# A Foreword from CHiAPRT



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newsletter

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We are pleased to share with you, our partners, colleagues, and friends, the second newsletter from the Centre for Health in All Policies Research Translation, better known as CHiAPRT.

In this edition we share highlights of our recent work focused on strengthening the impact of collaborative research and action. At CHiAPRT, we believe that tackling complex societal challenges requires trusted partnerships that span boundaries, sectors, and systems.

This edition features updates on CHiAPRT's key projects, new research initiatives, and recently developed resources. We encourage you to visit our website, share with your colleagues, and register to attend our event - we look forward to connecting with you!

CHiAPRT is involved with many projects that work to strengthen research-policy practice, build capacity, and foster collaborative action locally, nationally, and internationally.

Find out More!

## **CHiAPRT's Key Objectives**

**Increase** knowledge, understanding, and outcomes among the research, policy, and practitioner communities

**Collaborate** with the academic, government, and non-governmental sectors to act on the Social Determinants of Health to increase health equity **Advocate** for healthy public policy on a state, national, and international level

**Increase** the academic communities' understanding of the policymaking process

**Generate** accessible resources for developing skills and building capacity

## **Challenging Economic Assumptions Podcast**

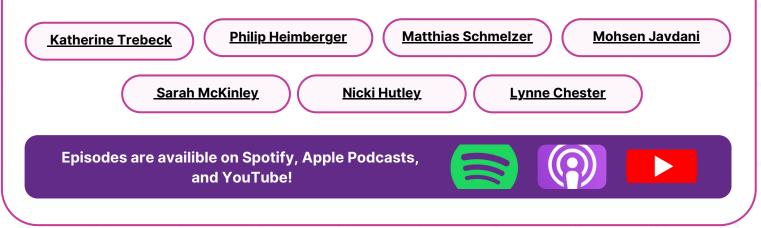
The **Challenging Economic Assumptions** podcast series encourages conversations on traditional economic approaches and poses the question "are they fit for purpose in today's complex global context?' The podcasts critically analyse the underlying assumptions (including the theory and evidence) that inform these dominant economic models, and explore how they can be reimagined to better support efforts that can tackle global challenges such as climate change, environmental degradation and loss, global instability, and increasing inequities.

A collaboration between Professor Gerry McCartney (Professor of Wellbeing Economics - University of Glasgow) and CHiAPRT, this series is hosted by Gerry and Carmel. Together, they engage guests in discussion, exploring the history and impact of dominant economic models and envisioning alternative approaches.

#### Professor Lynne Chester was the most recent podcast guest. Highlights from her podcast include:

- Ways that common economic assumptions can distort public policy
- The need for more inclusive economic thinking that reflects real world complexities

#### Seven episodes are available now, with more planned in 2025 and beyond.



## Indigenous Health in All Policies (IHiAP)

CHiAPRT is progressing the Indigenous Health in All Policies (IHiAP) project as part of the Stronger Together as Unified Nations for Community-Led Health (STAUNCH) project funded through the NHMRC Synergy Grant. This work will explore how the WHO HiAP 4 Pillars model can support Indigenous health and wellbeing through multisectoral, culturally aligned policy approaches.

This project is guided by a highly skilled advisory group that includes A/Prof Veronica Matthews (STAUNCH lead), Dr Vicki Saunders, Dr Cassandra Sedran-Price, Alison Laycock, and Kerryn Harkin.

The CHiAPRT team (Courtney, Yonatal, and Carmel) are working closely with the Advisory Group to ensure the project remains focused on understanding the alignment between indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing and the Health in All Policies 4 Pillars Model, to identify how it can be adapted to reflect and respond to indigenous culture.

#### Read more about the project here!

# Highlights: Collaborating for Greener, Healthy Lives



## PHSA Workshops on Healthy Environments

CHiAPRT, as part of a partnership with Preventive Health SA (PHSA), is providing support for PHSA staff to build capacity to act on the social determinants of health and health equity. This collaboration focuses on strategies for working across sectors and systems, emphasising the multiple factors that influence health.

The latest development in this partnership explored the impact of urban environments on health, well-being, and equity. The workshop highlighted the connection between unhealthy environments and the development of health conditions, and proposed strategies to build healthy urban environments.

