

"Our research is recognised locally,
nationally and internationally"



From the Director

This Christmas edition of the Newsletter provides an opportunity for us to reflect on another successful year of activities at TILES in 2014 and to consider where we are headed in 2015.

The year has been marked by a growing program of research in two main areas: forensic studies and policing vulnerable populations. Our Forensic Studies research team at UTAS has been strengthened by the enrolment of three new HDR students: Cheryl Brown, Rowena Friend and Brianna O'Shea. Senior Sergeant First Class Cheryl Brown (APM) is a serving member of South Australia Police and, with support from ANZPAA-NIFS, is examining the effectiveness of fingerprints and DNA on volume crime in Australia. Rowena Friend's research topic is 'Communicating forensic psychiatric and psychological opinion: What forensic psychiatrists and psychologists say and what police, lawyers and judges hear'. Brianna O'Shea received an Australian Postgraduate Award at the start of 2014; her research topic is 'The Investigation and Prosecution of Cyberstalking in Australia'. All these postgraduate students have had an extremely successful year, with Cheryl and Heidi both publishing their first refereed journal articles. Congratulations to both of you!

Once again, throughout 2014 we have worked with colleagues and practitioners across disciplines, faculties, and universities both nationally and internationally.

In May we co-hosted a Forensic Studies Public Lecture with the newly-established Institute for the Study of Social Change (ISC) in the Faculty of Arts. We thank the Director of ISC, Prof. Richard Eccleston, for opening this public lecture and Prof. Gary Edmond from the University of New South Wales for delivering an interesting lecture on 'What lawyers should know about the forensic 'sciences''. The lecture generated much discussion among the audience represented by members of the legal profession, the forensic sciences, police, students and other interested members of the public. We thank Prof. Edmond and Mehera San Roque (also from UNSW) for spending the following day participating in a Forensic Studies Forum with our postgraduate students.

Our five-year ARC Linkage Project on 'The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System' drew to a close in the middle of 2014 (although the project will formally remain open until Kate Cashman finishes her PhD in 2015 – nearly there Kate!). Assoc. Prof. Julian and Dr Sally Kelty have committed most of their research time and energy to this project over the last five years. Much has been achieved throughout this time and we would like to sincerely thank the Australian Research Council and our Industry Partners (Victoria Police, the Australian Federal Police and ANZPPA-NIFS) for their continued involvement and support. In particular we thank the other Chief Investigators (Prof. James Robertson, Prof. Claude Roux, Dr Hugh Sibby, Prof. Rob White), and our Partner Investigators (Alastair Ross [NIFS], Robert Hayes [VicPol], Peter Woodman [VicPol], Assistant Commissioner Julian Slater [AFP], Anna Davey (Forensic Foundations) and Prof. Pierre Margot (University of Lausanne). We also say a special thank you to other staff working for our Industry Partners who have assisted us so generously with their time and expertise throughout the past five years: Karl Kent and Dr Bryan Found at VicPol, and Dr Paul Kirkbride, Paul Reedy, Dr Simon Walsh and other officers at the Australian Federal Police.

Finally, I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to Dr Sally Kelty who was the Postdoctoral Research Fellow on the project. Sally has proved to be an extremely competent and professional researcher who has been instrumental in developing collaborative relationships between TILES researchers and various forensic and policing organisations throughout the country. She has been a core part of the research team and we anticipate that she will continue to work with Assoc. Prof. Julian to build the Forensic Studies program at TILES.

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron has been leading the growth of a second area of research expertise at the Institute; namely, vulnerable people and policing. Following the publication in 2012 of her book *Policing Vulnerability* (co-authored with Nicole Asquith), Isabelle and Nicole organised a very successful workshop in October on 'Vulnerable People, Criminal Justice and Policing'. We thank Prof. Karl Roberts from the University of Western Sydney for providing additional funding for this workshop and for his participation as a speaker. We also thank the other speakers who made the day so successful: Prof. Michelle Grossman [VU], Dr Victoria Herrington [AIPM], Insp. Fiona Lieutier [Tasmania Police], Dr Hannah Graham [UTAS], Amy Mehrton and Deon Wong [ANZPAA], Assoc. Prof. Catherine Layton [UOW], Terese Henning [UTAS], and S/Const. Angela Robinson, Derek Turnbull and Scott Bailey [Tasmania Police]. Most importantly, we acknowledge the involvement of all the practitioners who attended the workshop. It is the collaboration between academics and practitioners that makes workshops such as this so successful.

