

# SDOHA

## NEWS

4 April 2014

### Items for Circulation from Members

#### ***Power, money and resources: Addressing the drivers of health inequity***

The Menzies Centre for Health Policy @ ANU hosted a Public Symposium on this topic in Canberra yesterday. The Panel Discussion on the topic of 'How can trade and fiscal policies improve health and health equity?' was recorded for broadcast on ABC Radio National's Big Ideas program on Monday 14 April. Audio will subsequently be available on the ABC website. [Click here for link](#)

#### ***Invitation to members 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 from the Last Week

Other media items of interest over the last week or so included:

#### **3 April 2014**

##### ***Federal inquiry MPs slam NT on grog (The Australian)***

The Northern Territory government has a "paternalistic, dictatorial approach" to treating alcohol abuse, say two members of a federal inquiry into the issue. [Click here for article.](#)

##### ***Introducing "The Croakey Koori" and "Wonky Health" – please support (Croakey)***

Croakey invites you to support two new writing-for-health projects. [Click here for link.](#)

#### **2 April 2014**

##### ***Transport and health – keeping the wheels on the bus going round and round... (Croakey)***

Solange Frost, Senior Policy Officer, NCOSS, outlines the importance of transport services for people using health services and some of the challenges for the health and welfare sectors when pushing for changes in this area. [Click here for article.](#)

##### ***Is the private health push in the public interest? (Australian Doctor)***

The growing noise from private health insurers re their future role in funding general practice carries interest. [Click here for article.](#)

#### **31 March 2013**

##### ***Charging for 'risky behaviour' a flawed plan (ABC News)***

Our health resources must be used wisely, but charging people for taking "avoidable health risks" makes no scientific, economic or logistical sense, writes Jennifer Doggett. [Click here for link.](#)

##### ***Access issues hindering current vaccination programs (Pharmacy News)***

Access is the most important factor keeping people from vaccinating their children, an academic argues. [Click here for article.](#)

**28 March 2014**

***Be bold, challenge the status quo: Associate Professor Jane Freemantle on Close the Gap Day (Anglican Diocese of Melbourne)***

In an address to mark Close the Gap Day, paediatric epidemiologist Associate Professor Jane Freemantle urged action to address the deep disadvantage faced by Australia's Indigenous people. [Click here for link.](#)

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