



TASMANIAN INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES





The Institute

- Formed by the University of Tasmania and the Department of Police and Public Safety (DPPS)
- Commenced August 2002



Mission Statement

- To conduct and promote evidence based research to improve the quality of law enforcement



Theme Areas

- Drug Law Enforcement
- Youth Crime Prevention
- Natural Resource Management and Environmental Crime
- Trans-national crime

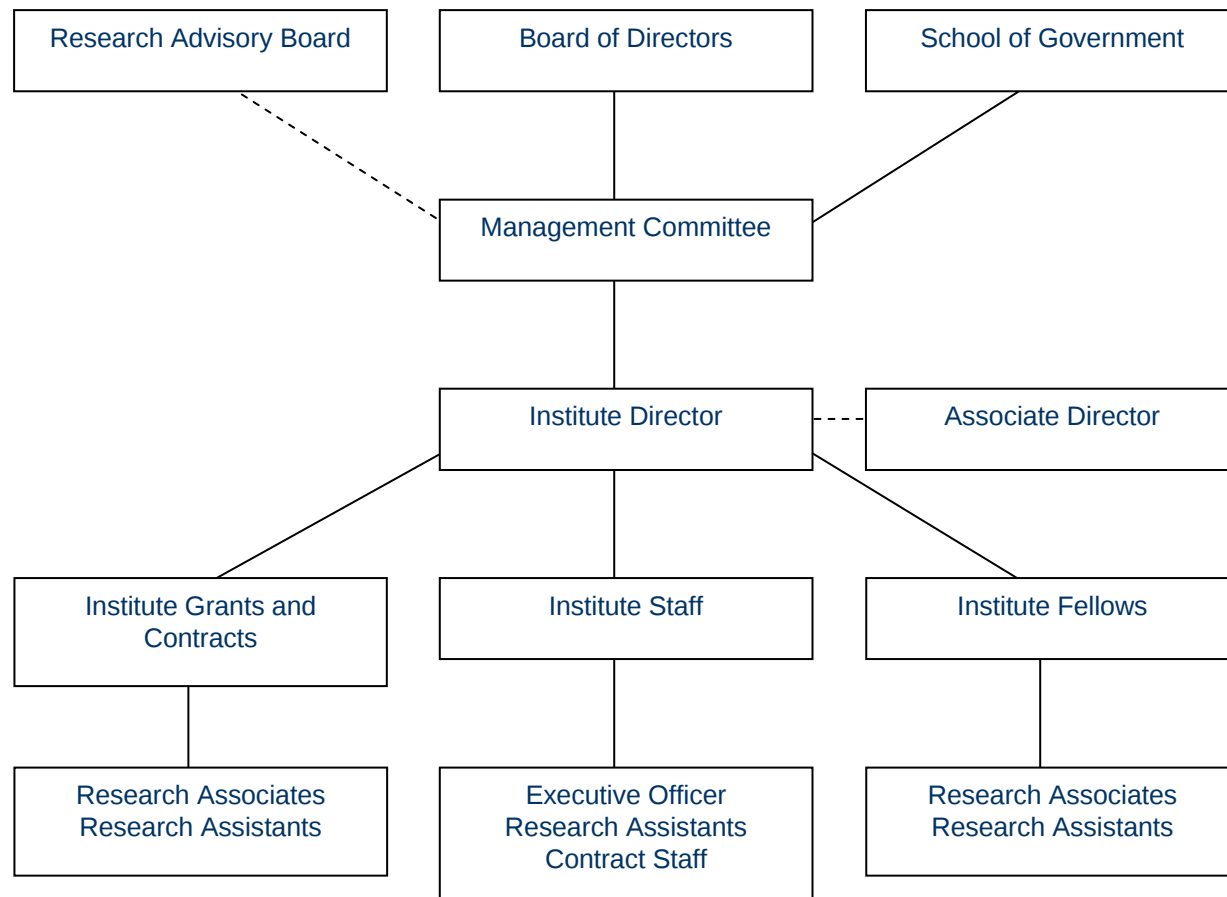


Organisational Overview

- Board of Directors
- Management Committee
- Director
- Staff
- Research Steering Committee
- Research Fellows
- Research Associates