I hope that this review of these two research areas provides some sense of the exciting research we are engaged in at TILES. The rest of the newsletter provides insights into some of the other activities that have enabled us to meet, and work with, so many researchers and practitioners in the field of policing and law enforcement. We will continue putting energy into these types of activities in 2015 with plans to work more closely with the Faculties of Law and Health Science and the School of Chemistry at UTAS, as well as extending our research collaborations with the School of Policing and Criminal Justice at the University of Western Sydney and Victoria University in 2015.

Finally, a thank you to the Faculty of Arts and the Institute for the Study of Social Change for the continued funding for TILES into 2015, and to Tasmania Police for their ongoing in-kind and financial support for the Institute. It is through Tasmania Police that we are able to benefit from the professional services of Mrs Paula Broucek, the TILES Executive Officer. Thank you Paula for another year of hard work! Thank you to all the researchers, staff and students at TILES for contributing to such a successful 2014. I look forward to working with you all again in 2015.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.

Roberta Julian



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Successful 2014

This year was one of the Institute's best ever and credit goes to the postgraduate students, academics and staff who worked so hard on their research, organising events or participating & presenting at many local, national and international events.

The Institute showcases Research in Forensic Studies

The Institute has been developing a research concentration in the emerging field of Forensic Studies over the past 10 years that has included a five-year ARC Linkage project.

Forensic Studies Forum

The Forum was presented by the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES) at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) in May. The Forum was chaired by TILES Director, Associate Professor Roberta Julian and was officially opened with presentations from



(from left) Prof Gary Edmond & Ms Mehera San Roque

Professor Gary Edmond and Ms Mehera San Roque from the School of Law, University of New South Wales. At the Forum, UTAS PhD candidates presented their research proposals or work-in-progress in forensic studies and forensic science from different disciplines (law enforcement, psychology and health science), and received valuable feedback from invited leading forensic experts, social scientists, criminologists and forensic practitioners. The Forum provided an excellent platform for discussions and networking, and invaluable opportunity for PhD candidates to showcase their research and proposals.



22nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences

TILES PhD candidates and researchers participated in the 22nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences held by the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS 2014) in Adelaide, 31 Aug-4 Sept. At the Symposium, PhD candidates Kate Cashman, Peter Woodman and Loene Howes received awards for their presentations. TILES Director, Associate Professor Roberta Julian, Dr Sally Kelty and PhD student Mithun Rajshekar also presented their research at this conference that brought together leading experts in the forensic science industry.



(from left) Loene Howes & Kate Cashman



Peter Woodman

Final Agenda for five-year Forensic Project



The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System (ARC Linkage Project) Management Committee converged in Hobart in May. This was the final meeting for this five-year project. At the meeting the project's Lead Chief Investigator, Associate Professor Roberta Julian presented a project overview, discussed the successes and challenges of the project and canvassed plans for future collaborative research. Associate Professor Julian thanked the Industry Partners (Victoria Police, AFP Forensic and Data Centres and ANZPAA-NIFS) for their fantastic support and the inter-disciplinary team of chief investigators, partner investigators, research fellows and postgraduate students for their commitment to the project since it began in 2009. Further details about the project available at: www.utas.edu.au/tiles/research/current-projects2/the-effectiveness-of-forensic-science-in-the-criminal-justice-system

Public Lecture co-hosted by TILES

What Lawyers Should Know About the Forensic 'Sciences' was the topic presented by Gary Edmond who is Professor in the School of Law at the University of NSW where he directs the Program in Expertise, Evidence and Law. This Public Lecture was co-hosted by TILES & the Institute for the Study of Social Change in May, and attracted an interested audience consisting of lawyers, scientists, researchers, students and the general public.

