



The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre: The National Liveability Study

This is a bi-annual newsletter designed to keep you updated about the ongoing work of **The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre: The National Liveability Study**. Please feel free to circulate through your networks.

Opportunities

SHORT COURSE: Multilevel statistical methods, Melbourne: 16-17 March 2016

Presented by Prof Subu Subramanian (Harvard University). This course will cover quantitative assessments of the role of contexts (e.g. neighbourhoods) in predicting individual outcomes. Multilevel models will be applied along with a detailed discussion of the properties and the interpretation of each model. For more information and registration, please visit: http://mccaughey.unimelb.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1746595/ShortCourseFlyer.pdf

6th International Congress of Physical Activity and Public Health (ISPAH), Thailand: 16-19 November 2016

The ISPAH conference is a key global forum on physical activity and public health. This year's conference theme is 'Active living for all: Active People – Active Places – Active Policies. Prof Giles-Corti will be giving a keynote presentation: *The developments in evidence, and challenges in evaluation of natural experiments*. Prof Bull is the President of ISPAH and chairs the 2016 ISPAH Global Scientific Committee. <http://www.ispah2016.org/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre

The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre is a \$22.6M national initiative established in 2013. It aims to provide decision-makers with the best evidence to inform their policies and programs, and to provide the evidence and tools for a comprehensive approach to preventing chronic health problems that includes working in the health system as well as in sectors outside of it, such as in schools, food production and retailing, and urban planning. More information is available at: <https://www.saxinstitute.org.au/our-work/preventing-chronic-disease/>

The National Liveability Study

The National Liveability Study aims to develop and validate a national set of spatially derived built environment liveability indicators that are associated with chronic disease risk behaviours and health outcomes. This national set of spatial indicators will enable comparison within and between cities of some of the determinants of health, and monitoring of progress towards policies designed to create healthy and liveable communities. This program of work will be completed by mid-2016, and focuses on:

- Alcohol access
- Food access
- Public open space access and quantity
- Public transport access and availability
- Walkability

Recent Activities

The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre Investigators Meeting (October 2015)

Approximately 60 researchers workshopped how emerging findings from each of The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre sub-projects, such as the National Liveability Study, could be integrated to inform a systems thinking approach to preventing chronic disease. Dr Badland presented an overview of the National Liveability Study and its progress to date at the Early Career Investigators Forum.

Upcoming Events

McCaughey 10 Year Anniversary Oration (6pm, 17 February 2016)

Prof David Stuckler will be giving the McCaughey Oration as part of the Unit's ten-year anniversary celebrations. Prof Stuckler is a Professor of Political Economy and Sociology at the University of Oxford and Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Foreign Policy names him one of the top 100 global thinkers of 2013. His presentation will focus on *The Body Economic: Austerity and Population Health*, emphasising the negative effects on human health of the recent global financial crisis. This is a free public event, but spaces are limited. To order tickets, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-mccaughey-oration-featuring-prof-david-stuckler-oxford-university-tickets-20446401738>



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Recent Presentations

Astell-Burt T et al. Is 'liveability' associated with physical activity and dietary behaviours? Developing and validating a set of national liveability indicators. *8th Making Cities Liveable Conference*, Melbourne, 6-7 July 2015.

Badland H et al. Creating policy-relevant spatial measures of transport which map to health behaviours and outcomes. *International Conference on Transport & Health*, London, 6-8 July 2015.

Badland H. (Invited Keynote Presentation) Healthy built environments for all: What do we need to consider? *Australian Population Health Congress*, Hobart, 6-9 September 2015.

Badland H. Reconnecting planning and public health: An overview of the National Liveability Study. *The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre Early Career Investigators' Forum*, Melbourne, 19 October 2015.

Butterworth I et al. How liveable is Melbourne? Conceptualising and testing urban liveability indicators: Progress, issues, and opportunities. *State of Australian Cities National Conference*, Gold Coast, 6-11 December 2015.

Media Coverage

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