Organisational Chart





Board of Directors

- Sir Max Bingham QC, Chair
- Mr Richard McCreadie, Commissioner of Police
- Professor Andrew Glenn, Pro Vice Chancellor (Research) , UTAS
- Dr Marcus Haward, Head of School of Government, UTAS
- Mr Jack Johnston, Deputy Commissioner of Police
- Professor Jan Pakulski, Dean of Arts, UTAS
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- Ms Joanne Blackburn, First Assistant Secretary, Attorney General's Department, Criminal Justice Division, ACT
- Mr Rudi Sypkes, Community / Business Representative
- Ms Margie O'Rourke, Community / Business Representative



Research Expertise

- Policing
- Public Policy-Making
- Social Geography
- International Relations
- Information Systems
- Pharmacology
- Rural Health
- Criminology
- Psychology
- Law
- Philosophy
- History
- Sociology
- Law Enforcement



Research Expertise..cont

- Community Policing
- Youth Justice
- Corrective practice
- E-crime and fraud
- Trans-national crime
- Drug Law Enforcement



Research Expertise - Chief Investigators

- Professor Aynsley Kellow
- Professor Rob White
- Professor Terry Burke
- Associate Professor Roberta Julian
- Associate Professor Pam Allan
- Associate Professor Lorraine Mazzerolle
- Associate Professor Boagang He
- Dr Robert Hall
- Dr Megan Alessandrini
- Dr Paul Maginn



Research Expertise Chief Investigators ..cont

- Dr Keith Jacobs
- Dr Clarissa Cook
- Dr Lorne Kriwoken
- Deputy Commissioner Jack Johnston
- Assistant Commissioner Mal Shervill
- Ms Robin Bowden (DIMIA)
- Ms Marnie Bower
- Ms Danielle Campbell
- Inspector Matthew Richman



Seconded Staff DPPS

- Inspector Matthew Richman
- Inspector Colin Little
- Inspector John Arnold
- Inspector Craig Waterhouse
- Inspector Geoffrey Smith
- Senior Sergeant Matt Osborn
- Ms Andrea Heath
- Ms Christian Lathouras
- Ms Jackie Tither
- Ms Claire Haberle



Funding Bodies

- NDLERF
- NMVTRC & the Commonwealth Attorney-Generals Department
- NIFS
- IRGS Institutional Research Grants Scheme
- DPPS
- NRMA
- ARC
- UTAS
- OSSC
- AERF



Research Activities

- **Service Contracts**

Provide expertise in survey

- design,
- delivery, and
- analysis.

- **Evaluations**



Research Activities cont...

Competitive Research Grants

- Participate at the national and international level
- Conduct collaborative and interdisciplinary research
- Respond to the needs of
 - law enforcement agencies
 - community groups



Research Higher Degree (RHD) Candidates

- The Institute provides supervision of RHD projects for
 - MA and PhD awards
 - full fee paying postgraduate degrees.



TILES PhD candidates



Policing and the Environment



The Forensic Scrutiny of
Intimate Relationships



Exploring ideas of health with
African refugee
women in Tasmania



Interagency collaboration
and service delivery in
youth justice diversionary
programs



Community Policing and Refugee
Settlement in Regional Australia



Liberal governmentality and the
Constitution and Negotiation of
Aboriginality in Tasmania



The Fear of Crime
– the Crime of Fear



Gendered Careers in
Australian Policing



Research Model

Prevention

Enforcement

Corrections

- Interdisciplinary Research



Research Structure

- Steering Committee
 - Inter-disciplinary
 - Multi-jurisdictional
 - Law Enforcement Representation
- Research Committee
- Research Fellow and Research Associate