Vulnerable People, Criminal Justice and Policing workshop

In October, TILES and the Criminology, Law & Police Research Group (CLP) at the University of Tasmania in partnership with the University of Western Sydney (UWS) organised a one-day workshop titled: *Vulnerable People, Criminal Justice and Policing: competing or irreconcilable views?* The workshop was based around issues raised in Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron (TILES) and Assoc Professor Nicole L. Asquith's (UWS) book published in 2012, *Policing Vulnerability*. Both academics chaired the workshop and co-presented a related topic. The workshop program was filled with many interesting presentations delivered by local and interstate academics, and concluded with a panel of experts chaired by Associate Professor Roberta Julian. Hon Dr Vanessa Goodwin MLC (Attorney General, Tasmania) opened the workshop and Ms Robin Banks, (Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Tasmania), spoke at the end of the workshop. The workshop was attended by many local and interstate academics and practitioners.



(from left) Assoc Prof Nicole L. Asquith, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron, the Hon Dr Vanessa Goodwin MLC, Prof Karl Roberts (UWS) and Assoc Prof Roberta Julian

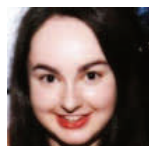
Meet our Postgraduate Students

In 2014 TILES welcomed three new students who will be conducting postgraduate studies through the Institute. Please meet:

- PhD candidate Ms Rowena Friend. Rowena will be focusing on *Communicating forensic psychiatric and psychological opinion: What forensic psychiatrists and psychologists say and what police, lawyers and judges hear*.
- MA candidate Snr Sgt First Class Cheryl Brown. Cheryl will undertake research on *The effectiveness of forensic evidence in volume crime policing in Australia*.
- PhD candidate Miss Brianna O'Shea. Brianna's topic is *The investigation and prosecution of cyberstalking in Australia*.

We are pleased to say the Institute now has several postgraduate students focusing on forensic and associated law enforcement research. These areas are attracting a high level of interest from students, academics and practitioners.

Brianna's research on 'The Investigation and Prosecution of Cyberstalking in Australia'



As technology advances, cyberstalking is becoming increasingly recognised as a significant local, national and global issue. Technology can be used by stalkers for a wide range of reasons which includes acquiring victims, communicating, monitoring, hiding their identities, and avoiding capture. The rationale for this project is to develop a deeper understanding of cyberstalking in Australia and contribute to national guidelines for criminal justice agency responses as there are currently no national uniform stalking laws. The project combines interviews with case study analysis to examine the investigation and prosecution of cyberstalking in practice. Brianna O'Shea's PhD research is supervised by Dr Sally Kelty and A/Prof Roberta Julian.

Congratulations to Mithun & Theju



We extend our congratulations to Mithun and his wife Theju on the birth of their baby girl Adwita who was born in November. They tell us Adwita means 'unique' in Sanskrit. We wish them many happy moments to cherish with their new baby. Mithun is PhD candidate focusing on Forensic

Odontology and his research is co-supervised by the Menzies Institute for Medical Research.

2014 has been a hectic year for all TILES postgraduate students who have been working tirelessly on their research, publications and presentations. The Institute has been very proud of all its students' achievements and would like to wish them all the best with their studies in 2015.

Expansion of teaching and research with DPEM

TILES staff have been actively involved in teaching Tasmania Police members and recruits again throughout 2014. With two recruit courses graduating this year (February & December) – we have collaborated with instructors from Tasmania Police to deliver units of the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Police Studies). Dr Rob Hall, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Assoc. Prof. Roberta Julian have continued to teach into this program with the assistance of S/Const. Angela Robinson who stepped in to teach Isabelle's unit while she was on maternity leave and study leave. A big thank you to Angela for taking up this challenge and performing so well!

A new Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department of Police and Emergency Management (DPEM) and the University of Tasmania in September 2014. This provides for further collaborative educational and research opportunities to be developed between the university and other emergency service personnel. We look forward to working with the Tasmania Fire Service and State Emergency Service in the new year. Thank you to Insp. Matthew Osborn and Alison McConnell-Imbriotis from the Tasmania Police Academy for your work in developing this expanded MOU.

