

SDOHA

NEWS

19 December 2014

Please Note: This is the last edition of SDOHA News for 2014. Distribution of the newsletter will recommence in February 2015. Season's Greetings to all!

Items for Circulation from Members

SDOHA (Members Only) Strategic Planning Meeting

The date and venue for the SDOHA Members' Strategic Planning Meeting is:

- Thursday 19 February 2015, Lvl 6 & 7, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney.

The planning meeting will run from 10am – 3pm (please click [here](#) for draft agenda). Please RSVP to accounts@phaa.net.au by COB Wednesday 11 February 2015.

Proposed 2015 SDOHA Member Meeting dates:

Please pencil in the following dates for the SDOHA Member meetings and Public Forums in 2015:

- Thursday 19 February – Sydney (as above – SDOHA Members only)
- Thursday 7 May – Canberra (SDOHA Members Meeting and Public Forum)
- Thursday 13 August – (SDOHA AGM – other details TBA)
- Thursday 15 October – Anti Poverty Week Address (SDOHA Members Meeting and Public Forum) – date and venue TBC

OECD Pensions Outlook 2014

This [book](#) looks at pension reform, the role of private pensions and retirement savings. Population ageing and longevity risk is examined as are the means of increasing coverage and providing automatic enrolment.

Membership of SDOHA

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 since the last newsletter included:

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Solving Complex Problems: Adaptation vs Attribution (Crikey)

Systems thinking is increasingly being used to address complex public health problems, such as obesity and addiction, which do not easily fit within traditional, more linear approaches. The applications of systems thinking to public health are the subject of a new open-access, quarterly, [online journal](#) published by the Sax Institute. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Groups call for rejection of Healthy Welfare Card (ACOSS – joint statement)

Australia's community welfare sector and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak organisations are calling on the Federal Government not to proceed with the implementation of the Forrest Review proposal for a cashless welfare card which would apply to everyone - people who are unemployed, carers, single parents and people with disability - except veterans and people on the aged pension. Click [here](#) for full article.

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