

# SDOHA

## NEWS

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### **Items for Circulation from Members**

#### ***SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Inaugural Oration: 14 October 2014, Canberra***

The Inaugural SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration - presented by the National Chair of Anti-Poverty Week, Professor Julian Disney – was a great success. A recording of Professor Disney's oration is now available on the SDOHA website "events" page at: [www.socialdeterminants.org.au](http://www.socialdeterminants.org.au).

#### ***SDOHA joins two key National Coalitions***

Following on from decisions taken by the SDOHA membership after the SDOHA Research Forum in July, SDOHA is now officially a member of the Health System Coalition for Constitutional Recognition and a 'supporting partner' of the Australian National Development Index.

#### ***2015 Global Vote for Right to Health***

Article 25 is a global movement of everyday people who believe health is a human right. Starting in January 2015, the group will hold the first-ever global vote for the right to health to decide on which issues and campaigns to advocate on over the following months. SDOHA members can join this movement by [signing up](#) to participate in the vote.

#### ***Creating change in government to address the social determinants of health: how can efforts be improved?***

The work Bradley Crammond presented earlier in the year at the SDOHA Research Forum in Canberra has now been [published](#) at BMC Public Health.

#### ***Right to Food Coalition – Food Security Conference***

Our very own Martin Laverty presented at this Conference held 13-14 October. Martin's topic was food security as a social determinant of health. Click [here](#) for his presentation.

#### ***How Was Life? - Global Well-being since 1820 (OECD)***

[This book](#) presents the first systematic evidence on long-term trends in global well-being since 1820 for 25 major countries and 8 regions in the world covering more than 80% of the world's population.

#### ***Membership of SDOHA***

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 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](http://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](mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au) .

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

- Thursday 13 November (Sydney) - SDOHA Members' Meeting (SDOHA members' workshop for Strategic Action Plan development - venue TBA).

#### **News Items of Interest**

Other media items of interest since the last newsletter included:

##### **22 October 2014**

##### ***Survey steps towards better local health (Barossa Herald)***

Researchers are calling on the community to take part in a project that assesses the social and economic factors that influence health and wellbeing in the Barossa and Gawler areas. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### **21 October 2014**

##### ***Grants of \$6.67m back Flinders medical research (INDAILY – Adelaide Independent News)***

The Centre for Research Excellence on the Social Determinants of Health, headed by Professor Fran Baum, has received \$2.47 million to continue its activities. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### **19 October 2014**

##### ***Obesity, cancer, mental health. What links them all? (Australian Business)***

What is the link between Non-Communicable Diseases? These are the structural and social determinants of health, and disease. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### **17 October 2014**

##### ***Looking to the Regions for Anti-Poverty Week (National Rural Health Alliance)***

Professor Julian Disney AO gave particular attention to measures that would help to overcome rural and regional poverty when he delivered the Inaugural Anti-Poverty Week Oration for the Social Determinants of Health Alliance. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### **14 October 2014**

##### ***Advocate spells out links between poverty and ill health (The Canberra Times & 4 other sources)***

The national chair of anti-poverty week says a wide-ranging approach is needed to overcome the close link between poverty and health inequality. Professor Disney spoke about the relationship between poverty and ill health at the Social Determinants of Health Alliance's first anti-poverty week oration in Canberra. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### ***New health chief finds her calling after near-death hospital experience (The Catholic Leader)***

Arriving at Brisbane's Mater Hospital 11 years ago, first time mum-to-be Suzanne Greenwood thought she was about to have a routine delivery. What happened next, as Catholic Health Australia's new chief executive officer recently said would change her life forever. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### ***If you want wealth, you need health (Australian Medicine)***

Medical experts from the around the world are set to converge on Melbourne next month to ensure health issues are high on the agenda when the leaders of the world's biggest economies meet next year. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### **13 October 2014**

##### ***A new look & new CEO for peak body (Hospital & Aged Care)***

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) has a new look, having just launched a new national brand, and in a few weeks it will also have a new CEO – SDOHA's own Liz Callaghan! Click [here](#) for full article.

***Health in a Time of Change: the Role for Consumers and Community (Consumers' Federation of Australia)***

The Consumers Health Forum National Workshop *Health in a Time of Change: the Role for Consumers and Community* was held on 18 -19 August 2014 in Melbourne. Click [here](#) for full article.

**11 October 2014**

***Anti-Poverty Week focuses on stark reality (The Canberra Times)***

Article by co-chairpersons of Anti-Poverty Week refers to the inaugural Social Determinants of Health Alliance oration by Julian Disney. Click [here](#) for full article.

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