

SDOHA

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Items for Circulation from Members

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

The Power to Persuade Symposium – Canberra, 17-18 September

The Power to Persuade symposium connects government, academics and the community sector to discuss how to co-create better social policy. This fourth annual symposium will interrogate the arrival of the private (for profit) sector in our midst, from policy advice to policy delivery. Click [here](#) for further information.

National Indigenous Men's & Women's Network Conference – Darwin NT, 28-30 September

After due deliberation, Indigenous Conference Services is pleased to announce successful papers accepted for presentation during the 2015 National Indigenous Men and Women's Network Conference to be held at Hilton Hotel in Darwin, Northern Territory on September 28-30, 2015. Huge support in the Northern Territory government and throughout Australia, through the attendance of Honourable Chief Minister Adam Giles and the Honourable Bess Price, both of these conferences are to be the fore runner for the first ever World Indigenous Men's and Women's Conference which is now been scheduled for Adelaide, South Australia November next year. Click [here](#) for link.

2015 National Men's Health Gathering – Terrigal NSW, 20-23 October

Men's health and wellbeing is everyone's business. This is the foundation on which the Australian Men's Health Forum - in conjunction with a consortium of leading agencies on the Central Coast of NSW - will be hosting the 2015 Men's Health Gathering. With the theme of Sharing the Knowledge, the 2015 conference promises you an opportunity to contribute, debate and discuss the successful ways that we can all increase men's health and wellbeing. Click [here](#) for further information.

ACOSS Report: Inequality in Australia A Nation Divided

ACOSS today urged Australian governments to make addressing growing inequality a top policy priority following its new report revealing that income and wealth has become more concentrated in the hands of fewer people over the past two decades across the country. Click [here](#) for full report.

Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes: Policies for Health and Quality of Care (OECD)

This book examines the large and growing human and financial cost of dementia and discusses policy options for improving care, controlling costs, and facilitating research. Click [here](#) for link.

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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.

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

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How to argue about doping in sport (MyGC.com & 2 other sources)

There has been a huge amount of academic, policy, and public debate over the years about doping in sport (i.e. the use of banned performance enhancing substances or drugs and other prohibited practices), and significant resources devoted to addressing it.

Doping is a complex issue – we are still striving to understand how and why it happens, and how to prevent it. But despite the attention doping in sport has received, there is still significant public disagreement about how best to respond to this problem. Click [here](#) for full article.

2015 VCE Study Boost – Health& HD: Understanding key concepts is the first step to revision and exam success (Herald Sun)

YOU have probably finished the Unit 3 content and assessments already, but now is a good time to start the revision process. The end-of-year examination will assess both Units 3 & 4 in equal measure, so regularly revisiting the concepts already covered, will place you in a good position going into the exam. Click [here](#) for full article.

New report illustrates “the collision” of economic, health and social agendas (Crikey)

A [new report](#) from the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) investigating the increasing inequality of income and wealth is an important resource for those working to improve the community’s health, according to public health experts. Click [here](#) for full article.