



SOCIAL DETERMINANTS  
OF HEALTH ALLIANCE

## MEDIA ALERT

### ANTI-POVERTY WEEK ORATION: “Poverty is not Destiny”

This year’s annual Social Determinants of Health Alliance (SDOHA) Anti-Poverty Week Oration will be delivered by Prof John Eastwood, Director of the Central Sydney Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods Integrated Care Initiative, describing sector wide approaches that aim to break intergenerational cycles of poverty and poor life outcomes. The Oration will pick up from Professor Sir Michael Marmot’s recent statement that “Poverty is not Destiny” and describe local evidence informed interventions that moderate the impact of social determinants of health in homes and neighbourhoods.

Professor Eastwood’s Oration will focus on the emerging promise of interagency interventions to building “Community Nests” and child and family resiliency.

**Speaker: Professor John Eastwood ED Lt Col RNZAMC, BSc (Auck) MBChB (Auck) DCH (Otago) DComH (Otago) MPH (UNSW) MHM (UNSW) PhD (UNSW) FNZCCM FFNZCPHM FRACP FAFPHM**

Professor John Eastwood is currently Director of Community Paediatrics, Sydney Local Health District; Visiting Academic Sydney Children’s Hospital Network; Conjoint Associate Professor School of Women’s and Children’s Health, UNSW; and Adjunct Associate Professor Menzies Centre for Health Policy, University of Sydney. Prof John Eastwood has an extensive international career in population child health and well-being, as an international development consultant, paediatrician, public health physician, and national child health policy advisor and public health policy director for the New Zealand Government.

*The Social Determinants of Health Alliance is a collaboration of like-minded organisations from the areas of health, social services and public policy established to work with governments to reduce health inequities in Australia.*

Following the Oration the Annual General Meeting of SDOHA will occur.

#### **Anti-Poverty Week Oration : “Poverty is not Destiny”**

**WHERE: The Koorie Heritage Trust, Cnr Swanston & Flinders St, Melbourne**  
**WHEN: Wednesday 19 October**  
**TIME: 11am – 12pm (followed by a light lunch & AGM)**

#### **For media comment/interviews:**

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