

Crime Victim e-news

Information, events, research & practices for those with an interest in victims of crime.



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Victim Support Service Update

▪ [Advancing Victim-Centred Knowledge Essay Contest](#)

Victim Support Service Incorporated seeks to promote an outstanding victim-centred scholarship that examines the experiences of victims, how to assist victims rebuild their lives, or contributes to the work of the criminal justice system and allied professionals who serve victims.

Awards for excellence in victim-centred work will be given in three categories:

- Peer Reviewed Scholarly Article
- Graduate Student Paper
- Diploma / Undergraduate Student Paper

Community Services

▪ [Effectiveness of Victims of Crime Programs](#)

Victorian Auditor-General's Report, 2011

An evaluation of the Victims Support Agency (VSA) in Victoria. Recommendations for service improvements are included.

▪ [Managing Risk in Community Services - A Preliminary Study of the Impacts of Risk Management on Victorian Services and Clients](#)

Prof. Judy Brett, Dr Anthony Moran, David Green & Dr Anne-Maree Sawyer

An ARC Linkage Project, 2006-2009. LaTrobe University School of Social Sciences. An Assessment of community services in Victoria, offering four possible responses to the problem of risk management.

Crime Prevention

▪ [Cost-benefit analysis and its application to crime prevention and criminal justice research](#)

Kym Dossetor, Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), 2011

'In this report, a description is provided of when and how such analyses of crime prevention programs have been used and a number of cost-benefit analyses are reviewed, using a tool developed to assess the merit of cost-benefit analysis. It is noteworthy that a number of the programs that have shown a reduction in the risk of crime have not been developed by criminologists or law enforcement personnel, nor has crime prevention been the primary objective. Rather, a crime prevention effect has occurred as part of a suite of positive outcomes.' (- AIC)

▪ [Keep yourself safer](#)

Children, Youth and Women's Health Service, Child and Youth Health

Tips for young people on how to stay safe.

Domestic & Family Violence

▪ [Family Violence and Commonwealth Laws](#)

Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), Commonwealth of Australia, 2011

'The ALRC was requested to consider what, if any, improvements could be made to relevant legal frameworks to protect the safety of those experiencing family violence.... Access to independent financial resources, such as those provided under social security law, can provide economic security and independence to facilitate the safety of those experiencing family violence—for example, by enabling victims of family violence to leave a violent relationship, become financially independent or seek alternate accommodation.' (- ALRC)

- [Helplines and telephone counselling services for children, young people and parents](#)
Compiled by Shaun Lohoar & Rhys Price-Robertson, National Child Protection Clearinghouse
Links to national and state counselling help-lines that assist parents and young people.
- [Seeking Security: promoting women's economic wellbeing following domestic violence](#)
Rochelle Braaf & Isobelle Barrett Meyering, Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse (ADFVC), 2011
'The research specifically aimed to: 1. investigate ways in which domestic violence undermines women's financial circumstances, and, in turn, how poverty affects their efforts to gain safety. 2. investigate strategies that support positive economic outcomes for women. 3. develop and promote the implementation of these strategies, to support women's financial security and pathways to safety.' (- ADFVC)

Archives

Previous issues of e-news can be found [here](#).

Fraud & Scams

- [Consumer fraud in Australasia: Results of the Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce online Australia surveys 2008 and 2009](#)
Carolyn Budd & Jessica Anderson, Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), 2011
'Phishing attacks, lottery and prize scams, financial investment scams and advanced fee fraud are just a few of the more common scam varieties that are used in an attempt to gain either money or personal details that will eventually be used for financial gain by offenders. The increased use of electronic forms of communication and the ease of sending mass scam invitations via the Internet has also resulted in an increase in the number of scam requests disseminated globally.' (- AIC)
- [Optimising Australia's Response to the Cyber Challenge](#)
John Blackburn & Gary Waters, The Kokoda Foundation, 2011
An assessment of the threat to both individuals and organisations in Australia by criminals using the Internet as a tool for gaining access to assets. The huge scale of this type of crime is not understood by Australians, and consequently they are not prepared to withstand it.
- [Targeting scams: Report of the ACCC on scam activity 2010](#)
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission, Commonwealth of Australia, 2011
The incidence of scams is increasing rapidly – twice as many scams were reported to the ACCC in 2010 (42,000) than in the previous year. The most frequently applied fraud was 'mass marketed advance fee fraud' (advance fees for bogus services or lotteries). 45% of the frauds were delivered online and 33% by telephone, and some were conveyed by door-to-door salesmen. Some scams were facilitated by people putting their personal details onto social networking sites. The Australian Government is working with the ACCC on crime prevention in this area.

