

Update

Newsletter of the Australian Health Promotion Association

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Gemma Crawford

Welcome to another edition of *Update*. The first quarter of the year has been a busy one. We have been working to deliver our new Strategic Directions and new vision and purpose for AHPA. This will see the Association take a more outward focus -strengthening our key alliances, re-formulating our advocacy strategies and progressing our professionalisation agenda. We are also working on a number of internal projects including a constitutional review, communication plan and a review and consolidation of the Association's policies and procedures.

The Board has been meeting with a number of branches to better determine how we can work together and meet the needs of members. I have just had a productive meeting with the QLD Branch and participated in an advocacy workshop attended by around 40 individuals. It is great to see the QLD workforce gearing up for the state election next year. This is a really crucial opportunity to put the range of advocacy tools discussed at the training in to action in a bid to influence health promotion in QLD.

Contributing to the scholarly literature is another way to maintain our voice and contribute to the evidence base that demonstrates that health promotion works. The new volume of the HPJA is out and there is some great content which I encourage you to read over a cuppa. We are currently calling for content for an edition on Healthy Places and Spaces later this year (see details inside this Update edition). Another way we can put health promotion on the agenda is at our annual conference which this year is held in partnership with the Chronic Diseases Network and the Northern Territory Medicare Local. Held in Alice Springs, the event asks us to put equity at the centre in our action on the social determinants of health. You can find out more inside this edition of Update).

Finally, the national AGM will be held next month, and we will welcome in a new Board. I would like to thank the current Board for their hard work and dedication over the past year. There are exciting times ahead and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Equity @ the Centre: Action on Social Determinants of Health 22nd Australian Health Promotion Association Conference – in partnership in Alice

4–5th September 2014 <http://www.equitycentre.com.au/>

The Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA), the Northern Territory Chronic Diseases Network (CDN) and the Northern Territory Medicare Local (NTML) are partnering to jointly deliver the 22nd AHPA National Conference and the 18th Annual CDN Conference in Alice Springs from 4–5th September 2014.

The conference is shaping up to be a very thought provoking event. Some of the exciting presenters lined up include:

- **Dr Suvajee Good** from the World Health Organization (New Delhi) will speak about ‘Closing Health Inequity Gaps through Social Innovation and People Participation: Experiences from South-East Asia.’
- **Professor Sharon Friel** from the Australian National University will speak about ‘Reclaiming power, money and resources for health equity goals.’
- **Mr Martin Laverty** who is Chair of the Social Determinants of Health Alliance will speak about ‘The economics of social justice - Cost benefit analysis to achieve social determinants action.’

The call for **abstracts** for oral, poster and interactive workshop presentations is open. Please consider submitting an abstract aligned to one of the following sub-themes:

- Smart Systems
- Creative Solutions
- Legendary Leadership
- Priority Populations
- Power of Language

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 2 May 2014. Don't miss out on the opportunity to share and discuss your important work relating to equity and the social determinants of health. Please encourage your colleagues outside the health sector to submit abstracts.

In addition to the formal conference program, there will also be a series of **pre-conference workshops**. These include:

- Multi sectorial partnerships to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Planning and evaluation that works
- Social Media and Health Promotion

You can **register your interest** now if you intend attending any of the pre-conference workshops.

You can also register your interest now for the conference and receive regular updates via the conference homepage at <http://www.equitycentre.com.au/>

Don't miss out on the Early Bird registration. A bargain at only \$550 per delegate for the two day conference program, or signify your intention to attend receive regular updates via the conference homepage at <http://www.equitycentre.com.au/>

In an effort to keep conference registration costs low and encourage additional delegates to attend the conference, the conference dinner is included as a separate cost this year. We strongly encourage all delegates to attend the conference dinner, as this will be an important networking event. Early planning indicates the conference dinner will involve a great deal of fun, dance and entertainment and is sure to be a crowd pleaser in the tradition of previous AHPA conference dinners. Please register to attend the conference dinner at the same time you register for the conference. All details are on the website at <http://www.equitycentre.com.au/>

If you have any queries about the conference please contact us at equityatthecentre@agentur.com.au

Healthy Places and Spaces – feature issue – invitation to submit original research and review articles

Improvements to the built environment, internal and external, and the promotion of active travel (walking, cycling and the use of public transport) have enormous potential to increase movement and physical activity in the population. Much more needs to be understood about these contributors to physical activity and population health and more importantly, what health promotion interventions can do to achieve positive health outcomes.

