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DR HANNAH BADLAND ANNOUNCED AS INAUGURAL AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION THINKER IN RESIDENCE

Australia's leading organisation for health promotion practitioners, the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®) has launched a prestigious award, the *AHPA Thinker in Residence*. The *Thinker in Residence* recognises and supports outstanding minds undertaking novel and transformative work in health promotion with the potential to profoundly impact on and / or transform a broad area of practice or policy.

AHPA President, Gemma Crawford, said "We are really pleased to introduce this new award. It is a fantastic way to recognise high-calibre thinkers in health promotion and is an opportunity to shine a light on key health promotion issues."

The Association is pleased to announce Dr Hannah Badland as the inaugural Thinker in Residence.

Dr Badland is a Principal Research Fellow based in the Centre for Urban Research, School of Global Urban and Social Studies at RMIT University. Dr Badland's research examines how the built environment, through the social determinants of health, is connected to health, wellbeing, and inequities in both adults and children internationally.

"This award provides an excellent platform to further the momentum for how health promotion research can be applied to reduce inequities" Dr Badland said.

As part of her residence Dr Badland will lead a seminar and be a panellist at the AHPA Health Promotion Symposium in Canberra 23-24 August 2018. She will also contribute to important discussions on health promotion, the social determinants of health, and equity.

Ms Crawford said "This year marks 10 years since Australia's response to the World Health Organization Commission on Social Determinants of Health. The Thinker in Residence provides a way to refocus attention on this important issue."

"We are delighted to be working with Dr Badland who has a strong track record of internationally recognised research on liveability and a focus on equity," said Ms Crawford.

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