Editor

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Indigenous Matters

- [The Community Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
Australian Human Rights Commission, 2010
A guide for Aboriginal communities on human rights, as set out in the United Nations' Declaration. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples has taken twenty years of negotiation. This guide includes discussion on the following topics – Collective and individual human rights, Equality and freedom from discrimination, Self-determination, Self-government and indigenous institutions, Nationality, Security, freedom from genocide, assimilation and the destruction of culture.

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In the Media

- [Bill passed to end double coronial inquests](#)
ABC Report
- [New laws target cyber thugs](#)
Adelaidenow Report
- [Law Society wary of shorter sentences bill](#)
ABC Report
- [Law too narrow, unjust - judge](#)
Adelaidenow Report

- [New national register for domestic and family violence orders](#)
Media Release, The Hon Kate Ellis MP & The Hon Robert McClelland MP, Attorney-General
- [SA police to use anti-child porn software](#)
ABC Report
- [Tougher laws planned for security industry](#)
ABC Report

Conferences

- [AIJA Child Protection Conference - Child Protection in Australia and New Zealand - Issues and Challenges for Judicial Administration](#)
5-7 May, Brisbane
The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA)
- [2011 National Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference](#)
17-19 May, Gold Coast
Global Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- [Meeting the needs of victims of crime](#)
18-19 May, Sydney
Australian Institute of Criminology and the NSW Department of Justice & Attorney General
- [White Ribbon Every Day Conference](#)
21 May, Brisbane
Association of Women Educators
- [2011 Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum: Let's unite – stop the fight!](#)
30-31 May, Mackay
Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research
- Please [click here](#) to view more upcoming conferences.

Seminars

- [One Unknown: facing death, choosing life](#)
6 April (6-7:30pm), Adelaide Town Hall
The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre
Presenter: Dr Gill Hicks, survivor of the terrorist bombings in London.
- [Helping Ill and Injured Children: Understanding and Preventing Medical Traumatic Stress](#)
13 April, Adelaide
Australian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
Presenter: Dr Nancy Kassam-Adams
- **What Works in (Offender) Rehabilitation?**
14 April, TAFE SA, Adelaide City Campus (Function Room E107 at the Currie/Rosina Streets entrance)
Institute of Justice Studies
Presenter: Dr Anne Marie Martin, Department for Correctional Services
Contact: justice.policing@tafesa.edu.au
- **Sturt/Marion Family Safety Framework Workshop**
15 April (9:30am-12pm), Families SA, 233 Sturt Road, Sturt
Families SA
For any staff from agencies directly working with women, men and families experiencing domestic and family violence.
RSVPs: Email Caitlyn Mills at Office for Women at mills.caitlyn@agd.sa.gov.au

- [What about me? Working with disability and sexual trauma](#)
20 April, Subiaco
Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)
Presenter: Dr Gareth Merriman – Head of Sexology, Curtin University
'People with disabilities are often seen as easy targets by offenders. A significant proportion of offences are committed by carers or people well known to them and it is therefore vital for health and caring professionals to enable effective and timely responses. The aim of this introductory workshop will be to increase the knowledge, skills and confidence of practitioners in responding to these sensitive issues.' (- SARC)
- [Assessment for management of domestic violence](#)
4 May, Adelaide
Bower College
Presenter: Catherine Sanders
- [Managing violent situations](#)
11 May, Adelaide
Bower College
Presenter: Malcolm Robinson
- [Couples & Conflict](#)
13 May, Adelaide
Bower College
Presenters: Malcolm Robinson & Catherine Sanders
- [Managing threats of suicide](#)
18 May, Adelaide
Bower College
Presenter: Catherine Sanders
- [New Directions in Trauma Mindfulness: Multimodal therapy in posttraumatic stress](#)
19-20 May, Melbourne
24-25 May, Sydney
30-31 May, Brisbane
The Delphi Centre
Presenter: Dr John Briere, PhD, expert in psychological trauma.

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