

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 the foreshadowed \$800M in cuts to the Health Flexible Funds.

Among the 14 Flexible Funds 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](#).

‘This Changes Everything’ Movie Screening – 10 November, Melbourne

What if confronting the climate crisis is the best chance we’ll ever get to build a healthier world? ANMF (Vic Branch), Healthy Futures, Climate and Health Alliance and Doctors for the Environment Australia are hosting a screening of the film ‘This Changes Everything’ on 10th November. Click [here](#) for further information.

2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November, Canberra

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) - in conjunction with the National Complex Needs Alliance (NCNA) - is holding the Second National Complex Needs Conference in Canberra on 17-18 November 2015. This will be the second Australian conference to showcase successful programs/approaches in addressing complex needs. [Click here to register online](#).

Keynote speakers include:

- Dr Tom Calma AO, National Coordinator, Tackling Indigenous Smoking; Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia
- Bernadette Mitcherson, Executive Director, ACT Corrective Services
- Kate Carnell AO, CEO, Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Kieran Palmer, Clinical Service Manager & Psychologist, Ted Noffs Foundation
- Sue Miers AM, Chair, National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (NOFASD)
- Yvette Berry MLA, ACT Minister for Housing, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Community Services, Multicultural Affairs, Women and Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Social Inclusion and Equality

Other program highlights include panel sessions featuring:

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- Kirsten Livermore, A/g Director, Health, Safety, Environment & Community Policy, Minerals Council of Australia and former Federal Member for Capricornia
- Senator Deborah O'Neill, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Health
- Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive Officer, St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia
- Julie Tongs OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service
- Sue Murray, Chief Executive Officer, Suicide Prevention Australia
- Lyn Morgain, Chief Executive, cohealth
- Camilla Rowland, Chief Executive Officer, Marymead
- Professor Valsa Eapen, Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Tamara Stewart-Jones, Director, Multicultural Youth South Australia Inc.
- Sharon Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer (Interim) Karralika Programs Inc.

Click [here](#) to view the full Provisional Program for the conference.

Our Climate is Our Health Seminar – 19 November, Melbourne

Our Climate Our Health unites health professionals globally to raise awareness of the effects of climate change on health outcomes, and to improve the sustainability of the health sector. This seminar in Melbourne on 19th November will bring together advocates from health and environment to share information, hear examples of leadership, build relationships, advocate for action on climate change, and features an innovative thought experiment on “Imagining 2030 as a healthy, low carbon world”. Click [here](#) for further information.

Creating a healthy and sustainable food system for Australia – 24 November, ANU

A public workshop on creating a healthy and sustainable food system for Australia will be held in Hedley Bull Lecture Theatre at ANU on 24 November from 9am to 5pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

People’s Climate March - 27-29 November, Various

In the lead up to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris this December, CAHA is campaigning to mobilise the health sector to be active and have a voice on the effects of climate change in the context of health. Part of this activity is endorsing and joining the People’s Climate March in your area. Click [here](#) for further information.

Member events previously advertised:

- [The Lowitja Institute - Translating research into action – 19 November, Canberra](#)
- [Talk About Men: International Men’s Day Masculinity Debate – 19 November, Sydney.](#)
- [2015 Indigenous Allied Health Australia National Conference – 1 – 2 December, Cairns](#)
- [2015 Canberra Conference on Earth System Governance – ANU, 14-16 December](#)

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

5 November 2015

Sick with Worry report: People’s desire to participate shines through (The Record)

The St Vincent de Paul Society National Council has marked Anti-Poverty Week 2015 with the launch of the ‘Sick with Worry...’ report, containing stories from the front-line of inequality and 14 recommendations for urgent action by the Federal Government to help enable people to achieve their dreams of a life without poverty. Click [here](#) for full article.

2 November 2015

My journey from suit to skin (MJA)

As my Aunty placed the possum skin cloak over me, I experienced a profound “inner experience” of cultural healing and connection. Wearing the cloak as part of the Wraiture [project](#) restored an aspect

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of cultural traditional practice. It touched me holistically, creating a sense of healing, spiritual connection, belonging and identity. 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 .