The editors invite investigators to contribute original research articles as well as review articles that will stimulate the continuing efforts to understand the effect of the built environment and active transport on population health, and to help develop appropriate intervention strategies. We are particularly interested in the evaluation of interventions with physical activity or population health outcomes.

Investigators who have conducted research on these topics are invited to submit manuscripts for consideration for a feature issue in the Health Promotion Journal of Australia.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to recent:

- Epidemiologic studies on active transport and/or the built environment, and the effect on physical activity and/or population health
- Public health and health promotion intervention studies
- Program evaluations
- Advances in assessing or monitoring changes in active transport and the built environment.

The Journal's Author guidelines are located at <http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/294/aid/17614.htm>

Prospective authors should submit an electronic copy of their complete manuscript through the journal Manuscript Tracking System at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hpja>

Manuscripts are due May 31, 2014 with First Round of Reviews July, 2014 and publication date December 2014.

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For the toolbox

Compiled by Suzanne Gleeson

Effectiveness of Health Impact Assessment in New Zealand and Australia 2005-2009.

Harris E, Haigh F, Baum F, and others Sydney: Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, Faculty of Medicine, University of NSW, 2013.

This research is the first systematic, empirical study of the influence of HIA on decision-making and implementing policies, programs and projects in Australia and New Zealand.

Available at www.apho.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=130684

Learning from research: systematic reviews for informing policy decisions: A quick guide

David Gough Alliance for Useful Evidence. December 2013

www.alliance4usefulevidence.org/assets/Alliance-FUE-reviews-booklet-3.pdf

This British guide provides a short introduction to using systematic reviews to inform policy. It is aimed at decision-makers in local government, public servants, regulatory and advisory bodies, charities and consultancies. The guide includes sections on the logic of systematic reviews, technical information, key issues, and varied approaches to reviewing.

Health inequalities in the EU

Final report of a consortium. Consortium lead: Sir Michael Marmot

http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/healthinequalitiesineu_2013_en.pdf

The report provides an outline of new evidence on health inequalities in the European Union (EU) and the policy response at EU and national level to health inequalities since 2009. It proposes pathways for change.

Sustainable Australia Report 2013: Conversations with the future

National Sustainability Council

<http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/e55f5foo-b5ed-4a77-b977-da3764da72e3/files/sustainable-report-1-3.pdf>

Sustainable Australia Report 2013: Conversations with the future provides a picture of Australia - what we look like and who we are. It tells the story of how we have changed as a nation over the last 30 years. We have made great progress in many areas. Australians are living longer, our health and levels of educational attainment have improved. We have benefited from a strong economy, with low unemployment and increasing incomes. However, inequality has increased and the health of our natural environment has continued to decline in some key areas... We need to plan for an ageing population, rising health costs, growing cities and changes in traditional work and family roles.

The National Sustainability Council intends to use the report as a starting point for a national conversation about our future and the kind of future we want for our children and grandchildren.

SMART GROWTH Unlocking Smart Growth in Australia's Capital Cities

Council of Capital Cities Lord Mayors March 2014

<http://lordmayors.org/site/?p=278>

Smart growth is about building cities well; it identifies the critical components that contribute to making Australia's Capital Cities more prosperous, sustainable and liveable places. The Smart Growth model provides a real alternative to continual expansion. It focuses on building mixed use communities with a range of housing and transport choices, great public spaces and access to local jobs.

