

SDOHA

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2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates:

Please note the **Annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration** details below:

- Wednesday 14 October 2015 – This year’s annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration will be delivered by Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive Officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia, highlighting the relationship between poverty and ill-health. The St Vincent de Paul Society report “*Sick with worry... - Stories from the frontline of inequality, 2015*” will be launched in conjunction with the Oration.
VENUE: ACT Legislative Assembly - Reception Room
TIME: 11am – 12pm (Oration) to be followed by light lunch and SDOHA Members AGM commencing at 12:30pm
Late registrations may be made at mwalker@phaa.net.au by lunch time Monday.

Items for Circulation from Members

Day of Global Action – 12 October 2015

The **Day of Global Action** on the health impacts of climate change is just days away, on **Monday 12 October**. Your organisation is invited to join over 50 medical and health organisations and sign on to the Global Consensus Statement, [‘Act now to reduce the damaging health impacts of climate change’](#).

Chronic diseases in Australia: Targets, indicators and accountability (ahpc)

This is an important opportunity to participate in an action-focussed forum which will further develop work on chronic disease targets and indicators appropriate for Australia. From the starting point of the World Health Organization Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases 2013-20, a number of national working groups have been reviewing risk factors and other areas relevant to chronic diseases. Click [here](#) for flyer.

2015 Blackfriars Lecture Series: Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth, Justice Healing Council – Canberra 22 October 2015

This lecture will discuss the unique challenges that the Catholic Church in Australia faces, as the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse continues to reveal the ways in which churches, schools and other organisations across Australia have responded to the survivors of abuse within their walls. Click [here](#) for flyer.

VicHealth suite of 18 new health equity resources (VicHealth)

Evidence tells us that promoting equity in health is best done by understanding and addressing the social conditions that influence health, and how these conditions are distributed unequally in society. These are called the social determinants of health inequities. Click [here](#) for the full suite.

Fiscal Sustainability of Health Systems (OECD)

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The health systems we enjoy today, and expected medical advances in the future, will be difficult to finance from public resources without major reforms. Public health spending in OECD countries has grown rapidly over most of the last half century. Click [here](#) for full report.

International Migration Outlook 2015 (OECD)

This publication analyses recent development in migration movements and policies in OECD countries and some non-member countries as well as the evolution of recent labour market outcomes of immigrants in OECD countries. Click [here](#) for full report.

Mental Health and Work: Austria (OECD)

This report on Austria is part of a series of reports looking at how the broader education, health, social and labour market policy challenges identified in ‘Sick on the Job?’ are being tackled in a number of OECD countries. Click [here](#) for full report.

Health Data Governance (OECD)

This report identifies eight key data governance mechanisms to maximise benefits to patients and to societies from the collection, linkage and analysis of health data, and to minimise risks to both patient privacy and the security of health data. Click [here](#) for full report.

Member events previously advertised:

- [Anti- Poverty Week: 11-17 October 2015 \(National\)](#)
- [2015 National Men’s Health Gathering: 20-23 October 2015 \(Terrigal\)](#)
- [National Primary Health Care Conference: 2 – 4 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [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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National Health Performance Authority data shows huge variations in healthcare (Beaunesert Times)

Australia may have universal healthcare, but whether you can afford to fill a prescription or get in to see your GP might all come down to where you live, new figures reveal. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Delays in health care are proving big challenges for regional health (Daily Liberal)

Western NSW residents faced long delays for healthcare despite having more chronic disease, according to new figures released this week. The National Health Performance Authority report showed big differences in GP waiting times across Australia, with people living in some primary health networks (PHNs) such as Western NSW more than twice as likely to report waiting too long for a GP appointment as in others. Click [here](#) for full article.

Over-medicalisation: doing more harm than good (The Saturday Paper)

Is a growing tendency to overprescribe tests and treatments turning the elderly into ‘professional patients’? 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.