

SDOHA

NEWS

20 March 2015

Items for Circulation from Members

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates

Please note the time and venue for our next Public Forum and meeting on 7 May and pencil in the remaining dates for the SDOHA Member meetings and Public Forums in 2015:

- Thursday 7 May – Brassey House, Canberra
Public Forum, 9:30am – 12:30pm: *“Achieving health equity through action on social determinants: challenges and opportunities in Australian health policy”*
to be followed by a light lunch, Members Meeting and Management Committee Meeting.
- 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

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 over the past week included:

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2015 Close the Gap day: a focus on chronic conditions and improving Indigenous ‘Heart Health Story’ (Crikey Blogs)

Close The Gap Campaign Co-Chairs Kirstie Parker and Mick Gooda have called on the West Australian and Federal governments to properly assess the health and wellbeing impacts of closing remote communities in WA, saying decisions that are being made without consultation are “premature and damaging”. See their [Op Ed](#) published on The Drum. Click [here](#) for full article.

Quality improvement doesn't always pay (Australian Doctor)

Pay-for-performance schemes for GPs haven't really taken off in Australia. The [Practice Incentives Program](#) (PIP) rewards doctors for ‘process’ measures, such as diagnosing diabetes... Click [here](#) for more information.

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Five key moments that shaped the NHS under the coalition (Australian Business)

Not necessarily a high five. The end of a parliament is an opportune time to take stock of the state of health and social care. Policy here consists of meeting perennial challenges of maintaining access to services, improving quality of those services, and keeping costs under control. Click [here](#) for full article.

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