Impact Report: June 2022

In June, the importance of activism in contributing to better health, for people and planet, was a constant theme through many of our articles and activities. Whether responding to the climate crisis, abuse of human rights, the threat of nuclear weapons, exploitative industries or racist healthcare systems, activism is an essential part of the health toolkit.

As the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister practised climate diplomacy, our articles examined the intertwined links between climate, the environment and health. We looked at why universities need to do a better job of educating health professionals on planetary health, and reported on what can be learnt from the National Health Service push to reduce healthcare emissions in the United Kingdom.

We provided in-depth analysis of the ramifications of the United States Supreme Court’s decision to reverse 50 years of constitutional protection for the right to have an abortion.

Our contributors also brought stories on cultural safety in mental healthcare, and the leadership of the Aboriginal Community Controlled health sector. Reporting from Adelaide, members of the Aboriginal Kidney Care Together – Improving Outcomes Now (AKction) project described their work on health journey mapping and providing culturally safe healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

As well extensive coverage of COVID, other infectious diseases were in the frame, including monkeypox. A highlight at @WePublicHealth was Associate Professor Holly Seale live-tweeting from the Communicable Diseases and Immunisation Conference 2022.

Croakey Conference News Service was productive, publishing stories from the 21st International Conference on Emergency Medicine, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Congress, and Safer Care Victoria’s Giant Steps conference. We also launched a comprehensive report from the Equally Well symposium.

Speaking of activism, Croakey Professional Services continued supporting a campaign celebrating the 25th anniversary and tremendous activism of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) – #CATSINAM25Years.

Meanwhile, Croakey editor Dr Amy Coopes is talking at the Antidote festival at Sydney Opera House on 11 September. Book tickets (in person or lifestream) here.

Social Media Impressions

We record our social media analytics using Buffer. The figures below are for total impressions across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. See our latest readership figures here.

This month: 874,286 impressions | This year: 6,103,995 impressions
**Week ending 9 June:** As the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister practise climate diplomacy this week, we focus on the intertwined links between climate, the environment and health, as well as challenges at home and abroad.

We look at why universities need to do a better job of educating health professionals on planetary health, and opportunities for climate and health advocacy in the new political context.

Human rights are put in the spotlight with reports about racism in the legal and justice systems, and the urgency of action to protect war crimes whistle-blower Julian Assange. Meanwhile, health leaders renew calls for peace in Ukraine.

Meera Senthilingam reports from London on mysterious cases of acute hepatitis in children, highlighting the need for governments to be ready to respond to emerging infectious diseases.

Reporting from Adelaide, members of the Aboriginal Kidney Care Together – Improving Outcomes Now (AKction) project describe their work on health journey mapping and providing culturally safe healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Don’t miss the latest Health Wrap by Associate Professor Lesley Wrap, with a focus on gun control, monkeypox and tips for ageing well. Our new “ICYMI” column is packed with diverse pickings.

We’ve published a report compiling Croakey Conference News Service coverage of the recent Equally Well symposium. Make sure to get your copy.
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MAPW Australia @MAPW_Australia - Jun 9

Thank you @CroakeyNews for highlighting health org's stance on attacks on healthcare in Ukraine and beyond. croakey.org/more-than-100-... @AChAC @RANZCP @2acmonline @AcademyCAH @AMHA_AU @yourAMSA @anazapples @TheRACP

#NotaTarget

Attacks on health care facilities are absolutely forbidden in armed conflict. We condemn them, in Ukraine and every other war zone in which they have occurred. We insist that all parties to this and all conflicts respect the neutrality of health professionals.

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Dr Takeshi Kasai @takeshi_kasai

The health sector must show #ClimateChange leadership by building sustainable, climate-resilient health systems that reduce our contribution to greenhouse gases and mitigate its impact.

The time to act is now.

Read my full piece in @CroakeyNews.

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PHRC @phreportcard

Thank you @CroakeyNews for publishing this article by new PHRC co-director @IsabelWaters20!

It would be fantastic to have some medical schools from Aus participating this year and do get in touch if you are interested (phreportcard@gmail.com)

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The RACP @TheRACP - 1h

Together, the Presidents of 10 medical colleges wrote an open letter to political leaders calling for a climate-ready and climate-friendly healthcare system. We are ready to be part of the solution!' says @DrJacKSmiall in a @CroakeyNews opinion piece.

