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From the Director

It's quite a while since we produced our last TILES newsletter so this edition serves as somewhat of a brief annual review. We have had an extremely busy and productive year at TILES and, as always, it only seems like the other day that Sally Kelty and I were busily preparing an ARC Discovery grant application aimed at examining the apparent 'invisibility' of forensic medicine in criminal investigations. It's hard to believe that was in January! It's now December and we seem to have reached this point in the year without drawing breath.

The year has been filled with grant writing, research projects and consultancies, workshops, conferences presentations and publications as well as social events with colleagues and postgraduate students. This year TILES has been supported with internal funding from the Criminology, Law and Policing (CLP) Research Grouping that has enabled us to hold a number of very successful workshops. We began the academic year with a workshop on 'Costing Justice' with presentations from Dr Vanessa Goodwin on 'Offending and social problems in Tasmanian families; examining the intergenerational transmission of crime', Ms Courtney Young (UNSW) on 'Justice reinvestment in Australia: more for your dollar than dealing with crime?' and Dr Paul Collier (Deakin University) on 'Resource allocations to support more effective police investigations of serious and organised crime'. I would like to thank the presenters and the participants who came from a wide range of government and non-government agencies (including police, justice, health) as well as the university sector for taking the time to contribute to this very successful workshop.

Later in the year we held another well-attended workshop, this time on Recidivist Drink Drivers and Therapeutic Justice. The workshop was organised by Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (TILES) and Terese Henning (from the Law School) in conjunction with the Magistrates Court. The speakers included Michael Hill (Chief Magistrate, The Magistrates Court of Tasmania), Professor Arie Freiberg (Victorian and Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Councils), Dr Raimondo Bruno (School of Psychology, UTAS), Associate Professor Peter Miller (Deakin University), Jann Smith (CEO, The Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tas Inc. (ATDC)), Gerald Waters (Research Director, Researching Impaired Driving in New Zealand) and John Costello (Magistrate, The Magistrates Court of the Queensland). I would like to thank all these speakers for their presentations and the workshop participants for contributing to a very lively and much needed discussion on this 'wicked problem'.

**Season's
Greetings**
From all of us at TILES

These workshops have provided opportunities for TILES once again to extend its collaborative research activities across

UTAS faculties as well as nationally and internationally. We value our cross-faculty, cross-institutional and cross-disciplinary collaborations very highly and I am very pleased that we have added a number of external researchers to our existing team. Dr Katrina Clifford joined TILES as a new researcher early in the year. Katrina is a lecturer in the Journalism, Media and Communications Program at UTAS. Her expertise in media representations of crime (among other areas) adds an important dimension to our research profile. We have also established collaborative supervisory relationships with Assoc Prof Leigh Blizzard (Menzies Research Institute), Dr Anne-Marie Williams (School of Medicine) and Prof Marc Tennant (Centre for Rural & Remote Oral Health at the University of Western Australia). Leigh, Anne-Marie and Marc have come on board to co-supervise TILES new PhD student, Dr Mithun Rajshekar. Mithun received an APA scholarship in 2013 and began his research in the area of forensic odontology in March. We welcome Mithun (and his wife Theju) to Hobart and look forward to working with him over the next three years. Mithun's project adds another to the exciting suite of research we are developing at TILES in the field of forensic studies. Our program of research in Forensic Studies is growing steadily and now spans the disciplines of policing, criminology, sociology, psychology, law and forensic science.

Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron's appointment as a member of the Advisory Board for the Centre for Law Enforcement and Public Health (CLEPH) has also been a significant step in the collaboration we are developing with Prof Nick Crofts at CLEPH. We are working with Nick and his team to develop the Marketplace of Ideas at the next international conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health to be held in Amsterdam in 2014. This is a conference session that aims to showcase local partnerships between law enforcement and public health. We are currently working with CLEPH to establish an accessible database of successful partnerships both nationally and internationally (more on this in the new year).

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our TILES postgraduate students on another very successful year. Some of our HDR students recently participated in a two-day workshop organised by TILES, CLP and the Housing and Community Research Unit (HACRU) at UTAS that aimed to 'kickstart' a Women's Writing Group. We expect to see a number of publications after the participants achieve their goal of submitting an article in March 2014!

We have had two other very significant additions to the extended TILES' team this year. Kate Cashman (PhD student) had a son (Spencer) in January and Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (TILES senior researcher) had a daughter (Amelie) in October. We know that Kate and Ben, and Isabelle and Jean-Yves, are enjoying every moment of being new parents. Returning to study and work will be their biggest challenge!

Finally, I would like to thank Tasmania Police for their ongoing support for TILES. It is because of their support that we are able to have people such as Inspector Matthew Osborn (TILES Liaison Officer) and Mrs Paula Broucek (Executive Officer) providing advice and support to the wide range of activities in which TILES is involved. I would particularly like to thank Paula for all her work throughout the year. As always, it is the people behind the scenes that enable the organisation to function effectively.