Active by Design: Designing places for healthier lives

Design Council UK

https://www.designcouncil.org.uk/projects/active-design?utm_source=Design%20Council%20Monthly%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=af371b2f81-Pinged_34_12_13_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a2748d9827-af371b2f81-66978453

This guide, part of the Design Council's Active by Design campaign, looks at how the design of buildings and public spaces in cities and towns can lead to positive changes in our lifestyle and ultimately to greater levels of physical activity. Active by Design is looking at new ways to connect their planning system, health services and the built environment sector in ways that have not been done before. They hope to achieve this by bringing together a whole range of different disciplines - built environment professionals, including town planners, architects, landscape architects, developers, buildings managers, transport planners, public health professionals, leisure and parks professionals, and employers - and providing them with guidance and support

City Health Check: How design can save lives and money

RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) UK

<http://www.architecture.com/TheRIBA/AboutUs/InfluencingPolicy/CityHealthCheck.aspx#UvmoCWL6Ooh>

This Health check examines the link between urban environment and serious health problems in nine of the most populated cities in England. and examines how these problems relate to urban environment and levels of exercise.

Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines

Australian Government Department of Health

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pubhlth-strateg-phys-act-guidelines>

At this link you will find Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines including links to brochures, a summary fact sheet for each of the guidelines, tips and ideas for how to be physically active, as well as evidence review reports.

Sit less, move more: why Australia doubled its exercise guidelines

Cristen Tilley; Illustrations by Lucy Fahey ABC Wed 12 Mar 2014, 9:50 AM AEDT

Events and conferences



Australian Health Promotion Association's premier event of the year.

Equity @ the Centre: Action on the Social Determinants of Health National Health Promotion Conference 2014

Held in partnership with the NT Chronic Disease Network and the NT Medicare Local.

Alice Springs » 4–5 September 2014

See detailed information in an article in this Update edition.

MAY 2014

The Future is Now

Dieticians' Association of Australia
31st National Conference

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, QLD » 15–17 May 2014

<http://arinex.com.au/dietitians2014/>

World Congress of Cardiology Conference

World Heart Federation

Melbourne » 4–7 May 2014

The World Heart Federation looks forward to welcoming you to Melbourne, Australia for the World Congress of Cardiology 2014

<http://www.world-heart-federation.org/congress-and-events/world-congress-of-cardiology-scientific-sessions-2014/>

JULY 2014

Promoting Social and Economic Equality

Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2014

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre Melbourne Vic 9–12 July 2014

The theme is 'Promoting Social and Economic Equality: Responses from Social Work and Social Development'. Our focus is on the intersection of the many factors that promote equality for all people within our diverse contexts around the world.

<http://www.swsd2014.org/conference-theme/>

Healthy – Sustainable – Resilient – Cities

7th Making Cities Liveable Conference 2014

Mantra on Salt Beach, Kingscliff NSW and QLD border 10–11 July 2014

Presentations will facilitate discussion on the challenges and opportunities facing Australia. How will these suggested outcomes affect the way we live and work?

<http://healthycities.com.au/index.html>

AUGUST 2014

Building Capability

Australian Long-Term Unemployment Conference 2014

QT Hotel Gold Coast 18–19 August 2014

This conference will address the causes and programs needed to provide opportunities for at risk groups: Disability, Mature Age, Youth, Indigenous and Regional Unemployed. It will focus on 'Building Capability' to create employment in the future with over 50 presentations on research, policy, programs and case studies.

<http://longtermunemployment.org.au/>

SEPTEMBER 2014

Designing Productive Cities

7th International Urban Design Conference

Intercontinental Adelaide 1–3 September 2014.

The theme Designing Productive Cities will explore the framework required for creating today's cities, the process of designing and shaping our cities to make them more functional, attractive and sustainable. Present and share your knowledge at the Conference whilst also connecting with like-minded professionals.

