CPHCE Bi-monthly Newsletter

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Highlights

- Covid-19 Recovery and Resilience Equity Focussed Health Impact Assessment for Sydney LHD is in the identification stage and HERDU is running focus groups and key informant interviews across the district focusing on the equity impacts of changes to health services, changes to work and Covid-19 exposure and infection.
- Avant Foundation Detailed Application 2021 for breast and colorectal cancer shared care plan has been successful.
- Elizabeth Harris received an award in the Queens' Birthday Honours List on Monday 14th June 2021. She was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service in health equity.
- PhD student Uday Narayan Yadav has received Student Scholarship for presenting a research paper at AAAPC Conference, Uday had also submitted his Ph.D. thesis on 21st June 2021.

Projects

• Community Health Workers project induction with bilingual community navigators meeting held on 3rd June at CPHCE Randwick office:



- Refugee Health Workshop with collaborators held on 15th June and 21 participants from 12 different organisations attended this workshop. This workshop was held with the intention of connecting with potential collaborators and partners to identify opportunities to work together on projects that will improve the health of people of refugee/asylum seeker background.
- SUNNY Face to Face meeting held on 25th May, the team managed to finalised the resources they have been developing during this meeting.

UPDATE FROM CHETRE

• CHETRE has been successful in the application of MRFF/NHMRC grant. The 2020 Closing the Gap report states that progress towards better health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples must include harnessing the strength of culture as an underlying determinant of good health. Our research team is built on strong connections to, and representation from, <u>Yuwalaraay</u>, <u>Yuin</u> and <u>Gamilaraay</u> traditional owners and knowledge holders of the North-western and South Coast regions of NSW.

The project will take a strengths-based approach by working through existing community-led initiatives operating in these regions, that seek to enhance

enculturation through strengthening connections to Aboriginal cultural landscapes (physical landscapes of cultural significance), practices (ceremony, medicines, foods), and languages through walaay (cultural camps). The walaays will act as study interventions where we will use a range of quantitative and qualitative methods to understand how they are linked to processes of cultural resilience building, and if and how this impacts health and quality of life.

The project will also collaborate with policy makers and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, to iteratively develop an evidence-informed Model of Cultural Resilience that aims to create linkages between health systems and cultural initiatives through shared goals, communication, and pathways; and to inform how cultural resilience can be enhanced and supported. For more information please contact <u>Dr Aryati Yashadhana</u>.

Publications

- Challenges and solutions to sharing a cancer follow-up e-care plan between a cancer service and general practice
 By Jane Taggart, Mark Harris & more
- Spatial, temporal, and demographic patterns in prevalence of smoking tobacco use and attributable disease burden in 204 countries and territories, 1990–2019; a systematic analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019
 By Freddy Sitas & more
- Tackling gambling harm to improve health equity in New South Wales, BEE Report By Andrew Ried
- The Routledge Handbook of Public Transport, Chapter 20: The health impacts of public transport By Chris Standen
- Family imaginaries in the disclosure of a blood-borne virus
 By Kerryn Drysdale & more
- Urban transport infrastructure planning and the public interest: a public health perspective.
 By Patrick Harris & more

*This paper was also reported in the 'Minister wants electrification of all NSW vehicles to overcome health concerns' article by The Sydney Morning Herald

People

- Shoko Saito has transitioned her role to work with HERDU on health literacy project.
- Ben Harris-Roxas will be soon leaving us as the Director of SEaRCH, he will be taking a position at the School of Population Health, UNSW.
- Siggi Zapart will be soon leaving us for her retirement.

Communication & Education

- Kerryn Drysdale contributed to the Centre for Social Research in Health submission to the Mandatory Disease Testing Bill (2020), providing evidence that the bill should not be passed in its current form.
- Evelyne de Leeuw is the Chair (President even!) of <u>IUHPE2022</u>, and IUHPE22 have now published, after rigorous peer-review, their platform in Global Health Promotion entitled 'Dismantling the status quo: promoting policies for health, well-being and equity: an <u>IUHPE2022 prelude</u>'

Events

- World No Tobacco Day Webinar. Vaping and Smoking What You Need to Know
 Presented by Freddy Sitas, Jackie Curtis and Becky Freeman on 31th May 2021,1:30-2:30pm, recoding is available to download/view at this link.
- What have death certificates ever done for us

Presented by Freddy Sitas on 9^{th} June 2021, 12-1pm, recoding is available to download/view at this link.

 Shisha No Thanks: International perspectives on addressing the harms of waterpipe smoking Research to Practice Forum 28th May 2021, 3-5pm

SEARCH co-hosted this event with South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) and the Cancer Institute NSW on water pipe use. This event brought together international experts from the American University of Beirut and Australian tobacco control experts from the University of Sydney and UNSW Sydney to discuss waterpipe use (also known as shisha, arghile and hookah). It also launched a new ShishaNoThanks video to coincide with 2021 World No Tobacco Day. Please see Shisha No Thanks Research to Practice Forum Summary.

Media Release & Blogs

• Ben Harris-Roxas being interviewed on the changes to Medicare in the Saturday Paper's article called 'Is Medicare under attack?'





