CHiAPRT's Third Newsletter!

Welcome to the Centre for Health in All Policies Research Translation's third newsletter! CHiAPRT was founded in Adelaide in 2021 with the aims of promoting collaboration between researchers and policy actors, building capacity for research-to-policy translation, and working to address the social determinants of health to promote healthy public policy and health equity.

The Centre works locally, nationally, and internationally across a range of sectors, including with universities and research institutions, non-governmental organisations, and state and local governments.
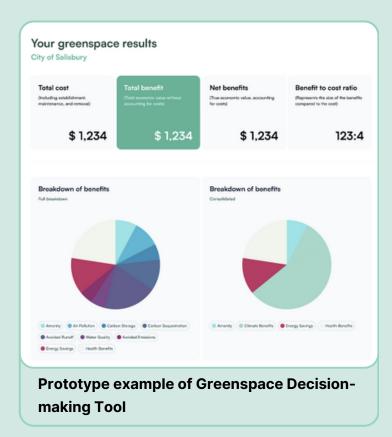
In this newsletter, you'll find updates on the following CHiAPRT projects:

- A first look at the **Greenspace Decision-making Tool** prototype
- Developments in CHiAPRT's **Green Equity** project
- CHiAPRTs work to support the **HEAL Network**
- Learn about the plans to produce the second edition of the **Global Status Report on HiAP**
- Hear updates on the Centre's work on the **Loneliness Project's Spark initiative**
- New episodes of our **Challenging Economic Assumptions** podcast and **In Conversation Roundtable**

Calculating the True Value of Urban Greenspace

The University of Adelaide FAME Sustainability Grant

Our June 2025 newsletter introduced the concept of a framework to calculate economic benefits of abundant greenspace. We reported that our local government partners had requested several products and tools to ensure the findings can be translated into action. We are excited to share these products, including a **policy brief**, a **fact sheet**, an **infographic**, and the **final report** of the project.

Resources can be found at
chiaprt.org.au/resources

Prototype example of Greenspace Decision-making Tool

Our council partners also called for an interactive decision-making tool that town planners can use to explore different greening options. Now, we are pleased to reveal that the first **Greenspace Decision-making Tool prototype** has been developed and is due to be tested soon. Developed in collaboration with colleagues, the tool will allow decision-makers to model different tree planting scenarios across a given length of time and calculate the monetary value of health and environmental benefits, as well as the upfront and ongoing costs.

Currently, the tool is limited to a select few decision-makers at the City of Unley and the City of Salisbury, but CHiAPRT plans to expand availability in the not-too-distant future.

Green Equity Project

CHiAPRT has partnered with Preventive Health SA to investigate the underlying **drivers of inequitable greenspace access** in urban areas of Adelaide & South Australia. Working with the Salisbury, Port Adelaide Enfield, Charles Sturt, Marion, and Onkaparinga councils, CHiAPRT is convening a series of workshops with council decision-makers to gain insight into the challenges local councils face when working to improve equitable access to greenspaces across their communities.

The workshops will help to identify strategies that local and state government agencies can pursue to improve access to greenspace in ways that are equitable, sustainable, and meet the needs and expectations of the community.

The Healthy Environments and Lives Network

The **HEAL Network** is a coalition of over 100 researchers and more than 30 organisations across Australia with the shared aim of **advancing community relevant research and effectively translating it into policy and practice.** HEAL's core mission of bridging the gap between knowledge and action spurs from the recognition that collaborative, evidence-based approaches to policy can address the environmental and societal inequities we currently face and build a healthier, more resilient society.

Best Practice Compendium

In collaboration with HEAL, CHiAPRT has published a **compendium to showcase the innovative work being undertaken across the HEAL Network** to translate knowledge and research into successful policy and practice outcomes. The Compendium brings together case studies capturing the research translation strategies, methods, and outcomes applied by the research teams, and provides best practice examples of research to policy translation that is currently underway across the HEAL Network.

