



## **VicHealth Research Priorities**

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### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

- The impact of participation in sport and active recreation on community wellbeing.
- The relationship between health inequalities and sports participation.

### **HEALTHY EATING**

- The economics and environmental impact of a more localised food supply.

### **TOBACCO CONTROL & REDUCING ALCOHOL MISUSE**

- Social, legal, advertising, environmental and economic issues related to tobacco control and reducing alcohol misuse.
- Innovative and effective practices for tobacco control and reduction of alcohol misuse in disadvantaged groups, adolescents and young adults.
- Innovative and effective advocacy strategies to reach disadvantaged groups, adolescents and young adults.

### **HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

- Investigation into models of good practice that reduce socioeconomic disadvantage.
- Investigation into models of good practice that reduce the impact of illness or disability on socioeconomic position.
- Investigation into models of good practice that lessen the effect of socioeconomic disadvantage on health.
- Investigation into models of good practice that improve accessibility and quality of health care services for people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage.

### **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**

#### **1. Social Inclusion**

- Investigation of the impact of participation in and access to arts activity on individual and community mental health and wellbeing.
- Investigation of the impact of participation in community events and initiatives on individual and community mental health and wellbeing.

- Investigation of models of good practice in increasing access to community and arts activity for population groups experiencing disadvantage.
- Investigation of the impact of information technology on the formation of young people's social relationships and networks.

## **2. Reducing Discrimination**

- Investigation of models of good practice in reducing race-based discrimination.
- Investigation of the models of good practice in strengthening Indigenous leadership across communities and sectors.

## **3. Reducing Violence**

- Investigation of models of good practice in preventing violence against women.

## **4. Access to Economic Resources**

- Investigation of models of good practice in increasing access to education and employment for population groups experiencing disadvantage.

## **OTHER**

- Exploring links between non-communicable disease and ecosystem health.
- Exploring synergies and tensions between environment, sustainability and health policy.
- Effectiveness of public health interventions.