#HealthyClimateFuture

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Melissa Sweet @Melissa_SweetDr - 3h

Thanks to @climatecouncil for timely briefing yesterday on climate advocacy & also @TheRACP @DrJacKSmiall: What will it take to achieve a healthy climate? croakey.org/what-will-take... #HealthyClimate #PlanetaryHealth #PublicHealth

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Deakin IPAN @DeakinIPAN - Jun 3

Reducing ultra-processed foods could provide a unique opportunity for improving the health of both people and the planet - find out how in this @CroakeyNews piece by IPAN PhD student @KimAnastasiou, IPAN's @ppmacha & @MarkLawrenceOz

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David Pencheon @pencheon - Jun 9

What will it take to achieve a healthy climate?

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Prof Cathie Sherrington @CathieSh - Jun 5

Delighted to see calls for greater government efforts on #fallsprevention and #HealthyAging in this excellent health/news summary. @anzfps @AnneTiedemann1 @delbaere_kim @billbellow @CarolynLotten @msk_health @neuraustralia

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Impact Report

https://www.croakey.org/impact/
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THW returns with weekend reading:
- monkeypox highlights lagging preparations for next pandemic
- looming international food crisis
- gun debate in US
- ageing well means tackling prevention and more.

The Health Wrap: latest on monkeypox, global food crisis, gun control and tips for ageing well

Health Journey Mapping: having a yarn about health

Universities, do a better job of educating health professionals on this critical health concern

How peer workers can break down roadblocks to hepatitis C care

Hearing the white noise

For stressed health workers and systems, what is the light at the end of the tunnel?
Other activities

On 8 June, contributing editor, Dr Summer May Finlay, received an Indigenous Governance Award, together with other members of the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW human research ethics committee.

Watch the vignette featured above about the importance of cultural safety in research.

On 2 June, Alison Barrett live-tweeted the Annual Hawke Lecture, delivered by Nobel Laureate Professor Peter Doherty.

On 8 June, Dr Melissa Sweet attended a Climate Council briefing following the Federal election on 8 June.
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Our reporting continues from the Choosing Wisely National Meeting and Safer Care Victoria’s recent Giant Steps conference.

Twitter analytics for @CroakeyNews showed three high-impact tweets from the #RANZCP2022 conference.
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**Week ending 16 June:** Emergency doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers from 65 countries are in Melbourne this week for the 21st International Conference on Emergency Medicine.

With the national and international healthcare crisis making front pages around the world, conference convenor Dr Simon Judkins says there has never been a more important time to ask how we can improve health systems amid unprecedented pressures.

It’s a question with many interconnected answers, some of which are presented in our bulletin this week.

We bring stories on cultural safety in mental healthcare, the social determinants of mental health and wellbeing, and the leadership of the Aboriginal Community Controlled health sector.

Ahead of an important World Health Organization meeting on monkeypox, our contributors caution against complacency, and highlight the importance of effective community engagement and communications.

We wish the Treasurer Dr Jim Chalmers a speedy recovery from COVID, while reflecting upon the importance of national leadership in stepping up public health efforts to prevent transmission and reduce the unacceptable toll.

The Government is also urged to support hard-fought efforts to improve equity of access to COVID vaccines and treatments globally.

Make sure to follow #ICEM22; the Croakey Conference News Service will be in full tweeting action.
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We continued coverage of Safer Care Victoria’s Giant Steps conference.

We also continued coverage of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Congress.

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Other activities

On 15 June, contributing editor Dr Summer May Finlay facilitated a discussion on the Uluru Statement at Wollongong University.

On 14 June, Melissa Sweet talked with Victoria University public health students about Croakey Health Media, public interest journalism and public health.
**Week ending 23 June: How can you be a health professional at this point in human history without engaging in activism of some kind?**

Many of our stories this week reflect the importance of activism in contributing to better health, for people and planet.

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Don’t miss our coverage of the International Conference on Emergency Medicine; amid an overwhelming workload and systemic frustrations, participants lifted their sights for some big-picture, vibrant and challenging discussions.

The ongoing need for advocacy is also highlighted in stories about COVID-19 and health reform, now that National Cabinet has signalled an appetite for systemic change.

For a change of pace, join Penelope Smith on an enriching and engaging public health journey through film, music, podcasts, and the theatre.

Don’t miss The Health Wrap, and make sure to get your copy of the Croakey Conference News Service report from the Choosing Wisely National Meeting.

And speaking of activism, see how it is being honoured in this [campaign](https://www.croakey.org/impact/) celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM).
Croakey Conference News Service

Our coverage continued from the 21st International Conference on Emergency Medicine.
@WePublicHealth

Associate Professor Holly Seale live-tweeted the Communicable Diseases and Immunisation Conference 2022.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Croakey homepage is now featuring a beautiful photo shared by Dr Alana Gall, who wrote: “Looking out across the Neck of Bruny island, known as Lunnawant tolonna to the Nuenonne and Truganini tribes. This is just one of the beautiful pieces of Country in Lutruwita (Tasmania) that we as Pakana (Tasmanian Aboriginal) have strong spiritual connections.”
From 16-18 June, the Croakey Conference News Service covered the 21st International Conference on Emergency Medicine, #ICEM22.