<http://urbandesignaustralia.com.au/>

Equity @ the Centre: Action on the Social Determinants of Health

Australian Health Promotion Association 's Annual National Health Promotion Conference 2014

Alice Springs » 4–5 September 2014

www.equitycentre.com.au

The future of public health: big challenges, big opportunities.

Public Health Association Australia

Pan Pacific Hotel Perth WA 15–17 September 2014

www.phaa.net.au/43rd_Annual_Conference.php

Events and conferences continued

OCTOBER 2014

RIGHT TO FOOD COALITION

Putting food on the table

**Casula Power House Liverpool NSW
13–14 October 2014**

To whet your appetite – a little about one of the guest speakers - Joel Berg.

Joel Berg, an invited guest speaker from North America, has published widely on the topics of hunger, national and community service, and grassroots community partnerships and he is a passionate, informed and successful advocate for food security and doesn't shy away from facing controversial issues and is a very engaging speaker. He is currently the Executive Director of The New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCAH), a NFP organisation which aims to 'enact innovative solutions to help society move 'beyond the soup kitchen' to ensure economic and food self-sufficiency for all Americans'.

The website is currently under construction so google 'Right to food coalition' within a couple of weeks and you will be able to access all details. In the meantime, if you want more information contact Liz Millen Elizabeth.Millen@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

Walk21 Sydney 2014

XV International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities

The NSW Government in partnership with the City of Sydney won the right to host the 2014 Walk 21 event. Walk21 exists to champion the development of healthy, sustainable and efficient communities where people choose to walk. Through the Walk21 Conference series and the Walk21 International Charter, Walk21 have a vision to create an environment where people choose and are able to walk as a way to travel, to be healthy and to relax.

Luna Park » 21–23 October 2014.

<http://www.walk21sydney.com/>

2015

Many Voices – One Vision

**3rd Population Health Congress
Diary Date 6–9 September 2015**

Joint Conference of the Australian Health promotion Association, Public Health Association Australia, Australasian Epidemiological Association and the Australasian Faculty Public Health Medicine.

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
Tasmania » 6–9 September 2015**

www under construction

Very Warm Welcome to New Members

1 December 2013 to 31 March 2014

NSW

Alison Fallon
Christa Buckland
Diana Lambert
Helen Truscott
Jacqueline Cutts
Jacqui Webster
Kirsten Bourke
Lorenza Harrowell
Marisa Mitchell
Millicent Collison
Melanie Kingsland
Rebecca Hodder
Samela Husakovic

QLD

Alannah Rudkin
Baraa Quronfulah
Elisabeth Koch
Emma-Grace Armitage
Erica Mackay
Kerrie Yates
Leanne Kuroda
Cristine O'Connor
Peter Malouf
Tony Kiessler
Karen Toms
Emma Wei Chi

VIC

Andrea Catlow
Aalethea jerebine
Biswajit Banik
Benjamin McCann
Cara Busst
Clare Collings
Carly Monaghan
Erin Hinchliffe
Emily Hadgkiss
Hannah Opeskin
Hayley Tippett
Jacqui McCann
Jasmine Isaacs
Kieran Keane
Kirby Lucas
Leanne Fairbrother
Lisa Retchford
Michelle Weaver
Sarah McKie
Stephanie Smith
Sophie Dreher
Stephanie East
Susanna Psalios
Stephanie Fidelis
Tanya Gunnion
Yvette Ferguson
Zoe Rust
Zi Lun Wong

WA

Abby Page
April Scott
Christina Davies
Erin Duncan
Hazel Leong
Hazel Hodgkins
Joelie Mandzufas
Kerryn Nilsson-Linne
Kristin Quinlivan
Lucinda Keillor
Mike Daube
Rebecca McLeod
Rebecca Walker
Rena Gibson
Sarah Broadhead
Tarun Weeramanthri
Population Health Great Southern
Perth Central & East Metro Medicare Local
UWA Health Promotion Unit

