

MEDIA ALERT

Experts Gather in Adelaide to Improve Public Health

Where: Adelaide Convention Centre
When: Monday 27 – Wednesday 29 September 2010
Time: Commencing 8:30am each day

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) 40th Annual Conference in Adelaide. This year's focus on *Public Health in a 21st Century Society: new ways of knowing, doing and living* has attracted around 300 participants, looking to showcase and debate new ideas. Headline issues to be discussed include climate change, the environment and emerging health problems; technologies and public health in the 21st century; and Indigenous health.

The conference will be formally opened by PHAA President and Deputy Chair of the National Preventative Health Taskforce, Professor Mike Daube, at 8:30am on Monday 27 September 2010.

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 around 300 people to determine new ways to improve health and related social outcomes for Australians.

"Among the hot topics to be discussed at the conference will be challenges associated with *Closing the Gap* in health outcomes for Indigenous Australians. 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/40th_Annual_Program.pdf

Sponsors of the 40th PHAA Annual Conference include: the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing; Government of South Australia: SA Health; National Health and Medical Research Council; and New South Wales Department of Health.