

## **MEDIA ALERT**

# **Experts Gather in Brisbane to Improve Public Health**

**Where:** Brisbane Convention Centre

**When:** Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 September 2011

**Time:** Commencing 8:30am Monday & Tuesday, 9am on Wednesday.

Public health experts and practitioners from around the country and eminent overseas visitors are coming together for the Public Health Association of Australia's (PHAA) 41st Annual Conference in Brisbane. This year's focus on *Sustainable Population Health* has attracted over 300 participants, looking to showcase and debate new ideas. Headline issues to be discussed include: public health systems; sustainability, population and environmental implications for public health; social determinants of health; and the impact of inequity and disadvantage on population health outcomes.

The conference will be formally opened by PHAA President, Professor Helen Keleher, at 8:30am on Monday 26 September 2011. Ms Louise Sylvan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the new Australian National Preventive Health Agency will deliver the opening address.

Public health policy makers, researchers, service delivery agencies and community groups working in the public health sphere will be among the groups represented at the conference, which will bring together over 300 people to determine new ways to improve public health and related social outcomes for Australians.

"Among the hot topics to be discussed at the conference will be challenges associated with implementing the current health sector reforms and the impact of environmental issues on public health. The conference also has a strong focus on the impact of poverty and disadvantage on health and addressing a range of new challenges to public health both in Australia and overseas," said Michael Moore, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Public Health Association of Australia.

### **For further information/comment:**

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*An outline of the conference program is available on the PHAA website at:*

<http://www.phaa.net.au/documents/AnnualProgram2011.pdf>

*Sponsors of the 41st PHAA Annual Conference include: the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing; National Health and Medical Research Council; and New South Wales Department of Health.*