On behalf of all of us at TILES, I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year!

Roberta Julian

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Most significant events we organised in 2013



A Costing Justice workshop was organised by TILES as part of the Criminology, Law & Policing (CLP) Research Group at UTAS. The workshop focus was on issues related to the costs of justice. This included discussions on methods of costing justice initiatives as well as exploring cost-effective alternatives to current justice programs. The event was mainly attended by

various Justice and Law enforcement agencies, organisations and academic researchers. Some very interesting presentations were delivered by invited speakers from Deakin University, UNSW and Tasmania.

Our current major projects

The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System - ARC Linkage Project

(Lead Chief Investigator: Associate Professor Roberta Julian)

The Forensic Science Career Advancement Project: Developing Leadership and Higher Level Cognitive Abilities in Forensic Personnel

(Chief Investigators: Dr Sally Kelty and Associate Professor Roberta Julian)

Bridging the Gap between Police and Refugee Communities

(Chief Investigator: Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron)

Evaluation of the Cross Border Justice Scheme

(Chief Investigator: Dr Judy Putt)

How women have transformed the criminal justice system: a modern history

(Chief Investigator: Dr Judy Putt)

Development of a Recruitment Package for High Calibre Crime Scene Examiners

(Chief Investigators: Dr Sally Kelty and Associate Professor Roberta Julian)

The Interfaces Project

(Chief Investigators: Dr Sally Kelty and Associate Professor Roberta Julian)

The Forensic Science Project moving forward in right direction



In May 2013 the chief & partner investigators and project team from the Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System project converged in Sydney to discuss the project activities, milestones, outcomes and the plans for the next twelve months. At the meeting Director, ANZPAA-NIFS, Mr Alastair Ross presented Awards for best academic publications in forensic science. Mr Peter Woodman (VPFSD) also presented his PhD proposal. This very important meeting was organised by TILES. More information about the project can be found on TILES website.



This two day workshop at UTAS in September 2013 attracted over 40 participants and an interest from the local ABC media.

The workshop's aim was to initiate a process of informed decision-making about whether

and how to best apply problem solving court processes to recidivist drink driving in Tasmania. At the workshop various presentations and discussions took place by key stakeholder institutions, magistrates, justice agencies, researchers and people involved in drink driving programs in Tasmania, Australia and New Zealand.

The workshop was organised by TILES and the Faculty of Law at UTAS in conjunction with the Magistrates Court of Tasmania. The event was funded by the Law Foundation of Tasmania. Several presentations, photos and links to interviews on ABC are available on TILES website.

Some highlights from our many presentations and participation in events

Throughout the year we have been very busy presenting our research to wide audiences. TILES research is well recognised locally, nationally and internationally and attracts an interest from academic and non academic areas.

- A paper "Bail, Curfews and Young People" was presented by Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Senior Constable Angela Robinson (Tasmania Police) at the Human Rights and Policing Conference 2013 (CEPS) in Canberra.
- Assoc Prof Roberta Julian and Dr Sally Kelty presented their paper *How to identify and employ top performing crime-scene examiners and why it matters in criminal justice* at the Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference 2013 in Sydney.
- Assoc Prof Roberta Julian presented a paper 'From compulsory fingerprinting to familial searching: human rights and the effectiveness of forensic science' (Authors: Roberta Julian, Linzi Wilson-Wilde and Dean Cotaggio) at the CEPS Human Rights and Policing Conference in Canberra.
- Dr Sally Kelty travelled to Kuala Lumpur to present her paper *Developing Leadership in Forensics: The Key Attributes of Top-performing Forensic Practitioners, What They Are, and Enhancing Them through Focused Leadership Strategies* at the 11th Indo Pacific Association of Law, Medical & Science (INPALMS) Congress 2013.
- Assoc Prof Roberta Julian presented a paper titled *Avoiding wrongful convictions through a better interface between forensic science, forensic medicine and law enforcement* (Authors: Roberta Julian, Sally Kelty & Alastair Ross) at the ANZSOC Conference 2013 in Brisbane.
- Dr Sally Kelty gave a keynote presentation 'Effective Interagency Communication: The Implications of the Interfaces Project for Practitioners and Criminal Investigations Involving Children' at the Children: A Resource Most Precious Conference, Perth Western Australia.

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. Recent graduates include:

Senior Constable Angela Robinson – Honours in Criminology 2012. In early 2012 Angela was one of four people selected nationally as a Research Intern at the Australian Institute of Criminology. She has also written a chapter on Youth Justice and Drug Diversion courts for the recently published *Policing Vulnerabilities* (Federation Press). In October 2012, Angela completed a thesis for her Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Criminology. Her research examined the pro-active policing of youth on bail curfews, as well as the coherence of criminal justice processes dealing with breaches of curfew to legislated Youth Justice principles and the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child.

