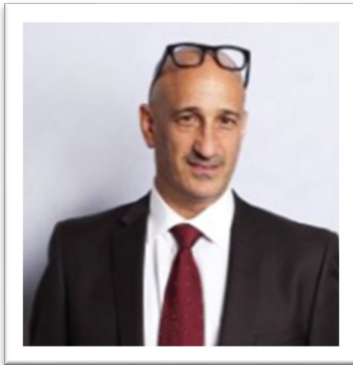


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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - *Professor Gregory Kolt*



Every year on 27 October, [World Occupational Therapy Day](#) increases awareness of occupational therapists and their global impact. Occupational Therapists support people with their fine motor skills in order to assist them with every day tasks. While occupational therapists traditionally look after individuals rather than populations, Professor Bass and Associate Professor Baker, in their article [Occupational Therapy and Public Health: Advancing Research to Improve Population Health and Health Equity](#) consider how “health promotion and prevention interventions emphasizes occupation as an essential element of healthy lifestyles for individuals and populations with and without disabilities”.

At CAPHIA, advancing public health research across the spectrum of subject matter is something that we proactively support for our members. Earlier this month, CAPHIA submitted a submission into the Medical Research Future Fund Consultation process with two key points; that additional funding should be made available for dedicated public health focused research and that the current MRFF Strategy (2016 -2021) should enhance the linkages with tertiary public health education through the universities sector so that research is not just translational within the health care system and policy environment but also has practical inclusion within health and medical curriculum taught to the future workforce within Australia.

This is just one of the many activities completed this year or currently underway that has demonstrated the enhanced benefits of CAPHIA membership. I would like to thank you for your support this year, and invite member universities to participate in the Workshop Discussion and Annual General Meeting on 16 November 2021.

If you have any questions or would like further information about any of the content covered in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to email [caphia@phaa.net.au](mailto:caphia@phaa.net.au)

*Professor Gregory Kolt*  
**Chair, CAPHIA Executive Committee**

## IMPORTANT KEY DATES COMING UP

### **CAPHIA Discussion Forum and Annual General Meeting** **16 November 2021, 11am – 3:30pm (AEDT)**

Participate in key discussions around education quality and standards, academic development and public health advocacy.

Speakers include:

- Heather Krasna, Assistant Dean, Columbia University, United States of America
- Naomi Stekelenburg, Queensland University of Technology
- Christine Roseveare, Massey University, New Zealand

To RSVP email [caphia@phaa.net.au](mailto:caphia@phaa.net.au)



## CAPHIA's Social Media Intern Blog

*Have you added CAPHIA as a friend on [Facebook](#) or followed CAPHIA on [Twitter](#)?*

### World's First Malaria Vaccine by Lindsey Ngo, Griffith University

Early October this year marks a landmark victory for public health when the WHO recommended the use of the world's first Malaria vaccine for at risk-children. The vaccine is the result of 30 years of research and development and the recommendation of its use comes at a time when global progress against malaria has halted. A programme piloting the RTS,S/AS01 (RTS,S) vaccine in Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi has reached nearly 1,000,000 children since it began in 2019 and has led to this striking new recommendation.



Nearly half of the world's population is at risk of malaria. In Sub-Saharan Africa, Malaria is one of the leading causes of death and illness in children with 750 children dying each day from the disease. In addition to causing death and disease directly, malaria also indirectly impacts children's ability to thrive nutritionally. This leads to a vicious cycle of decreased development, education, employment opportunities, and on a larger scale, halts the demographic transition as families continue to lose children to the disease. Each year, Malaria is responsible for between 0.41%

to 8.9% reduction in GDP in African countries.

The RTS,S vaccine will be provided in a schedule of 4 doses in children ages 5 months and over to prevent malaria and reduce the burden of disease. The pilot programme found a 30% reduction in deadly malaria, even in areas with high insecticide treated nets and access to treatment. Further, the pilot did not affect other child vaccination uptake, or health seeking behaviours for other diseases.

Modelling additionally predicted that the vaccine is cost-effective in areas with moderate to high levels of malaria transmission. The direct impacts of the vaccine are noteworthy. There is expected to be a 40% reduction in malaria episodes and 1 life saved for every 200 children vaccinated.

The RTS,S vaccine can be delivered through existing child vaccination programs and is expected to reach over 80% of children.

Visit <https://www.who.int/initiatives/malaria-vaccine-implementation-programme> to read more about the pilot programme that led to the ground breaking recommendation.



# Attention Early Career Academics...Join the Speed Networking Events Now!

## CAPHIA Early Career Academics Free Online Speed Networking Events 2021

The Early Career and Postgraduate Subcommittee (ECAPS) of the Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australasia (CAPHIA) is hosting a series of online speed networking events for Higher Degree Research (HDR) candidates and Early Career Academics (no more than 10 years post-PhD).