Some of the case studies featured in the compendium include: a policy recommendation to decrease health impacts of indoor wood heater smoke in Canberra; a series of tools and climate action plans developed with elders and community members from Noongar Country, Perth; and research on how Tasmanians perceive bushfire risk and how policy can be used to empower communities to be better prepared to respond to bushfires.

The Second Global Survey of HiAP

In 2018, the Global Network for Health in All Policies and the World Health Organization published the first **Global Status Report on Health in All Policies**. Findings from the report provided critical background information on HiAP and helped to inform the development of the new HiAP 4 Pillars Model that was published by the WHO in 2023.

With the release of this new model, it seems timely to explore how HiAP practice has evolved over time, and so plans are underway to develop a **second edition of the Global Status Report**.

This new report will examine the current state of Health in All Policies practice, how the field has evolved since 2018, and what makes for effective HiAP implementation.

The report is expected to be published in early 2026.

GLOBAL STATUS REPORT ON HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

The first Global Status Report aimed to evaluate how the Health in All Policies model could be improved upon

The Spark Initiative

The Loneliness Project began in October 2022, and was supported by researchers from CHiAPRT, the University of Adelaide, policy experts from Office for Ageing Well, and community organisations including Uniting Communities and Community Centres SA. In 2024, the Loneliness Project lead into the launch of *Spark*, an initiative codesigned by researchers and community members to address loneliness and ignite human connection.

Spark has recently received a significant funding grant from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to expand its innovative work tackling loneliness and fostering stronger, more connected communities. *Spark* will work with the communities to design and implement new initiatives to create meaningful and sustainable connections.

As part of the new grant, CHiAPRT is supporting *Spark* to develop a **case study that highlights key policy actions for the community sector**. This project will provide practical guidance for policymakers and community leaders alike.

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CHiAPRT On-Air

Boundary Spanners, Thinkers and Policy Actors

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

Public Interest Journalism

Continuing the series, CHiAPRT has partnered with Croakey Health Media to deliver the eighth edition – **Protecting Public Interest Journalism as a Public Health Good**. In contrast to traditional commercial journalism, public interest journalism is primarily motivated by the greater public good, and contributes to a reliable news environment that can amplify the voices of those with less societal power. This roundtable discussion brought together a diverse group of leaders in the domain of public interest journalism to discuss current challenges faced by the field. Special thanks to guest speakers Melissa Sweet, Norman Swan, Bronwyn Fredericks, and Alex Cramb.

Up Next: Health, Housing, & Homelessness

For the next roundtable this November, CHiAPRT will be joined by members from the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness and the Australian Health, Housing & Homelessness Network to discuss how health, housing, and homelessness intersect and the importance of working upstream to address this increasingly prevalent issue.

Challenging Economic Assumptions Podcast

Economic theory underpins the actions of governments and the business community alike. The values, assumptions and models that sit behind economics drive the allocation of budgets, regulatory and tax regimes, and the design of social support systems.

Over the past year, CHiAPRT has been working with Prof. Gerry McCartney, Professor of Wellbeing Economics at the University of Glasgow, to deliver a series of podcasts known as **Challenging Economic Assumptions**. Each episode 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.

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

Recently, Carmel and Gerry spoke to Professor Martin Hensher from the Menzies Institute on the issue of degrowth and sustainability.

CHiAPRT's Research - Policy Masterclass

August saw the fifth successful iteration of CHiAPRT's annual **Research-Policy Masterclass**! Each year, the masterclass invites researchers, policy actors, and everyone in between to come together for an interactive three-day course that imbues participants with valuable skills for research-to-policy translation. Participation also presented attendees with opportunities to network with other professionals, build research and policy partnerships, work across many different sectors, and gain some perspective on the other side of the research-to-policy process.

A huge thank you to all attendees, as well as panellists and guest lecturers Toby Freeman, Jaklin Eliott, Tahna Pettman, Adam Graycar, and Jacqueline Bowden.

If you're interested in next years Masterclass, register your interest here!