Completed Projects



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Evaluation of the U-Turn Project

- Young Recidivist Car Theft Offender Program
- Targets young people 15-20 years with a motor vehicle theft history
- Offers an automotive education and training course



Evaluation of the U-Turn Project

- Road safety education, literacy and numeracy skills



U-Turn Supported Accommodation

- Comparative analysis between those in a residential program and those who are not
- Program is aimed at behavioural change



U-Turn Supported Accommodation

- Project provides opportunity to investigate wider environmental and social factors
- Youth have access to a Housing Care worker



Safe at Home - RAST

- Literature Review
- Academic Panel
- Recommendations



Current Projects



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Comparative Analysis of Streetsafe

- Reduce drug and alcohol related crime
- Improve safe and responsible road usage



Drug Diversion

- Enhancing the implementation and management of drug diversion strategies in Australian law enforcement agencies
- To examine the impact of drug diversion strategies in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania



Drug Diversion cont..

- To develop and implement an effective model for law enforcement policy development and implementation



Forensic Science and Policing

- Study of understanding and attitudes to forensic science by police officers in
 - Tasmania (2002)
 - South Australia (2003)
 - Victoria (2004)



Forensic Policing in a Cross Cultural Context

- “The Case of Australian Police in Bali”
- Interviews with Australian and Indonesian Police
- Cross-cultural training for Australian police being deployed in the Asia-Pacific region



Drug and Related Problems on Social Housing Estates

- Effective strategies for tackling the issue
- Collaboration between housing managers and law enforcement agencies in
 - Tasmania
 - Victoria
 - Western Australia
- To establish effective and sustainable working partnerships to curb drug related problems



Community Policing and Refugee Settlement in Regional Australia

- A Case Study of Tasmania
- Seeks to overcome a lack of research into police-ethnic minority relations
- Numbers have increased from 150 (average) to 380 in 2003



Community Policing and Refugee Settlement In Regional Australia cont..

- Research Aims to:
 - Identify, analyse and theorise police-refugee (and vice versa) relations in regional Australia
 - Identify the ways in which policing can enhance the settlement experiences of refugees
 - Identify barriers
 - Identify and analyse police perceptions



Community Policing and Refugee Settlement in Regional Australia cont..

- Identify and analyse mechanisms for maintaining law and order within refugee communities
- Develop best practice models for community policing in the context of refugee settlement in regional Australia



Evaluation of Project Currawong

- A literature review of relevant work
- Identify appropriate theory to inform the research
- Utilise evidence based research methodology
- Identify best practice in wilderness-based youth diversionary programs



Local implementation of Ramsar Convention Obligations

- Identify patterns of local governance and impact they have on compliance with Convention obligations in China and Australia
- Develop policy recommendations to strengthen local compliance



Social Norms - Drugs, Alcohol and Young People

- Risk taking is often based on conformity to imaginary peers. Addresses perceptions to influence behaviours
- A participatory action research project
- Aims to address problems of substance abuse among youth in rural areas – binge drinking
- Minimise alcohol related harm



Non – funded Research

- Community Safety - Northern Region Project Review
- Neighbourhood Watch - Review & Marketing Strategy
- Net Water Movement, Police Search & Rescue Initiative



Survey Consultancies

- UTAS Postgraduate Exit Survey
- DHHS Workplace Diversity Survey
- OSSC Employee Survey
- ARCBS Survey of Donors & Non - Donors



Research Horizons

- Observational study of “downtime”
 - Systematic Social Observation methodology
 - Extensive consultation with the Tasmania Police
 - A Tasmanian Model – two police districts
 - Recommendations to better position police to prevent and to control crime



Research Horizon cont...

- The 'Safe at Home' Initiative
 - Whole of government approach
 - Longitudinal analysis



Collaborative Research & Research Training

- NIFS
- AIPM
- ACPR
- VicPol Training (Swinburne, QUT, Charles Sturt & UTAS)



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