CRE NEWSLETTER

NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Healthy Liveable Communities

News

CRE Activities
Belen Zapata and Dr Lennert Veerman have been working on a report for the Centre for Population Health of the NSW Ministry of Health to estimate the health-related economic value of changes in urban form thought and its impact on physical activity. The aim of the report is to allow CPH to provide other government departments with information needed to include health externalities of increases in physical activity attributable to urban form in the development of cost benefit analyses on land use planning.

The CRE has a new PhD student starting at Swinburne University in December 2015. Mr Chandrabose Manoj is currently a lecturer at University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka where he finished his MPhil earlier this year. He has a strong statistical background, and is expected to work on the AusDiab data.

Prof Billie Giles-Corti, Dr Serryn Eagleson and PhD student Melanie Lowe prepared a report on the health impact of sustainable transport options for the Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA). The report will be launched in October.

PIA National Congress
A CRE Workshop was conducted as part of the PIA National Planning Congress in Melbourne on 15 May 2015. The workshop was an opportunity to discuss the CRE’s translational activities with practitioners.

ISBNPA Meeting
A number of CRE researchers presented at the ISBNPA Conference in Scotland from 3 – 6 June 2015. This was a great opportunity to arrange a meeting with a number of the CRE’s international collaborators on 3 June 2015. The CRE’s work program was discussed, and opportunities for joint projects were explored.

MPA/CRE Seminar Series
The Municipal Planning Authority (MPA) in Melbourne and the CRE are co-hosting a series of seminars on Urban Planning and Health. The first seminar “Designing in Health” was held on 19 May 2015, and the second seminar “Housing affordability” on 11 August 2015.

PhD Confirmation
Two of the CRE PhD students have completed their PhD confirmations:
1. Maureen Murphy, “Conceptualising, developing and validating local food environment indicators for a healthy, liveable and equitable city.”
2. Haes Houweling, “Institutional barriers and pathways to effective transport at the urban fringe: Examining three metropolitan subregions.”

The next CRE bi-annual newsletter will be released in February 2016

CRE Face-to-Face Meeting
We would like to thank all of the CRE members & partners who attended the CRE Face-to-Face Meeting in Melbourne on 13 – 14 May 2015.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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**Technical Reports**


**CRE Presentations**


5. Zapata B. (Poster Presentations) A systematic review of economic analyses of active transport interventions that include physical activity benefits; and A model to estimate physical activity effects on health. *International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods 9 (ICDAM9)*, Brisbane, September 1-3, 2015.


**Awards**


2. Giles-Corti B. 2015 Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher in recognition of ranking among the top 1% of researchers for most cited publications in the field of social sciences.

3. Loh V. Graduate Scholar Award to attend the 2015 International Conference on Health, Wellness, and Society, 3-4 September 2015, Madrid, Spain.
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