



**PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**  
of Australia Inc

Welcome to 2007.....

## From The Public Health Association of Australia Inc (SA Branch)

### Welcome from the President

A warm welcome from this year's Executive Committee of the South Australian Branch of the Public Health Association of Australia. The Executive values your membership, and your collegiality, and will work hard to ensure that you enjoy the benefits of belonging to a vibrant and active group of people who are committed to advancing public health in South Australia.

We kicked off this year's professional development programme with a seminar on Climate Change and the Effects on Public Health. Many thanks to our speakers, Mark Parnell (Member of SA Legislative Council, SA Greens), Rob Murray-Leach (Sustainability and Climate Change Division, SA Department of the Premier and Cabinet), and Peng Bi (Department of Public Health, Adelaide University), for encouraging debate on an important and serious topic. Future events will include a seminar on harm minimisation in public health, another on conducting research with refugees, and a third on international aspects on TV food advertising to children (see programme dates). Many of our seminars are run in conjunction with other organisations so that we can extend our networks and the range of areas of interest.

In October we will be staging another of our successful South Australian public health/health promotion conferences. Past conferences have been a resounding success by showcasing local and national initiatives in public health research and practice. They have also been used to acknowledge and reward the work of students and early-career researchers.

Lastly, keep an eye out for news of our mentoring programme which is designed to team up new and experienced practitioners. We run this in collaboration with the SA branch of the Australian Health Promotion Association. Evaluation of the programme tells us it is considered to be very valuable for both mentors and mentees.

They say that an organisation is only as effective as the commitment of individual members. This is certainly true of our organisation. So we welcome your involvement in branch activities and look forward to meeting you at one of our events.

Best wishes,

John Coveney  
SA Branch PHAA President

### PHAA events for 2007

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Breakfast Seminar (7:30- 8:45am) <i>"Food Advertising and Children – Policy battles in Europe"</i>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ethics of research and refugees (3:30 -8pm)
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<i>"Sex, Drugs and Rock &amp; Roll"</i> Harm minimisation in Public Health
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	38 <sup>th</sup> PHAA Annual Conference, Alice Springs <i>"Reality Check - Inequalities &amp; Health Tackling the Differentials"</i>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	SA Public Health Conference
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February 2008</b>	Child Abuse Seminar
<b>7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008</b>	Population Health Congress Brisbane

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