

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

National Press Club Forum – ‘Hidden Harms: How concealed Budget cuts are killing Australia’s health sector’ – 10 November, Canberra

Michael Moore, CEO, Public Health Association of Australia (and SDOHA Chair); Rod Wellington, CEO, Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health; and Hon Sheila McHale, CEO, Palmerston Association are speaking at the National Press Club on 10 November to highlight the impact of foreshadowed cuts to the Health Flexible Funds.

A coalition of over 20 peak and non-government organisations (NGOs) from the health and community sectors is calling on the Australian Government to scrap plans to cut nearly \$800M in funding to key health initiatives over the next four financial years. The foreshadowed cuts would drastically reduce the capacity of NGOs and peak bodies to deliver services across the country and to provide advice and support for reform in health.

Among the 14 Flexible Funds apparently to be affected are those supporting the provision of essential services in rural, regional and remote Australia; working to Close the Gap in health outcomes for Indigenous Australians; managing vital responses to communicable diseases; and delivering substance use treatment services around the country.

Individual and table bookings can be made directly with the [National Press Club](#).

2015 Blackfriars Lecture Series: “Parent Engagement & Student Learning” – 17 November, Canberra

The final lecture in the 2015 Blackfriars Lecture Series will be presented by Dr Dianne Jackson, CEO of ARACY. Her lecture, titled ‘*What works for children and families: Collaboration, Evidence, Prevention*’ will discuss the factors that promote the wellbeing of children and their families, and reflect that the way they work must lie at the heart of policy, research and practice. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Lowitja Institute - Translating research into action – 19 November, Canberra

A panel of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experts will discuss what success looks like when the community drives the research. Click [here](#) for further information.

Talk About Men: International Men’s Day Masculinity Debate – 19 November, Sydney.

To mark International Men's Day in Sydney on Thursday 19th November 2015, five great speakers will debate the question: "If masculinity is in crisis, what needs to change, men or society?" Click [here](#) for further information.

2015 Indigenous Allied Health Australia National Conference – 1 – 2 December, Cairns

Take a STEP in the right direction and join us at the **IAHA 2015 National Conference, Allied Health – Stepping into Action**, 1 – 2 December 2015 at the Pullman Cairns International in Cairns, Queensland.

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The theme of this conference captures the diverse interdisciplinary action that occurs within the allied health sector, and how sustained holistic, strengths based approaches to health and wellbeing can achieve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality. Click [here](#) for the conference web-site.

How's Life? 2015 Measuring Well-Being (OECD Publication)

How's Life? describes the essential ingredients that shape people's well-being in OECD and partner countries. It includes a wide variety of statistics, capturing both material well-being. This third edition includes a special focus on child well-being. Click [here](#) for link.

Member events previously advertised:

- [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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Close the Gap: Indigenous health implementation plan a potential game-changer (The Age)

The launch of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Health Implementation Plan by Rural Health Minister Fiona Nash on October 22 is another important milestone on the long path towards achieving the goals of Australian governments to Close the Gap in child mortality and life expectancy. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Social equality might be just what the doctor ordered (The Drum)

As Michael Marmot has spent a lifetime proving, addressing social problems rather than waiting to mop up their consequences in hospitals or through other medical treatment could be more beneficial to our health, writes Mike Steketee. Michael Marmot calls it his "Damascus moment". 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.

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