This thread from @coopesdetat is incredible

Morning from #ICEM22! We are underway for a packed day of #ClimateCrisis and health discussions. @hang_fong says this will be the greatest challenge to public health in the next decade. Disproportionate impacts on society's most vulnerable & marginalised.

Another superb livetweet thread from #ICEM22, this one from @CroakeyNews

I gotta go to this conference next year!

Thanks @coopesdetat for your fabulous coverage of this morning’s plenary dance! I’m going to cover the ‘disaster medicine’ breakout session next, with stories from Manchester, Beirut & Aotearoa/NZ #ICEM22

Fantastic from #ICEM22 on telehealth for overcoming the tyranny of distance. Recurrent issues of data connectivity for remote patients... some good discussion of telehealth ecosystems which would surely benefit from defragmentation & hybrid models with F2F remote care/ix

Thank you for sharing! @CroakeyNews @IFEM2 #MentalHealth #GlobalMentalHealth #Africa #PublicHealth #mHealth #eHealth #emergencymedicine #emergencycare @Yale_EM @YaleMed @YaleGlobal

The next presentation is titled ‘Mental health and emergency medicine: challenges in Kenya’ - by Dr Christine Ngariyua @c_ngariyua #ICEM22
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Aboriginal Health in Aboriginal Hands... @NACCHOAust... 1h

Equity and emergency care was the theme for day two of the 21st International Conference on Emergency Medicine on 17 June. Dr Sarah Simons live-tweeted the discussions from @WHPublicHealth as part of Croakey Conference News Service coverage of #ICEM22.

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Hearing from world leaders on equity and emergency care

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David Caldicott @ACTINOSProject: 32m

Replying to @MelissaSweetDr @CroakeyNews and 4 others

God bless their little digits!

I’m AT the conference, and their prestidigitation are helping attend multiple streams, simultaneously!

Amy Coopes @coopesdetat: 4h

Thanks for the @CroakeyNews #ICEM22 love @ETSshow!

Mark Shapiro, MD @ETSshow: 5h

Replying to @NMay

Hard Co-Sign!

I’ve been following the #ICEM22 tweets & @coopesdetat threads

Incredible.

Mark Shapiro, MD @ETSshow

Replying to @coopesdetat and @CroakeyNews

Appreciate your livestweets of what is clearly a superb conference!
Other activities

On 16 June, Melissa Sweet presented to a University of Sydney seminar on Master of Global Health Capstone projects, about Croakey’s involvement to date and future opportunities.
Week ending 30 June: The law, as we’ve been reminded this past week, does not always deliver justice.

The United States Supreme Court’s decision to reverse 50 years of constitutional protection for the right to have an abortion will have wide-ranging repercussions, including worsening health disparities.

Associate Professor Lesley Russell provides a detailed discussion on the medical, political and legal ramifications of the decision, including its implications for global health.

Historic and ongoing injustices cause so much suffering. Dr Amy Coopes reports from the recent International Conference on Emergency Medicine on a powerful call to decolonise global health and research.

This week’s bulletin also includes stories highlighting the law’s importance for protecting health, including calls for legislative reform to stop intrusive, harmful digital surveillance.

We also report on developments in treaty-making in Victoria and the Northern Territory. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and self-determination is also in the spotlight this week with pandemic lessons shared by the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service.

As the National Health Service goes green, global health journalist Meera Senthilingam reports from London on what other countries can learn about reducing healthcare emissions.

In our ICYMI column, we share questions and concerns about the World Health Organization’s decision to not declare the monkeypox outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

And we say thanks to Alison Barrett for more than two years of her column, the COVID-19 wrap; in calling it a day, she promises to keep reporting on COVID for Croakey readers.
Croakey Conference News Service

Our coverage continued from the 21st International Conference on Emergency Medicine, and from Safer Care Victoria’s Giant Steps conference.
Managing editor Alison Barrett attended a consultation for a review of The Australian Code of Practice on Disinformation and Misinformation. Croakey editor Dr Amy Coopes is talking at the Antidote festival at Sydney Opera House on 11 September. Book tickets (in person or lifestream) here.

Reminder: submissions for review of ‘The Australian Code of Practice on Disinformation & Misinformation‘ are due on 18 July 2022 - Alison CC @MelissaSweetDr
digi.org.au/disinformation...