Farewell to Inspector Matthew Osborn



All the staff at TILES would like to thank Inspector Matt Osborn for his years of service as the TILES Liaison Officer. In particular, Matt has spent many hours working with Dr Rob Hall on furthering the educational opportunities for Tasmania Police members at the university. Matt has also been responsible for processing research applications for Tasmania Police and has worked closely with Assoc. Prof. Roberta Julian in this capacity. Inspector Colin Riley is replacing Matt in the TILES Liaison role. Welcome to Colin – we look forward to working with you in 2015.

Studying at TILES

The Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES) is based at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) in Hobart and formally operates within the Faculty of Arts. The Institute was established in 2002 and it was the first Institute dedicated solely to the study of Law Enforcement at UTAS. Studying at the Institute has the following distinctive characteristics: a high priority on interaction between postgraduate students and academics, a small dedicated study environment, high quality academic supervision and a path to collaborative research activities. Over the past few years TILES has produced many postgraduate completions leading to successful careers.



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- Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron has been awarded a 2015 UTAS Research Enhancement Grant Scheme (REGS) for her project *Policing Difference, Policing Vulnerability*. REGS is an important research funding scheme aimed at early career researchers. According to the UTAS Research Division, this year's applications for REGS were of a particularly high standard. TILES congratulates Dr Bartkowiak-Théron for her success in receiving this significant grant.
- A TILES research team (Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron, Assoc Prof Roberta Julian, Dr Sally Kelty and Ms Loene Howes) completed their first interim report, as part of their two year evaluation of the initiative: *The Evaluation of the Inter Agency Support Teams Plus (IAST +)*. This evaluation was commissioned by the Office for Children, Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in 2013, and is scheduled to conclude at the end of 2015.
- We extend our congratulations to Dr Judy Putt and her colleagues for receiving a Research Industry Council of Australia (RICA) Award for research effectiveness in the Public Policy/Social Research Award category: *Community Engagement Police Officers (CEPOs): Improving community safety and making a difference in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities*. Dr Putt was a Senior Research Fellow with TILES and has worked on several projects and publications.
- TILES has partnered with the Centre for Law Enforcement & Public Health (CLEPH). The partnership will be focusing on developing the 'Marketplace of Ideas' at international conferences on Law Enforcement and Public Health. This partnership will bring together researchers and academics to form a hub for the development of ideas and dissemination of new knowledge.

- In December, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Associate Professor Roberta Julian attended the Tasmania Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance and State Emergency) event where all four organisations came together to sign up to the national campaign 'Racism. It Stops with me'.
- Associate Professor Roberta Julian and Senior Lecturer (Police Studies) Dr Rob Hall attended the induction ceremony at the Tasmania Police Academy in July. Both academics attended the Recruit Graduation Ceremony at the Police Academy in February and December. TILES has a close affiliation with the School of Social Sciences Police Studies programs. The programs offer both undergraduate and postgraduate courses that have a significant emphasis on the wide ranging law enforcement spectrum.
- The TILES Director, Associate Professor Roberta Julian attended the Australian Institute of Police Management (AIPM) Board of Studies meeting in Sydney in March. The AIPM is recognized as a leading provider of executive development programs for police, and the Board of Studies provides advice on educational matters at the AIMP.
- TILES researchers participated at the 2nd International Conference of Law Enforcement & Public Health (LEPH 2014) held in Amsterdam in October. At the conference, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron was a member of the Program Committee and chaired selected program sessions. Associate Professor Roberta Julian and Dr Bartkowiak-Théron were part of the LEPH Marketplace of Ideas working group that provided a forum for identifying, collecting and showcasing innovative approaches in problem solving and collaborative relationships. Dr Bartkowiak-Théron, Dr Sally Kelty and Associate Professor Julian also presented number of papers at the conference. The LEPH 2014 brought together international practitioners and academics to share and examine issues in policing and public health. The conference provided an excellent platform for discussions on developing and operating in collaborative partnerships.

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