The purpose of the event is to:

- Help HDR students build networks to step into a post-PhD career
- Provide opportunities for ECAs to strengthen their networks with other ECAs for research or teaching, and/or to connect with HDR candidates to build mentoring skills

There is no cost to register or attend.

### How will it work?

The event will be conducted through Zoom and will take approximately 1 hour. Where possible, each event will consist of an equal number of ECAs and HDR candidates. As a participant, you will be paired up with another participant in a Zoom breakout room for 5 minutes where you will have an opportunity to exchange information about your research, teaching or mentoring interests. This is followed by a 1-minute break where you will have time to make notes before you are paired with another participant.

### When is it happening?

There will be 10 events. You may participate in more than 1 event, pending availability.

\*All sessions are open to participants to develop research and teaching networks, but the session held on Wed 3 Nov at 11-12PM is dedicated to developing networks for the purposes of improving public health teaching.

Date	Time	Facilitator
Mon 1 Nov	11AM to 12PM	Dr. Abrar Chughtai (UNSW Sydney)
	1PM to 2PM	Dr. Abrar Chughtai (UNSW Sydney)
Tue 2 Nov	11AM to 12PM	Dr. Sophia Lin (UNSW Sydney)
	1PM to 2PM	Dr. Tanmay Bagade (University of Newcastle)
Wed 3 Nov	11AM to 12PM*	Dr. Sophia Lin (UNSW Sydney)
	1PM to 2PM	Dr. Sophia Lin (UNSW Sydney)
Thu 4 Nov	11AM to 12PM	Dr. Tanmay Bagade (University of Newcastle)
	1PM to 2PM	Dr. Tanmay Bagade (University of Newcastle)
Fri 5 Nov	11AM to 12PM	Dr. Abrar Chughtai (UNSW Sydney)
	1PM to 2PM	Dr. Tanmay Bagade (University of Newcastle)

All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

If interested, please register here: [https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_42xgdwjoUxzeDR4](https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42xgdwjoUxzeDR4)

The organisers will send reminders and a Zoom link closer to the date.

For further information, please contact Dr Sophia Lin: [sophia.lin@unsw.edu.au](mailto:sophia.lin@unsw.edu.au)





## GLOBAL NETWORK FOR ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH

CAPHIA recently had the pleasure of working as part of the Global Network for Academic Public Health to contribute to the report on the [Global Governance for Improved Human, Animal, and Planetary Health](#). This report considers that decision-makers from government and across all fields need to establish better knowledge of public health issues in order to understand and best serve their communities in preventing and responding to public health crises, adapting health services to meet urgent needs, and ensuring inequities are not deepened. Public health institutions are well placed to provide this advice and support.

In early September 2021, CAPHIA was invited to join the Global Network of Academic Public Health. This Global Network includes the [Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health \(APACPH\)](#) and [Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health](#) among others. This network aims to enhance academic public health worldwide through mutual learning and collaborations between academic public health institution.



Kimberley Spirit, a medical student reflection inspired by her virtual Kimberley placement at an art gallery

### Connecting with our members



**Name:** Professor Donna Mak

**University:** University of Notre Dame Australia (Fremantle campus)

**Spotlight on one of your programs:** I teach students across all four years of the medical curriculum. The program closest to my heart is the [Kimberley Remote Area Health Placement](#) in which all second year medical students spend one week living and working with a family or organisation to learn first-hand about the social and environmental determinants of health in remote Australia.

**A Challenge you Experienced in 2020/21:** In 2020, COVID-19-related travel restrictions precluded student travel to the Kimberley.

**What was your solution:** With the support of our placement hosts and the West Kimberley community, we were able to deliver the program successfully in a virtual format. In 2021, we implemented learnings from the virtual experience to enhance the physical placement, and provided virtual placements to students who were unable to travel due to illness or family commitments and who in previous years would have missed out on the experience altogether.

The COVID-enforced virtual placement of 2020 helped us to improve the physical placement and provided us with an educationally equivalent option for students who cannot travel!



Domain Chair  
Population and Preventive Health  
School of Medicine (Fremantle)  
University of Notre Dame Australia





**REGISTER TODAY!**

## **Justice Health Conference 2021**

***Evidence, Accountability, Action***

Wednesday 3 to Thursday 4 November 2021 | Virtual Conference



[www.justicehealth2021.com](http://www.justicehealth2021.com) | [#JusticeHealth2021](https://twitter.com/JusticeHealth2021)

The Justice Health Conference will be held on Wednesday 3 to Thursday 4 November 2021 as a virtual Conference. The 2021 Conference theme is: ***Evidence, Accountability, Action***.

The PHAA Justice Health Conference 2021 provides a timely opportunity to explore these and other issues relevant to the health of justice-involved people in Australia. It is an opportunity to stay informed with the latest research and evidence, to share ideas and experience of working in or on the system, and to connect with colleagues across the country.

