

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates

Please note the previously advertised AGM in August will now coincide with the Anti-Poverty Week Address.

- October 2015 – Anti Poverty Week Address (Public Forum) – date and venue TBA

Emerging Health Policy Research Conference – University of Sydney. 21 July 2015

The Menzies Centre for Health Policy is delighted to invite you to register for the 10th annual **Emerging Health Policy Research Conference**. The conference will showcase the work in progress of current masters, doctoral and early career research workers, as well as those new to the field of health policy research. Click [here](#) for full program and registration details. **Please note registrations close 16 July.**

The Power to Persuade Symposium – Canberra, 17-18 September

The Power to Persuade symposium connects government, academics and the community sector to discuss how to co-create better social policy. This fourth annual symposium will interrogate the arrival of the private (for profit) sector in our midst, from policy advice to policy delivery. Click [here](#) for further information.

National Indigenous Men's & Women's Network Conference – Darwin NT, 28-30 September

After due deliberation, Indigenous Conference Services is pleased to announce successful papers accepted for presentation during the 2015 National Indigenous Men and Women's Network Conference to be held at Hilton Hotel in Darwin, Northern Territory on September 28-30, 2015. Click [here](#) for link.

Anti-Poverty Week – 11-17 October 2015

The National Anti-Poverty Week is being held 11-17 October 2015. Please click [here](#) for "Health Services Workers" flyer for ideas on how to join in the activity.

2015 National Men's Health Gathering – Terrigal NSW, 20-23 October

Men's health and wellbeing is everyone's business. This is the foundation on which the Australian Men's Health Forum - in conjunction with a consortium of leading agencies on the Central Coast of NSW - will be hosting the 2015 Men's Health Gathering. With the theme of Sharing the Knowledge, the 2015 conference promises you an opportunity to contribute, debate and discuss the successful ways that we can all increase men's health and wellbeing. Click [here](#) for further information.

Indicators of Immigrant Integration 2015 (OECD)

This publication presents and discusses the integration outcomes of immigrants and their children through 27 indicators organised around five areas: Employment, education and skills, social inclusion, civic engagement and social cohesion. Click [here](#) for full report.

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NSW Budget 2015/2016 (NCOSS)

Please click [here](#) for the NCOSS analysis of the 2015-2016 Budget.

Pope's Encyclical (The Vatican)

Please see below an excerpt from the Pope's Encyclical.

48. The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas. Please click [here](#) for the full version.

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.

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

7 July 2015

The Indigenous health gap: social factors hit hard (ABC Health & Wellbeing)

The link between overcrowded housing, ear infections and incarceration provides an insight into the complex relationship between health and social issues in Indigenous communities. Click [here](#) for full article.

3 July 2015

Addressing Youth Health (The Courier)

A new partnership between medical and legal services is set to take place in Ballarat to help address the social and legal effects on the health of young people.

The Health Justice Partnership between Federation University, Ballarat Community Health and Central Highlands Community Legal Centre will see law staff working with medical professionals to help stem the flow of young people with preventable illnesses. Click [here](#) for full article.

1 July 2015

First-ever heatwave warning guidelines issued by UN as global temperatures soar (Herald Globe)

1 July 2015 - Two United Nations agencies have unveiled a series of new guidelines aimed at addressing the health risks posed by the increasing number and intensity of climate change-related heatwaves affecting the planet, as warm weather alerts spread across Europe following soaring temperatures that killed hundreds of people in India and Pakistan last month. Click [here](#) for full article.

WHO/UNICEF: Lack of progress on water and sanitation threatens to undermine child survival, health benefits (News Medical)

Lack of progress on sanitation threatens to undermine the child survival and health benefits from gains in access to safe drinking water, warn WHO and UNICEF in a report tracking access to drinking water and sanitation against the Millennium Development Goals. Click [here](#) for full article.

Lack of toilets for 2.4 billion people undermining health efforts (Big News Network.com)

GENEVA, Switzerland -- Lack of access to toilets and unsanitary social norms threaten to undermine global efforts to improve drinking water and increase rates of child survival. Click [here](#) for full article.

2.4 bn people worldwide lack sanitation facilities (Big News Network.com)

Some 2.4 billion people -- one out of every three inhabitants of the planet -- still have no access to sanitation facilities, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Unicef said on Tuesday. Click [here](#) for full article.

Tasmania's new primary health organisation (Tasmanian Times!com)

Tasmania has a new force in the drive for a coordinated, primary care-focused health system. Primary Health Tasmania will support general practice – as the cornerstone of the health care system – and other community-based providers to deliver the best possible care for Tasmanians, Chair Dr Judith Watson said today. Click [here](#) for full article.

30 June 2015

Despite gains, 2.4 billion people worldwide still lack basic sanitation 8211 UN report (Herald Globe)

30 June 2015 - United Nations agencies tracking access to water and sanitation targets against the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) warned today that the lack of progress on sanitation threatens to undermine the child survival and health benefits from gains in access to safe drinking water. Click [here](#) for full article.

29 June 2015

Response to Government's White Paper – Delivering Safe and Sustainable Clinical Services (Tasmanian Times)

... from Social Determinants of Health Advocacy Network (29 June 2015)

While we agree that there is much work to be done in reforming clinical services, a healthy population can best be achieved by looking beyond health care, focusing on prevention, acting on the underlying causes of poor health and working with sectors outside of health. Click [here](#) for full article.

Lancet report on climate change and health (National Rural Health Alliance Inc)

A [landmark new report](#) published in the international medical journal The Lancet suggests: "Tackling climate change is the greatest global health opportunity of the 21st century". This report provides comprehensive new evidence showing responses to mitigate and adapt to climate change have significant direct and indirect positive health benefits – from reducing air pollution to improving diet. Click [here](#) for full article.

Equity in vision in Australia is in sight (Medical Journal of Australia)

The roadmap to close the gap for vision was developed after extensive nationwide consultation and launched in 2012.1 It comprises 42 recommendations that span a whole-of-system approach to eliminate disparities in Indigenous eye health. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Alameda Health System Recognised by America's Essential Hospitals at VITAL2015 (Alameda Health System)

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OAKLAND, Calif., June 26, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Alameda Health System (AHS) announced that two of its programs, the Hope Center and Care Transitions, were recognized as Remarkable Projects by America's Essential Hospitals at the VITAL2015 conference. Click [here](#) for full article.

The evidence to deal with booze abuse (Alice Springs News online)

Sir – We congratulate the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs on the final report of its inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol by Aboriginal communities. Click [here](#) for full article.