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Items for Circulation from Members

SDOHA media release: Standing Council on Health to discuss action on social determinants

SDOHA is hopeful today's meeting of the Council of Australian Governments' Standing Council on Health will be a catalyst for meaningful action on the social determinants of health. The media release is available on the SDOHA website at: www.socialdeterminants.org.au.

Shaping Solutions - NSW Men's Health & Wellbeing Conference, 1 & 2 May, Penrith

The Men's Health Forum NSW Inc. invites you to attend the first NSW Men's Health and Wellbeing Conference to shape solutions that will improve health, wellbeing and relationships for men and boys in NSW. Further information about the conference [click here](#).

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.

News Items of Interest from the Last Week

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

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Govt gags doctors over forced rehab (Australian Doctor)

The NT Government has banned doctors from giving evidence to a federal inquiry into the territory's forced treatment of people arrested for public drunkenness. [Click here](#) for article.

'Slow, expensive, complicated' legal system must be improved (The Conversation)

Half of all Australians will experience a legal problem this year. Most won't get legal assistance or come into contact with our courts or other legal institutions. In part, this is because Australia's legal system is "too slow, expensive and hard to understand", according to the Productivity Commission. [Click here](#) for article.

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Comprehensive Primary Health Care – what works? A Research Symposium (Croakey)

Comprehensive and integrated primary care is well documented in the research literature as providing the most cost-effective and equitable mechanism for preventing and managing chronic disease. Yet despite a growing body of research supporting this form of care, it often appears to be put in the 'too hard' basket of governments and policy makers, says Jennifer Doggett. [Click here](#) for link.

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