



Here's to another five years of CHiAPRT!



Recently, CHiAPRT celebrated its five year anniversary! Since being established in 2021, the team has grown, the Centre's network has expanded, and CHiAPRT's outputs have continued to create impact for the research and policy communities, as well as for broader population health.

In the months since this anniversary, the team and advisory committee have been working hard to produce a new Five-Year Strategic Plan to take the Centre from 2026 to 2031.

The two core functions of the Centre remain the same: to generate knowledge on research-policy translation, and to accelerate action on the social determinants of health and health equity. However, some of the key objectives and actions have had a refresh—check them out below!

Strategic Objectives

- **Generate** and **synthesise** knowledge on research-policy translation
- **Translate** knowledge and evidence on the social determinants of health equity
- **Understand** and **promote** governance mechanisms that drive systems-level change to support research-policy translation and action on the social determinants of health equity
- **Build** capacity for research-policy translation and action on the social determinants of health equity
- **Promote** emerging public health issues and elevate them onto the policy agenda
- **Establish** CHiAPRT as a recognised centre of excellence for research-policy translation and action on the social determinants of health equity

Strategic Enablers

- Embed succession planning
- Establish long-term funding
- Formalise CHiAPRT member affiliations
- Strategic advice and governance
- Continue to monitor CHiAPRT's actions and impacts

CHiAPRT in Geneva: the Global Status Report

The second **Global Status Report on Health in All Policies** aims to investigate the state of HiAP practice worldwide, as well as how the 2023 release of the World Health Organization Health in All Policies 4 Pillars Model has influenced HiAP implementation over time. Data from countries around the world were collected and analysed by the Global Status Report working group.

Earlier in the year, CHiAPRT researchers met with the working group at the WHO headquarters in Geneva, where they established **four key findings** from the survey that reinforced the value of the HiAP 4 Pillars Model:

1. Jurisdictions with established HiAP approaches are more likely to report formal governance structures and ongoing collaboration across a range of sectors
2. Stronger emphasis on the role of the Social Determinants of Health and the promotion of health equity as central drivers of HiAP activity
3. A diversity of pathways of HiAP initiation, reinforcing that there is no single model for initiating HiAP and that leadership can emerge from multiple entry points
4. Continuous capacity building is a critical enabler of HiAP sustainability, especially in high-turnover systems



Carmel Williams (front right) and Jacquelyn Fyfe (far right) and project partners, Geneva

The second Global Status Report on Health in All Policies is due for publication later this year!

RADD — The Research Alliance for Digital Determinants

Last year, the Australian Federal Government passed legislation to restrict social media use among those under 16, citing mental health concerns associated with excessive social media access among children and adolescents.

Globally, legislation to delay social media access has never before been enacted at this scale. Monitoring and evaluation of such a policy is vital to ensure that it is having positive impacts on population health. In response to this, CHiAPRT has established a partnership with researchers from Deakin University and the University of Newcastle to look into the short and long-term effects of this policy. Together, the three research teams form RADD—the **Research Alliance for Digital Determinants**—a new research group working across three distinct but interconnected projects.

Later this year, CHiAPRT researchers will start holding focus groups with young people affected by the social media restrictions. Be on the look out for updates in future newsletters or on CHiAPRT's LinkedIn.

Read preliminary findings from RADD researchers at the University of Newcastle below!

Research Article

Assessing early effects of Australia's Social Media Minimum Age Act on adolescents' social media use: observational study

C.Barnes, A.Hall, S.Mantach, C.Oldmeadow, J.Attia, K.Backholer, C.Williams, Y.Tefera, F.Kay, L.Wolfenden

[Read Here!](#)

Opinion

Social media restrictions require timely and coordinated evaluation

L.Wolfenden, A.Hall, C.Williams, K.Backholer, C.Barnes

[Read Here!](#)

2026 Research-Policy Partnerships Masterclass

This August saw another successful iteration of CHiAPRT's Maximising Impact from Research-Policy Partnerships Masterclass. This annual, three-day course provides researchers, academics, policy actors, and practitioners with the skills and expertise in collaboration and research-to-policy translation. The Masterclass uses a learning-by-doing approach in the form

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of lectures, small group work, self-reflection, and group discussion. Thank you to everyone who attended for bringing your expertise to the Masterclass!



2026 Research-Policy Partnerships Masterclass Students and Faculty

HEAL Future Leaders School

The Healthy Environments and Lives (HEAL) Network is a five-year, NHMRC funded research network that aims to promote knowledge and research translation to improve human and environmental health through research and policy impact.

This May saw the third year of the Future Leaders School, a week long intensive course aimed at early and mid-career researchers held by the HEAL Global Research Centre.

Having been involved since its inception, CHiAPRT's Carmel Williams and Yonatal Tefera both had the opportunity to be in attendance this year. As part of the guest faculty, Carmel led sessions on the **importance of boundary spanning**, as well as **setting knowledge translation goals**.



Students and Faculty of the 2026 HEAL Future Leaders School

[**The HEAL Network**](#)

AHPA Symposium: Hobart

As the 40th anniversary of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion approaches later this year, it's time to celebrate this iconic (and extremely influential) public health framework!

Since 1986, the Ottawa Charter has provided the public health field with a foundational framework for health promotion, covering five key action areas with a particular focus on strategies to advocate, enable, and mediate.

To celebrate this milestone, the Australian Health Promotion Association held a series of workshops in a one day event entitled '40 years of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion'. Carmel had the privilege of presenting at the Symposium in Hobart, sharing her expertise on multisectoral action.



Carmel Williams at the AHPA Ottawa Charter 40th Anniversary Symposium

In Conversation Roundtable 11 — Mobility and Ageing Well

In Conversation: Boundary Spanners, Thinkers and Policy Actors is CHiAPRT's ongoing series of roundtable discussions in which experts from a range of disciplines come together to showcase new and upcoming research, discuss emerging issues, and generate potential solutions.

In partnership with Office for Ageing Well (Department for Human Services) South Australia, CHiAPRT is convening the eleventh In Conversation Roundtable webinar, entitled **Getting Around and Mobility as Critical Enablers for Ageing Well**.

This session will bring together interested parties and experts to explore the challenges of remaining mobile as we age and take a deep dive into the current and emerging trends in getting around and mobility.

Speakers:

Miranda Starke — COTA (Council on the Ageing) SA

Charles Mountain — Royal Automobile Association (RAA)

Daniel Bennett — Australian Institute of Landscape Architects & WalkingSA

Michael Hicks — Office for Ageing Well (Department of Human Services)

Tuesday 29th September 2026

3:00 - 4:30pm ACST

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Next time: Systemic Drivers of Loneliness

Working with the Spark Project, our next webinar will explore and discuss loneliness in modern society.

Challenging Economic Assumptions Podcast

Established in partnership with Prof. Gerry McCartney, Professor of Wellbeing Economics at the University of Glasgow, the Challenging Economic Assumptions podcast takes a look at prevailing economic assumptions surrounding modern-day social issues through a critical lens, offering insight that goes beyond the widely accepted narratives of the day.

In the latest episode, Professor Bridget Fowler challenges one of the central assumptions of mainstream economics—the idea that people are rational, self-interested individuals driven purely by profit.

The episode explores:

- Why **inequality** continues to grow
- How **social class shapes opportunity** long before adulthood
- The **rise of neoliberalism** and its impact on taxation, unions, and wealth concentration
- Whether **alternative economic ideas** can help build fairer societies

Episodes are available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and YouTube!



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CHiAPRT respects and honours their ongoing connection to the land, seas, and waterways.