



Program Outline

About the Conference

Conference Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for delegates to build knowledge and networks
- To disseminate up to date information on new initiatives and developments
- To showcase new innovations in the field of Environmental Health
- To encourage partnership amongst industry and government
- To promote best practice in the field of Environmental Health

Who Should Attend

Environmental Health Officers and assistants from local, state and federal government, industry and academics, students studying in the field and anyone with a special interest in the interconnectivity between Public and Environment Health.

Conference Accommodation

The Rendezvous Hotel is offering conference delegates significantly reduced accommodation rates. To receive the discounted rates when booking, advise Reservations that you will be attending the EHA Conference. For more information or to book please call The Rendezvous Hotel on (08) 9245 1000.

Join the EHA

The EHA is committed to best practice in the environmental health industry and was formed to enable its members to express their opinions across a range of public health and environmental health concerns. It is an autonomous incorporated organisation and is operated on a federated system.

Our objectives are very broad, decidedly so to allow our organisation to move in many directions, to reflect members' needs and the changing face of environmental health.

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The Environmental Health Association (Australia) is proud to invite registrations from members, colleagues, industry professionals and interested parties for the 2011 7th National Environmental Health Conference.

Commemorating the centenary of the Health Act 1911, the conference program will focus on a combination of old issues and emerging themes in Environmental Health. Conference delegates will take an evolutionary journey through the Environmental Health profession featuring prominent historian Sue Graham-Taylor AM delivering a keynote on the History of Waste Disposal in Western Australia. The conference program will also incorporate a full day workshop by Dr Chris Reynolds discussing the implementation of Public Health Law in Australia with particular reference to the structure and principles of the new Public Health Bill and how to prepare policies under this legislation. This session is a must for local government managers and those wishing to manage the transition to the new legislation.

WORKSHOP – Thursday 20th October, 8.30pm-5pm Implementing Public Health Law in Australia

Dr Chris Reynolds

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Carnarvon Floods – A Case Study

The 3 stage approach to the recovery of Carnarvon following the 2010/2011 floods which affected the township. Illustrating the methods used from initial response right through to the eventuating debris and all the processes in between.

Setting up a Health Clinic in Rural Pakistan – an Australian Government response to the Pakistan Floods 2010

Devastating Floods caused widespread damage and destruction to much of Pakistan in 2010 causing considerable strain on local resources. As part of the Australian aid package, a Health Clinic was setup in a football field in rural Pakistan by the Australian Defence Force and Australian Medical Assistance Team (AUSMAT). This presentation will cover the mobilization, setup and running of this clinic including the challenges of 46 degree / 70% humidity temperatures, lack of clean water and a very high security alert.

Health Implications of the Fukushima Nuclear Accident

An introduction to nuclear fission and reactor design and an explanation of what went wrong at the Fukushima Daiichi plant as a result of the earthquake and tsunami in March.

Animal Hoarding

Animal hoarding is a complex disorder which impacts on animals and humans alike. The welfare consequences for the animals involved can be severe. A multi-faceted approach is necessary to effectively address the problem.

Dealing with people with Impaired decision making skills

Debra will cover issues relevant to local government officers who have concerns about the wellbeing of community members. In many cases the concern arises following issues such as neglect of a dwelling, evidence of hoarding, neighbours contacting local government officers. The presenter will provide information on referral options, including options available under the Guardianship and Administration Act 1990 to address such concerns and ensure a person has appropriate community care and support.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Mental health issues are common in our community and yet many people do not know how to respond when they encounter someone who appears to be having difficulties. This presentation will provide an overview of the prevalence and functional impact of mental illness and provide delegates with some strategies to respond appropriately.

Sewerage, slops and stench: Western Australia's sanitary past.

2011 marks the centenary of Western Australia's Health Act. Introduced at a time of the rapid economic and population growth in the State, the Health Act 1911 is based on theories of public health that linked stench, dirt and disease. These same theories shaped Western Australia's early response to issues of sewerage and public sanitation. The presentation will dip into the history of sanitation in Western Australia from the time of the first Inspector of Nuisances to those issues facing the State today.

Friday Conference Program

8.30am	Registration Desk Opens Tea/Coffee in Exhibition Area
9.00am	Official Welcome Dr Janet Woollard, MLA Peter McKenzie, EHAA President
9.40am	Award Presentation – James G Harcombe Award for Professional Excellence
9.50am	Award Presentation – Dr Richard Lugg Award for Sustained Contribution to Environmental and Public Health Professions
10.00am	The New Building Act and YOU Mr Peter Gow Commissioner, Building Commission – Department of Commerce
10.30am	Morning tea break in exhibition area
11.00am	PANEL DISCUSSION - Disaster Recoveries 2010/2011 Facilitated Lindsay Gillam, Principal Advisor (Science and Policy Unit) Department of Health
	Carnarvon Floods Alan Hobbs, Shire of Carnarvon
	Setting up a Health Clinic in Rural Pakistan – an Australian Government response to the Pakistan Floods 2010 Yusuf Nagree, Emergency Physician, Fremantle Hospital; Professor Emergency Medicine, University of WA
	Health Implications of Fukushima Nuclear Accident Steven Crossley, Medical Physicist, Dept of Medical Technology & Physics Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	PANEL DISCUSSION - Mental Health & Hoarding Facilitated by Patricia Orr, City of Cockburn
	Dealing with people with impaired decision making skills Debra Casey, Implementation Officer, Office of the Public Advocate
	Animal Hoarding Christine Jones, Chief Inspector, RSPCA WA
	Dealing with people with mental health issues Tasha Broomhall, Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategist, Blooming Minds
3.30pm	Afternoon tea break in exhibition area
4.00pm	Sewerage, slops and stench: Western Australia's sanitary past Dr Sue Graham-Taylor, UWA
	CELEBRATE 100 Years of Environmental Health - with tribute to Trevor Walker Liz Re Peter McKenzie
5.00pm	CONFERENCE CLOSES Peter McKenzie
6.30pm	Environmental Health Gala Dinner Friday, 21st October 2011 Ocean Room; Rendezvous Hotel Featuring Matt Hollywood Entertainment



Alan Hobbs



Christine Jones



Peter Gow



Tasha Broomhall



Liz Re