

SDOHA

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Items for Circulation from Members

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

Three prominent leaders from the very different spheres of business, Indigenous affairs and health - Martin Laverty, Dr Tom Calma AO and Kate Carnell AO - united to deliver a joint address to the National Press Club in Canberra on Wednesday. The event was entitled: *A Year of Nothing - Why Australian Governments need to respond to the social determinants of health*. The event was attended by around 200 people and was televised live on ABC 1, ABC News 24 and Sky News.

For those who missed it, you can watch the National Press Club Address online [here](#) and there will be a repeat screening on ABC News 24 at 1pm on Saturday 23 August.

Speaker presentations and media materials are available on the SDOHA website at www.socialdeterminants.org.au .

The National Press Club event was followed by the SDOHA Annual General Meeting (AGM). The new Chair of SDOHA is Michael Moore, Chief Executive Officer of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA).

The new members of the SDOHA Management Committee for 2014-15 are:

Michael Moore – PHAA (Chair)
Martin Laverty - Royal Flying Doctor Service
Liz Callaghan – Catholic Health Australia
Paul Grogan – Cancer Council Australia
Donna Murray – Indigenous Allied Health Australia
Carrie Fowlie – Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT
Gillian Mangan – Heart Foundation Tasmania
Suzanne Gleeson – Australian Health Promotion Association
Jason Rostant – Cohealth
Gordon Gregory – National Rural Health Alliance

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 .

Remaining SDOHA meeting/event dates for 2014

- Tuesday 14 October Inaugural Social Determinants of Health Alliance Anti-Poverty Week Oration – more details to follow.
- 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:

21 August 2014

Asia-born residents out-live native Australians, data shows (Brisbane Times)

Overseas-born Australian residents can expect to live longer than those born in Australia, data to be released on Thursday shows. Click [here](#) for article.

20 August 2014

Good health comes down to your postcode, your education and your income (The Daily Telegraph plus 10 other News Ltd papers)

Your postcode, your education and your income can have as much influence on your health as your genes a conference in Canberra will be told today. Poor education, low income and geography means people living in poorer suburbs will die up to three years earlier than people living in more affluent areas, the Social Determinant of Health Alliance says. Click [here](#) for article.

Reconciliation and Decolonisation in suicide prevention (Star Observer)

The founder of LGBTI Indigenous Australian social network Black Rainbow, Demeyon Bonson, pens his thoughts on the lack of solid mental health data available among LGBTI Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Click [here](#) for article.

19 August 2014

Co-payment on edge amid fears it could jeopardise Indigenous health gains (Australian Medicine)

AMA President Associate Professor Brian Owler has warned that recent gains in health of Indigenous Australians will be jeopardised under the Federal Government's plans for a \$7 co-payment for GP, pathology and diagnostic imaging services, which would effectively rip millions of dollars out of Indigenous health care. Click [here](#) for article.

Passion and compassion in abundance as medical students meet (Australian Medicine)

16 Australian delegates represented the Australian Medical Students' Association at the 2014 International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) August General Assembly (GA). Click [here](#) for article.

14 August 2014

State's poor health fires calls for inquiry revival (The Examiner)

Health groups are pushing for the revival of an abandoned joint select committee on preventative health care after new figures revealed that Tasmania had the country's highest rate of cardiovascular disease. Click [here](#) for article.

13 August 2014

NT Indigenous health services will not charge GP co-payment, 'resulting in service cuts' (ABC News)

Twenty-six Indigenous health services across the Northern Territory have confirmed they will not be charging a \$7 GP co-payment in any of their clinics. The chief executive of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), John Paterson, said Aboriginal health services would have to cut services and programs to afford not charging the proposed co-payment. Click [here](#) for article.

8 August 2014

More than a health issue: addressing the social determinants of obesity (The Conversation)

Almost two-thirds of Australian adults and one in four children are overweight or obese. People generally know what they should do differently, they just aren't always in a position to put that into practice, argues Lareen Newman from the Southgate Institute for Health Society & Equity at Flinders University. Click [here](#) for article.

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