NT

Alison Dennis
Lynda Leigh
Tope Adeyoyibi

SA

Kelly Di Manno
Agustina Gancia
Kim Porcelli
Ozgecan Ozturk
Tom Craig

TAS

Penelope Clark
Paul Greham

Branch Round Up

NEW SOUTH WALES // Karen Bedford

NSW Branch AGM 2014: The NSW Branch AGM was held on 1 April 2014 where we welcomed the 2014/15 Committee. Welcomed back were (alphabetical order by first name): Dr Chris Rissel, Denise Fry, Jennifer Evans, Karen Bedford, Marilyn Lyford, Monique Pryce, Myna Hua, Norah Ansey, Philayrath Phongsavan and Suzanne Gleeson. Welcomed to 'the crew' for the first time was Dr Li Ming Wen. Li Ming's 'day job' is Program Manager for Research and Evaluation with the Sydney LHD Health Promotion Service and he is also an Associate Professor with Sydney Medical School at Sydney Uni. As we speak Li Ming is on his way to Korea where he will be a guest speaker at the 5th Asia-Pacific Conference on Public Health: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Emerging Issues. Well done and welcome Li Ming.

Two hard working committee colleagues, Amanda Lockeridge and Tessa Piper, from last year's committee were farewelled. Both Amanda and Tessa gave a lot of time in the service of the Branch and were both actively involved in all events that the branch put on for members. A big thank you goes out to both Amanda and Tessa for their huge contribution with special commendation for the many, many hours they freely gave to compile, write, edit and produce the NSW Branch newsletter, health promotion signals, three times a year for the past three years. THANK YOU.

We were very fortunate to have Dr Patricia Ranald present at our AGM on the TPPA (TransPacific Partnership Agreement: what it means for the health of the Australian population and why it is important to be vocal and to 'hold our government accountable to ensure it doesn't agree to any proposals that would reduce its ability to act in the public interest'. Some of the potential dangers are increased direct costs in health care provision, increased use of hospitals, higher costs of obtaining pharmaceuticals, indirect costs associated with lost productivity across society, continuing or exacerbating inequalities, and worsening the health of Australia's already vulnerable communities are just some of the potential risks. Patricia's presentation will be posted to AHPA's website and we urge members to read the presentation. For those who would like more information on the TPPA, to go to the AFTINET (Australian Fair trade & Investment Network Ltd) website at www.aftinet.org.au

NSW Branch will elect their executive at their next meeting following the AGM, develop its business plan for the year and continue to work in partnership with PHAA and others to progress advocacy and professional development initiatives.

NORTHERN TERRITORY // Alana Booth

The NT Branch has had a quiet start to 2014, but all things are set to kick off following the Branch AGM on 7th April. The Branch plans to conduct some planning following the AGM to determine the direction and priorities of the branch for 2014, in particular focused on activities to further engage NT members in AHPA and health promotion in the NT in general. The Branch will continue to have a particular focus on supporting NT members with our scholarship program and partnering with the SA branch on the Mentor Program.

The NT Branch has 3 members participating in the Conference Organising Committee for the 2014 AHPA Conference. In particular, the NT Branch has taken a lead on organising the conference dinner, with planning underway for a fun, exciting event with plenty of emphasis on the highlights of the NT, in particular Central Australia. We look forward to meeting as many colleagues as possible at the AHPA joint conference Equity @ the Centre: Action on Social Determinants of Health in Alice in September. Have you got your abstract in?

NT held its AGM on the 7 April and warmly welcomed the new NT Branch Committee for 2014/15: Cathy Malla, Alana Booth, Melanie Neal, Dagmar Schmitt and James Smith.

Congratulations to the new committee!

SOUTH AUSTRALIA // Janette Young

South Australia's year began with our Branch AGM in late February. Our speaker was Lori Baugh Littlejohns, from Canada who is undertaking her PhD here in SA. Her talk was entitled: 'Preliminary findings: factors that influence Health Promotion policy and practice in SA'. Given the rash of cuts to Health Promotion activities in SA since she landed here she has been undertaking this study in interesting times!