## FAME Workshop with City of Unley & City of Salisbury

Funded by the University of Adelaide's FAME Sustainability grant and in partnership with the City of Unley and the City of Salisbury, CHiAPRT has developed a framework that accounts for the economic benefits of greenspaces and trees into urban planning and policy.

Throughout the project, CHiAPRT has hosted meetings and workshops several with partners from both councils to present early economic findings and explore the potential application of this model. Discussion with council partners generated ideas for translation, strengthened the findings, and led to agreement on the next steps reinforcing the importance of valuing greenspaces in creating sustainable and liveable cities.

#### Next steps:

- A policy brief for elected members and council decision makers
- A fact sheet and infographic designed to increase community awareness
- A final report outlining the codesign process, findings, and implications
- A prototype decision making tool



### **Recent Publication**

Read our latest paper that discusses the importance of urban green space (including parks, gardens, and streetscapes) in promoting human and environmental wellbeing, highlighting the need for policy-driven approaches to their provision and management.



# CHiAPRT in Action: Supporting Research Translation Across Sectors

### Ageing Well in South Australia

Responding directly to the needs identified by ageing well researchers and their practice and policy partners, CHiAPRT (in collaboration with the South Australian Government's Office of Ageing Well (OfAW) and Dr Tahna Pettman) is pleased to announce *From Research to Impact: Delivering practical outcomes through research engagement* | A guidebook for ageing well researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

This Guidebook is designed to help researchers integrate knowledge translation into ageing well research, ensuring their work leads to meaningful policy, practice and community impact. It provides clear steps and processes for engaging stakeholders and applying knowledge translation strategies, along with practical tools, templates, and a Knowledge Translation Plan Workbook. From Research to Impact: Delivering practical outcomes through research engagement

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## Research-Policy Translation Community of Practice Chris Cvitanovic Visit

Recently, Dr Chris Cvitanovic, a transdisciplinary marine scientist working to improve the relationship between science, policy, and practice, visited Adelaide. During his visit, he delivered an astute keynote presentation on improving knowledge exchange at the interface of science, policy, and practice, and met with the CHiAPRT team to discuss the knowledge exchange and boundary-spanning field as a whole.

### What is the CoP?

The Research-Policy Translation CoP, launched in November 2023, provides the opportunity and space for researchers, policy actors, and practitioners across sectors and disciplines to develop collaborative partnerships that promote timely and effective integration of evidence into policy and practice.

Members have opportunities to:

- Connect with colleagues with related interests and expertise
- · Collaborate at all stages of the research-policy-practice process
- Develop research translation knowledge and skills

Community of Practice Research-Policy Translation

Chris Cvitanovic, Carmel Williams, and Yonatal Tefera

Dr Chris Cvitanovic

CHiAPRT + Research Translation

**Community of Practice** 

# **Research-Policy Partnership Masterclass**

Held annually, the **Maximising Impact from Research-Policy Partnerships Masterclass** is a valuable opportunity for developing skills and expertise in collaboration for research-to-policy translation.

The Masterclass is an interactive face-to-face short course for researchers, academics, policy actors, and practitioners focusing on developing skills and expertise in collaboration or research-to-policy translation. The Masterclass uses a learning-by-doing approach in the form of lectures, small group work, self-reflection, group discussion, and feedback from participants.



"Beyond networking, the Masterclass showcased the complexities and intricacies of policy making, which was particularly enlightening for me as a researcher. I would highly recommend this Masterclass to anyone seeking to bridge the gap between research and policy"

Gokhan Cildir | Research Fellow, Centre for Cancer Biology/UniSA | The Hospital Research Foundation (THRF) Fellow

"The Masterclass brought together a diverse mix of researchers, and policymakers, offering valuable opportunities to learn from others and network. I also thoroughly enjoyed Carmel's interactive and engaging delivery style and different mix of presenters and activities offered during the Masterclass. Overall, I highly recommend this Masterclass to both researchers and policymakers".

Sahar Faghidno | Research Assistant | Centre for Social Impact (CSI) Flinders | College of Business, Government & Law | Flinders University





Register your Interest for the next Research-Policy Partnership Masterclass!

This three day event is to be held across:

- 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025: 9:00am 5:00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025: 9:00am 5:00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025: 9:00am 2:00pm

2025 Flyer

Register your interest here!

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