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Public Health Association of Australia (WA Branch) 2010 State Conference



Global Issues, Local Solutions - Thinking outside the box Tradewinds Hotel, East Fremantle, 18 -19 November 2010

The Western Australian branch of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) invites members and the wider public health community to the 2010 conference “Global issues, local solutions - Thinking outside the box”.

This conference will explore issues that seriously impact on the ability for people to live a healthy and long life. Equity, sustainable development and climate change, the lack of improvement in Indigenous health, chronic diseases and food security will be but a few of the topics discussed. One important aspect of this conference will be generation of recommendations for future action.

A key feature of the conference will be panel discussions where invited speakers and conference participants can discuss and collaborate to promote sustainability, both internally and externally, with non-governmental organisations and with the broader community. The PHAA (WA) recognises the importance of youth involvement, which will be an important feature within the conference.

The conference will also include an extensive conference program including poster and oral presentations, opportunities to join discussion groups as well as interactive presentations, trade exhibits and much professional development and networking opportunities. Registration forms are available from the PHAA website: <http://www.phaa.net.au/wa.php>

We look forward to you joining us in Fremantle 2010. For more information contact:

Conference convenor: Dr Melissa Stoneham at melissagiv@bigpond.com
Conference secretariat: Ms Erin Phipps at ephipps@bigpond.com.au

Keynote Speakers



Mr Tom Calma, National Coordinator, Tackling Indigenous Smoking

Mr Calma is an Aboriginal elder from the Kungarakan tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja tribal group whose traditional lands are south west of Darwin and on the Coburg Peninsula in Northern Territory, respectively. He has been involved in Indigenous affairs at a local, community, state, national and international level and has worked in the public sector for over 35 years.

Professor Sally Casswell, Professor of Social Health Research



Sally Casswell is a social scientist and is the Director of The SHORE and Whariki Research Centre at Massey University. Her research interests are in social and public health policy, particularly in relation to alcohol and other drugs. She has a particular interest in development and implementation of healthy public policy at the community level and in evaluation of these initiatives, including strategies to reduce the exposure of young people to alcohol marketing.

Dr Paul Vogel, EPA Chairman, Western Australia



Dr Vogel was appointed Chairman of the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority in November 2007. Prior to his appointment, he was the inaugural Chief Executive and Chairman of the South Australian EPS from November 2002, with responsibilities for environmental regulation, development assessment and radiation protection.

Paul has worked across the three tiers of government, business and community and has extensive senior management experience in organisational and regulatory reform and strategic and collaborative approaches to sustainability, natural resources management, waste management, air and marine quality, site contamination and radiation protection.

Dr Vogel is also a board director of a national Cooperative Research Centre on Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment.

Dr Tarun Weeramanthri, Executive Director Public Health (WA Health)



After training in WA, Tarun worked in the Northern Territory from 1991-2007, first in Aboriginal health research, and then as an outreach and specialist physician. He helped develop the NT Preventable Chronic Disease Strategy, and became NT Chief Health Officer in 2004. He returned to WA in 2008 to establish a new Public Health Division. His interests are in the contribution public health can make to Aboriginal health improvement, health services research and the implementation of health policy, and the potential of spatial technology as an everyday tool for health data analysis.