief \(Menzies Centre for Health Policy\): 12 August 2015](#)
- [Catholic Health Australia 2015 National Conference: 24-26 August 2015](#)
- [The Power to Persuade Symposium: 17-18 September 2015](#)
- [National Indigenous Men's & Women's Network Conference: 28-30 September 2015](#)
- [Anti Poverty Week: 11-17 October 2015](#)
- [2015 National Men's Health Gathering: 20-23 October 2015](#)
- [2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November 2015](#)
- [Dropping off the Edge Report \(DOTE\) – State Briefing Dates](#)

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included

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Talking Point: health about more than just hospitals (The Mercury)

Currently, we are watching the State Liberal Government tell Tasmanians what health reform will mean without explaining why health outcomes in Tasmania are poorer than the national average. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Don't worry, if you smoked during pregnancy, your child isn't programmed for delinquency (The Conversation and other sources)

A study released this week suggests women who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to rear children who are involved in delinquency.

The Australian Institute of Family Studies reports 12- to 13-year-olds whose mothers smoked frequently during pregnancy were 18% more likely to engage in crime than those whose mothers didn't smoke. But studies such as these can only look at potential associations; they cannot show cause and effect. So the results must be interpreted with caution. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Opportunities for prevention and management of chronic disease in rural Australia (National Rural Health Alliance)

People living in rural and remote areas of Australia generally experience poorer health outcomes and die younger than their counterparts in the major cities. The Alliance examines some of the underlying reasons in its recent Submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care.

Click [here](#) for full article.

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Learn from "one of the best examples in the world of a comprehensive primary healthcare service" (Crikey Blogs)

Amongst other things, the Third National Aboriginal Health Summit in Darwin last week provided some examples of how the wider primary healthcare sector can learn so much from the Aboriginal community controlled health sector. 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 .