

SDOHA

NEWS

18 September 2015

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates:

Please note the **Annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration** details below:

- Wednesday 14 October 2015 – Anti Poverty Week Oration (Public Forum) delivered by Dr John Falzon.
Venue: ACT Legislative Assembly Reception Room
Time: 11am – 12pm (Oration) to be followed by light lunch and [SDOHA Members AGM commencing at 12:30pm](#)
Click [here](#) to register.

Items for Circulation from Members

Filling the Gap: Disparities in oral health access (Royal Flying Doctor Service)

The Royal Flying Doctor Service has released a research report titled 'Filling the Gap: Disparities in oral health access and outcomes between major cities and remote and rural Australia'. Click [here](#) for full report.

The Lowitja Institute Research Leadership Award

The Lowitja Institute and the [Cranlana Programme](#) have partnered to offer this award which has been established to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research leadership and excellence. Click [here](#) for further information.

Anti-Poverty Week: 11 – 17 October

With Anti-Poverty week less than a month away now is an opportune time to organise events. Please find [attached](#) the Health Services workers flyer outlining some event ideas for your organisation. All events can be advertised free of charge on the [APW calendar of activities 2015](#). In addition it is requested that you advise the APW organisers of your event via jill.lang@optusenet.com.au. Please feel free to connect to the week via Facebook as well!

Second National Complex Needs Conference: full Provisional Program now available

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) - in conjunction with the National Complex Needs Alliance (NCNA) - is holding the Second National Complex Needs Conference in Canberra on 17-18 November 2015. Keynote speakers at the conference include: Dr Tom Calma AO, National Coordinator, Tackling Indigenous Smoking and Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia; Bernadette Mitcherson, Executive Director, ACT Corrective Services; Kate Carnell AO, CEO, Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Kieran Palmer, Clinical Service Manager, Psychologist, Ted Noffs Foundation; and Sue Miers AM, Chair, National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Click [here](#) to view the full Provisional Program.

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We are seeking your support in attending the conference – and encouraging your colleagues and networks to also attend - to build on the previous successful event and provide a strong framework for continuing cross-sectoral engagement to achieve better long term outcomes for people with complex needs. Click [here](#) to register online.

Member events previously advertised:

- [National Indigenous Men's & Women's Network Conference: 28-30 September 2015 \(Darwin\)](#)
- [Anti- Poverty Week: 11-17 October 2015 \(National\)](#)
- [2015 National Men's Health Gathering: 20-23 October 2015 \(Terriqal\)](#)
- [National Primary Health Care Conference: 2 – 4 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

14 September 2015

Geographic inequity in healthy food environment and type 2 diabetes: can we please turn off the tap? (MJA)

We need fairer policies and investment in change that may only be realised in the long term. The human, financial and wider societal costs of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) in Australia are high, but not inevitable. Studies indicate that lifestyle interventions involving weight reduction can reduce T2DM risk. Prevention and better management of T2DM can also help to prevent cardiovascular complications. So, to paraphrase the title of a recent editorial in the Journal, if we know what to do, what is the problem? Click [here](#) for full article.

10 September 2015

Young Australians doing well to avoid cigarettes, substances, but diet turns concerning, says nationwide analysis (International Business Times)

Young Australians over the country have been found to be doing well to avoid the bad habits of smoking, drugs and drinking alcohol, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). A new report shows the decreasing rates for smoking, single-occasion risky drinking and illicit drug use on teens. However, most young people were found to also avoid fruits and vegetables, and overweight and obesity rates remain high. Click [here](#) for full article.

9 September 2015

Young people smoking, binge drinking and using illicit drugs less (Australian Journal of Pharmacy)

Overall, young people are doing well, according to new data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare: rates for smoking, single-occasion risky drinking and illicit drug use are decreasing. However, overweight and obesity rates remain high, and fruit and vegetable consumption remains low. Click [here](#) for full article.

8 September 2015

Young people better educated, fewer using substances, but weight and diet remain a concern (AIHW)

New data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) show that overall, young Australians are doing well. Rates for smoking, single-occasion risky drinking and illicit drug use are decreasing; however, overweight and obesity rates remain high, and fruit and vegetable consumption remains low. Click [here](#) for full article.

7 September 2015

Region has third highest hepatitis C numbers in NSW (Byron Shire News)

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The Northern Rivers continues to have one of the highest number of hepatitis C cases in the state with 233 new notifications last year. Figures from the NSW Hepatitis B and C Strategies 2014 annual data report rank the Northern NSW Local Health District third in the state with 79 hepatitis C notifications per 100,000 people. Click [here](#) for full article.

6 September 2015

Marriage Equality good for health (OutinPerth)

Australia's medical professionals have voiced their support for marriage equality urging the Abbott government to change their policy. The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) and the Council of Academic Public Health Associations (CAPHIA) have both urged the government to stop opposing same-sex marriage. Click [here](#) for full article.

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.