We again have a young and enthusiastic committee this year. For some it is their second year and so they have more confidence and sense of who and what AHPA is or could be. So it is exciting times as Branch President. The committee is keen to explore new activities for AHPA SA to spend time and energy on and recognises that this requires us to pull back on some old tried but maybe tired ones.

We have a team working on online communication for the Branch; and have been exploring workshop topics that our members have expertise and interest in, both as training and fund raising opportunities. We are already getting an enthused response for the Mindfulness workshop planned for 19 September 2014. At the same time we are conscious of not letting go of the wisdom of past AHPA SA leaders, and so the Vice President and I are working to meet up in the near future with some of our key past leaders.

We have two great students supporting our committee via a student placement again – welcome to Diana Donga and Nabila Al Kilabi. The committee has agreed to provide sponsorship to the National AHPA conference; and we look forward to working with the Australian & New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies (ANZALS) in a 2015/16 conference to be held in Adelaide.

TASMANIA // Jacquie Maginnis, Glen Paley

Due to a small member group, representatives from the Tasmanian Branch recently had a discussion with Executive representatives from the AHPA Board to discuss future options for the Branch.

“Arts Health Tasmania” was discussed as an opportunity to foster an exciting health promotion initiative in this State, and to involve current members and attract potential members. This project provides a focus on improving the practice of arts in health promotion. This focus has taken the form of a formal collaboration between AHPA, the Tasmanian Health Organisations South and Population Health DHHS.

As a partner in the collaboration AHPA will:

Facilitate regular networking and learning sessions around Tasmania; and

Host visits from arts and health professionals to run arts and health training sessions.

There will also be opportunities for advocacy activities e.g. media releases, launching of the arts and health framework and more.

The most significant evidence of need for the “Arts Health Tasmania” focus is contained within the National Arts and Health Framework endorsed by the Federal and State Health and Cultural ministers in 2013. The Framework confirms the connection between arts and Health Promotion and highlights the importance of partnerships and skill development. It provides encouragement for collaborative partnerships across the arts and health sectors to develop new strategies and approaches to arts and health practice. The framework also highlights the lack of ongoing research, evaluation and documentation in Australia. This collaboration is already raising interest in membership for the branch.

Another option is the possibility of joining with the Victorian Branch – one branch two States. Preliminary discussions are in progress.

Tasmania is looking forward to having the Population Health Congress in Hobart 6-9 September 2015. If you haven't got this in your diary – now's the time to save the dates. There will be volunteering opportunities re a social committee, reviewing papers and so on.

The AHPA Board is in the process of setting up a Communication Working Group in which I (Jacquie Maginnis) have expressed interest so members will be updated as that work progresses. We welcome the input from members about the proposals.

Tasmanian Branch ahpatas@hotmail.com

VICTORIA // Andrew Jones- Roberts

The Victorian Branch held its AGM on March 25 where we reflected on the year's achievements and formally announced the 2014 Victorian Branch Committee. The following is a summary of the initiatives the Branch has delivered over the past year.

Our Skill Development program promoted professional development opportunities and events, conducted professional development and supported members to attend the AHPA National conference. This year's highlight was a Social Media Workshop where staff from health promotion organisations across Victoria presented their social media strategies.

In 2013 the ‘Public Health and Health Promotion Careers Information Evening’ was held as a joint event with the Victorian branches of AHPA, the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) and the Australasian Epidemiological Association (AEA). 330+ guests gathered ‘hot tips’ for early career professionals and heard about the career journey of professionals who work across the population health sector.

This year also brought about the ‘Friday Update’, a great email tool for communicating with members. Our LinkedIn Group has continued to grow and we recently launched our Facebook page which is restricted to AHPA members only. If you haven't joined – I encourage you to do so. Once again, we offered a range of awards including the two Carol Bailey Student of the Year Awards, funded by VicHealth and the Deakin University AHPA (Victoria Branch) Award. We also celebrated the branch's 20th Anniversary with a social night for members earlier this year.

