

# SDOHA

## NEWS

24 April 2015

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

#### ***2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates***

Please note the time and venue for our next Public Forum and meeting on 7 May and pencil in the remaining dates for the SDOHA Member meetings and Public Forums in 2015:

- Thursday 7 May – Brassey House, Canberra  
Public Forum, 9:30am – 12:30pm: “*Achieving health equity through action on social determinants: challenges and opportunities in Australian health policy*” to be followed by a light lunch, Members Meeting and Management Committee Meeting. Click [here](#) for further information. **Please RSVP to [accounts@phaa.net.au](mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au) by COB 27 April.**
- Thursday 13 August – (SDOHA AGM – other details TBA)
- Thursday 15 October – Anti Poverty Week Address (SDOHA Members Meeting and Public Forum) – date and venue TBA

#### ***Immunisation Advocacy Workshop, Tuesday 28 April 2015, Sydney***

This workshop hosted by the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Population Health Research, in collaboration with the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), focuses on advocacy for increasing immunisation rates of existing Australian National Immunisation Program vaccines across the age spectrum. Click [here](#) for link to flyer.

#### ***Policy Grand Challenge on Trade Agreements, Health, and Access to Affordable Medicines, Wednesday 29 April 2015, Canberra***

Medicine affordability is a central issue in current public policy debate in Australia, particularly in the context of our engagement in regional trade negotiations such as the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The Menzies Centre for Health Policy’s event will consider key issues. Click [here](#) for link to flyer.

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> National Complex Needs Conference – abstract submission & registration site now open***

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) - in conjunction with the National Complex Needs Alliance (NCNA) - invites you to participate in the second Australian conference to showcase successful programs/approaches in addressing complex needs - with the broader purpose of identifying what works and how. The Second National Complex Needs Conference is being held in Canberra on 17-18 November 2015. Please note that the abstract submission and conference registration site is now live. Abstract submission closes on Friday 12 June 2015. Click [here](#) for link. **Please also circulate this info throughout your networks.**

#### ***Determining the Future – a fair go and health for all (Martin Lavery & Liz Callaghan)***

The above book written by our very own Martin Lavery & Liz Callaghan is available for purchase from Connor Court Publishing. Click [here](#) for further purchasing details.

### ***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 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](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).

### **News Items of Interest**

Media items of interest over the past week included:

#### **21 April 2015**

##### ***Manifesto check: SNP health pledges pose questions for the whole UK (Australian Business)***

The Scottish National Party's [manifesto](#) makes relatively few pledges on health. This is, of course, because policy on health care and the NHS in Scotland are devolved to the Scottish parliament, and are essentially none of Westminster's business. The UK parliament can affect the overall budget for the NHS, and could amend the formula used to distribute funds to the four constituent governments, but they cannot influence how NHS money is spent in Scotland. Click [here](#) for full article.

##### ***Nit-picking parents 'killing kids' love of sport' (InDaily)***

Flinders University research has found that many parents are unwittingly driving their children to quit sport because of intense, post-match grillings. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### **17 April 2015**

##### ***Putting the spotlight on the first 1000 days, to improve children's futures #LongRead (Crikey Blogs)***

[The first 1000 days](#) is the name of a global movement that recognises the importance of the period between conception and a child's 2nd birthday as a unique window of opportunity to shape healthier futures. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### **16 April 2015**

##### ***CEO Dan Price cuts his own salary to boost employee pay (news.com.au)***

One start-up founder is making his own effort to respond to the issue of income inequality — cutting his own pay while seriously boosting that of his employees. Click [here](#) for full article.

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