Constable Chloe Carr - Master of Police Studies 2013. Chloe's thesis was titled *Measuring the Interaction Between Tasmania Police Officers and Mentally Ill People*. In her own experience working as a general duties police officer in Hobart, Tasmania, Chloe observed that many calls for police assistance relate to mentally ill people. However, apart from anecdotally, little is known or reported about the extent of police resources and risks associated with such incidents. Chloe conducted a survey requiring general duties officers in Hobart to complete a 10-question form corresponding with each incident they attended where a mentally ill person's behaviour was the reason for the call for assistance. The thesis analyses and discusses the results of the survey in light of the national and international literature on the topic.

TILES website adopts new look

The TILES new website was officially launched in November 2013. The entire web content is now located on the University of Tasmania Content Management System. As part of this big transition we made certain the most familiar TILES features including colours were implemented on the new website. The website is vitally important for TILES as it provides access to information about TILES research, partnerships, studies and people. The website content is managed by Paula Broucek, TILES Executive Officer, whose university studies specialised in Internet Communications.

You can find the TILES new website on the same old URL: www.utas.edu.au/tiles

Congratulations to Cecile

We extend our congratulations to Dr Cecile McKeown who graduated in August 2013. Cecile is very happy her PhD journey is now well and truly over and she can focus on her senior consultancy role with Public and Population Health and spend more time with her family.



Cecile's thesis analysed modern biological and psychological theories of dependence to ascertain the benefits to be gained for the future direction of public policy as well as population level strategies for alcohol in Australia.

We are pleased to say Cecile has decided to continue her involvement with UTAS as a University Associate. Dr Romy Winter also became a University Associate after her PhD completion with TILES last year.

Meet our Postgraduate Students

The past 12 months have been hectic for TILES postgraduate students who have spent their time working on their research, publications and presentations. We also welcomed three new postgraduate students on board this year:

TILES current postgraduate students (A-Z) and their thesis titles are:

Chris Enright

Analysing fatal interactions between the community and Australian Police. An examination of disparate approaches to investigating police killings focusing on the balance between the public duties and private rights of police who kill in the course of duty.

Heidi Gordon

Prediction of recidivism in a Tasmanian population: Evaluation and development of community based risk assessments.

Julie Viecei

Building an Understanding of the Impacts of Child Sexual Abuse Across and Within Sectors of Society

Katherine Cashman

Lawyers and DNA: Understanding and Challenging the Evidence

Loene Howes

Communicating scientific expert opinion: What do forensic scientists say and what do police, lawyers, and judges hear?

Mithun Rajshakar

Establishing a systematic and globally expandable approach to the documentation of animal bite marks through the development of a database of animal dentitions, both domestic and wild in and around Australia.

Paul Roberts

How can South Australia Police (SAPOL) better engage with remote Indigenous communities within the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands?

Peter Woodman

Measuring the Impact of Forensic Science on Police Investigations and Court Trials.

In 2013 TILES welcomed four new members who will be conducting postgraduate studies and research.

- Julie Vieceili is a new postgraduate MA student.
- Dr Mithun Rajshekar joined TILES as a postgraduate PhD student.
- Chris Enright joined TILES to undertake his PhD studies.
- Dr Katrina Clifford is a new TILES researcher. Her research interests include news media representations of crime; risk communications; the visual framing of traumatic news events; journalism and emotions; and interactions between frontline police and mentally ill individuals in crisis, including mediated representations of police use of force. Katrina is also a lecturer in Journalism, Media and Communications at UTAS.

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- Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron has become a member of the Advisory Board for the Centre for Law Enforcement and Public Health (CLEPH).
- After some intensive work Dr Judy Putt published her latest research and evaluation. Judy's chapter on Service Delivery was published in the Cape York Welfare Reform Evaluation Report (2012), and Conducting Research with Indigenous People is part of the brief published for the Indigenous Justice Clearinghouse.
- Dr Sally Kelty accepted the role of Treasurer of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (Tasmanian Branch). In 2012 she was the President of the Tasmanian Branch.

- Associate Professor Roberta Julian was appointed as an Editorial Board Member of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* (Sage).
- Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron was presented an award for Emerging Researcher in the 2013 Tasmanian Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Awards. The Award ceremony was held at Parliament House, Hobart in June 2013.

## Recruitment packages to assist law enforcement and forensic science agencies

Dr Sally Kelty and Associate Professor Roberta Julian were successful in securing research contracts with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in 2012 and 2013. The funds received are assisting them with their research on identifying the critical attributes that set top-performing crime scene examiners apart from their peers. The purpose of this research is to develop a robust multi-source recruitment process based upon the identification of the seven key attributes of top-performing CSEs. This recruitment process will provide police organisations and forensic science agencies with a set of guidelines that will assist them in selecting potential top performing crime scene examiners.

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