All in all, it has been a busy and successful year.

This will be my final contribution to UPDATE as State President as I am stepping down from the committee. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Victorian Branch committee. It has been an absolute pleasure working with such a dedicated group of volunteers committed to progressing health promotion. Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the incoming Victorian Branch committee for 2014. David Towl (President), Laura Newstead (Vice President), Angela Vidic (Secretary), Joanne Warnecke (Treasurer), Stephen Bendle, Zoe Black, Rachel Page and Zoe Rust.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA // Jamie-Lee Cavill

WA Branch members started 2014 together for the AGM. The meeting included the fourth Annual Ray James Memorial Lecture, this year presented in a new format. Five speakers gave snapshot presentations addressing the topic The State of Health Promotion: Challenges, Opportunities and the ‘So what?’. Speakers included Amberlee Laws, Prof Rob Donovan, Jodie Hurd, Prof. Mike Daube and Rochelle Tobin.

The presentation of the annual AHPA WA Branch Awards saw two dedicated members acknowledged for their work in supporting new and emerging health promoters, with Dr Melissa Stoneham and Ann Barblett awarded ‘Most Outstanding Mentors’. Four outgoing Committee members were acknowledged, including Gemma Crawford. Gemma has been on the WA Branch Committee since 2005 and led the Committee for four years as President. Gemma will remain in close contact as the National President and as a new member of the WA Branch Strategic Advisory Group.

The incoming WA Branch Committee, supported by enthusiastic ex-officio and student members, has begun working away on 2014 initiatives.

Scholarships: Gemma Brooks and Rochelle Tobin were awarded health promotion scholarships for 2014, taking a regional focus with their projects. Gemma is working with WA Country Health Service to develop ear health packages for health professionals across the Pilbara region, while Rochelle is working with the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA (PHAIWA) to reduce soft drink consumption in remote Aboriginal communities.

Advocacy & Partnerships: The WA Branch recently endorsed two new position statements on ‘Research and Evaluation’ and ‘Health Promotion Settings’. A submission was made on the ANPHA's draft recommendations concerning the regulation of alcohol advertising in Australia, which includes closing the loophole on alcohol advertising in live sport broadcasts. <http://www.healthpromotion.org.au/wa-documents/354-western-australia-branch-downloads-advocacy>

Capacity Building & Excellence: The Branch partnered with PHAIWA for the Opinion Piece Seminar ‘Is the Ottawa Charter still useful for health promotion professionals in 2014?’

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Advertising Price Guide

April 2014 – All prices inclusive of GST

Eighth page advertisement (landscape)

Members \$25.00

Non members \$35.00

Quarter page advertisement (portrait)

Members \$35.00

Non members \$45.00

One third of a page advertisement (portrait)

Members \$45.00

Non members \$55.00

Half page advertisement (landscape/portrait)

Members \$55.00

Non members \$65.00

Full page advertisement (portrait)

Members \$65.00

Non members \$95.00

Bookings for advertising in *Update* must be received two weeks prior to the deadline for submission of articles.

The deadline for the next *Update* is **30 June 2014.**

Please provide all text in Word and pictures and photos as picture files eg JPG.

Additional costs will apply if typesetting or layout is required.

Send your copy to admin@healthpromotion.org.au

Articles appearing in the *Update* do not necessarily reflect the views of the Australian Health Promotion Association.

Contributions are very welcome. For the June/July 2014 edition please send to admin@healthpromotion.org.au by **20 June 2014.**

Are your colleagues members of AHPA?

Let them know that joining online is just a click away – click <http://www.healthpromotion.org.au/membership> and join - it is so easy.

To renew your membership - do so online – just click on the ‘Renew Now’ button at <http://www.healthpromotion.org.au/membership>

To edit or update your membership details – go to <http://www.healthpromotion.org.au/members/member.php>

Enter your user name and password. Once you have made the changes to your details do remember to save the changes.