Keynote speakers include:

- The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians
- Professor Thalia Anthony, Professor of Law, University of Technology Sydney
- Carly Stanley and Keenan Mundine, Deadly Connections Community and Justice Services
- Steven Caruana, Coordinator, Australia OPCAT Network
- Associate Professor Penny Abbott, Department of General Practice, Western Sydney University
- Dr Michael Levy, public health physician
- Dr Mindy Sotiri, Executive Director, Justice Reform Initiative
- Teddy Cook, Acting Director, Community Health, ACON
- Kaz Zinnetti, Chair, NSW Trans and Gender Diverse Criminal Justice System Advisory Council
- Keith Quayle, Organiser, NSW Community Advocates for People in Prisons
- Shane Rattenbury, ACT Attorney-General, ACT Government
- Emma Davidson, ACT Minister for Justice Health
- And more!

To view the program and register to attend, [please click here](#).

# CROAKEY HEALTH MEDIA

## About the CHM Funding Consortium

The Croakey Health Media **funding consortium** plays a critical role in our sustainability. This funding supports Croakey's operations and public interest journalism. Now more than ever, Croakey needs to rely on consortium funding. Consortium members also play an invaluable role in helping to expand our reach and impact.



"The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of robust, independent public interest journalism. We are grateful to members of the Croakey Health Media funding consortium for recognising the importance of public interest journalism for public health and public policy."

Dr Melissa Sweet, Editor-in-Chief, Croakey Health Media

"Consortium membership provides opportunities for organisations to engage with public interest journalism, and to increase the impact of your communications and contributions to broader public debate and policy."

Laurell Grubb, Chief Operating Officer, Croakey Health Media

Croakey Health Media is inviting Schools of Public Health to view their new [Croakey Health Media Funding Consortium Package](#).



The following Grant Opportunities (GO) are currently available at [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au)

**GO ID:** GO5175

**Agency:** Organ and Tissue Authority

**Primary Category:**

231012 - Health Promotion and Prevention Programs

**Publish Date:** 22-Oct-2021

**Location:** ACT, NSW, VIC, SA, WA, QLD, NT, TAS

**Selection Process:** Open Competitive

**Description:**

This grant opportunity supports community-based awareness and education activities that contribute to increasing public understanding of and support for organ and tissue donation.

Specifically, it seeks applicants who will work in partnership with the Organ and Tissue Authority to develop and implement broad-reaching **national events, media or publicity, or research or education projects**.

Funding is available for three categories during 2022:

1. **National events** – annual national community awareness events that reach mass audiences across the country (multi-year funding available)
2. **Media or publicity** – media, public relations and/or digital activities targeting young people, First Nations Peoples, and/or culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups (single year funding available)
3. **Research or education projects** – research or behavioural change projects, or the development and distribution of education resources, for young people, First Nations Peoples, or CALD groups (single year funding available).

**GO ID:** GO5150

**Agency:** National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

**Close Date & Time:** 1-Dec-2021 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**Primary Category:** 231013 - Medical Research

**Publish Date:** 20-Oct-2021

**Location:** ACT, NSW, VIC, SA, WA, QLD, NT, TAS

**Selection Process:** Targeted or Restricted Competitive

**Description:**

The objective of the CRE scheme is to improve health outcomes and promote or improve translation of research outcomes into policy and/or practice. The CRE scheme will also support researchers in capacity building activities, including in specific areas of need identified by NHMRC.

The intended outcomes of the CRE scheme are to:

- support the conduct and development of innovative, high quality, collaborative research
- promote effective translation of research into health policy and/or practice
- foster and build capacity in the health and medical research workforce
- provide opportunities to expand and improve collaborations between research teams.

CREs will provide support for teams of researchers to pursue collaborative research and develop capacity in clinical research, health services research and public health research.

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**GO ID:** GO4899

**Agency:** National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

**Close Date & Time:** 8-Jul-2022 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**Primary Category:** 231013 - Medical Research

**Publish Date:** 24-Jun-2021

**Location:** ACT, NSW, VIC, SA, WA, QLD, NT, TAS

**Selection Process:** Targeted or Restricted Competitive

**Description:** The NHMRC-Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Healthy Cities Implementation Science (HCIS) Team Grant Scheme supports Australian participation in international collaborative research through the CIHR Healthy Cities Research Initiative.

Projects involving Australian researchers based in Australia that are deemed fundable by CIHR, may be eligible for NHMRC support.

**Eligible Topics**

The six HCIS thematic research areas are:

- Healthcare Systems, Services and Policies
- Healthy Ageing
- Musculoskeletal Health, Mobility or Prevention (including skin and oral health)
- Type 2 Diabetes Prevention
- Urban Indigenous Health
- Population and Public Health