

# 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

- [United Against Domestic Violence: Engaging Men in Prevention, National Domestic Violence Conference](#)  
14-15 July, Mount Gambier  
*Centacare, Pangula Mannamurna Inc, Soroptimist International Mount Gambier, University of South Australia, Victim Support Service & White Ribbon Day*
  - 13 July. Pre-conference Workshop. Presenter: Dr Mick Adams
  - 14 July. Keynote addresses and concurrent sessions
  - 15 July. One Day Workshop: Let's stop the violence before it starts.  
Presenter: Dr Michael Flood

## Corrections

- [Does imprisonment deter? A review of the evidence.](#)  
*Ritchie, Donald. Sentencing Advisory Council, Victoria. 2011.*  
'This report considers previous research into whether sentences of imprisonment are effective in deterring crime. The paper examines a number of empirical and criminological studies conducted over the last 10 years in Australia and internationally'. (- SAC)
- [Prison-based correctional offender rehabilitation programs: The 2009 national picture in Australia](#)  
*Karen Heseltine, Andrew Day, Rick Sarre. Australian Institute of Criminology, May 2011*  
'Correctional administrators both in Australia and overseas have invested significant resources in the development and delivery of offender rehabilitation programs. This report provides an updated account of the nature and scope of custodial-based offender rehabilitation programs in Australia.' (- AIC)
- [Prison-based Correctional Rehabilitation: An overview of intensive interventions for moderate to high-risk offenders](#)  
*Karen Heseltine, Rick Sarre and Andrew Day. Australian Institute of Criminology, May 2011*  
'These newer programs (rolled out since 2004) are of a generally high standard, are well-embedded within correctional case management systems and are consistent with evidence-based principles of offender rehabilitation. It seems likely that these programs will have a positive impact on recidivism, although rigorous evaluation of program outcomes still needs to occur.' (- Adam Tomison, AIC)

## Contributions

Do you have something to contribute to our next issue of e-news?

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## Indigenous Crime and Justice

- [Report on Government Services 2011: Indigenous Compendium](#)  
*The Productivity Commission, 2011.*  
The third section gives information about justice: police, courts and corrective services.
- [Talking Together – Relations between Police and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Victoria. A Review of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan 2003-2008](#)  
*The Office of Police Integrity, Victoria, 2011.*  
An evaluation of police services and relations with Koori people over a five-year period of reforms.

▪ [What Do We Know? The Experiences of Social Workers Working Alongside Aboriginal People](#)

*Bindi Bennett, Joanna Zubrzycki and Violet Bacon. Australian Social Work, Vol 64, (1) 2011, p 20–37.*

A report on a research project in which the relationships between social workers and Aboriginal clients was analysed. The results describe relationships which 'are characterised by reciprocity, the integration and valuing of Aboriginal and Western worldviews, and the application of microskills such as deep listening and stillness' (- Bindi Bennett, Joanna Zubrzycki and Violet Bacon).

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## Measuring Crime

▪ [Survey of Victims of Property Crime](#)

Have you been the victim of a property crime in the last 5 years (e.g., burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson or vandalism)? The *School of Psychology at Flinders University* is seeking Australian residents at least 18 years of age to complete a 10 minute survey on victims' opinions and feelings about their victimisation. If you are interested in participating, please click above.

▪ [Australian crime: Facts & figures 2010](#)

*Australian Institute of Criminology, 2011*

Contents include 'Crime and justice statistics: Recorded crime, Selected crime profiles, Crime victimisation, Selected offender profiles, Criminal courts, Corrections, Criminal justice resources' (- AIC)

▪ [Crime families: Gender and the intergenerational transfer of criminal tendencies](#)

*Vanessa Goodwin and Brent Davis, Australian Institute of Criminology, 2011*

'This Tasmanian study of six known criminal families identifies clear differences in the intergenerational transfer of criminality from mothers to their sons and daughters. The influence of paternal (a father's) criminality on children of both genders is strong, but is particularly strong for male children.' (- Adam Tomison, AIC)

▪ [Knife crime: Recent data on carriage and use](#)

*Dr Lorana Bartels, Australian Institute of Criminology, 2011*

'Analysis of the data indicated an increase in the use of knives as a proportion of all homicides, although the number of homicides remained relatively constant. The proportionate use of knives in robberies, by contrast, remained fairly constant, while the number of robberies decreased dramatically.' (- Adam Tomison, AIC)

▪ ['Knife crime' in Australia: Incidence, aetiology and responses](#)

*Dr Lorana Bartels. Australian Institute of Criminology, 2011*

'A detailed analysis of recent and proposed legislative and policy responses to knife crime in each Australian jurisdiction is presented; this demonstrates a diversity of approaches, especially in relation to penalties. By way of international comparison, the responses in the United Kingdom are considered and the evidence on the effectiveness of interventions aimed at tackling knife crime reviewed.' (- Adam Tomison, AIC)

▪ [Trends in juvenile detention in Australia](#)

*Kelly Richards, Australian Institute of Criminology, 2011*

'First, the substantial increase in the proportion of juvenile detainees that is remanded, rather than sentenced, is identified as a concerning trend... Second, the over-representation of Indigenous juveniles continues to be an important issue to be addressed.' (- Adam Tomison, AIC)

## Archives

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

## Sexual Assault

▪ [Addressing sexual orientation and sex and/or gender identity discrimination: consultation report.](#) *Australian Human Rights Commission, 2011.*

'In October 2010, the Australian Human Rights Commission commenced a public consultation to canvas the experiences and views of people who may have been discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation or sex and/or gender identity.' (- Catherine Branson, QC)

- [Hearing whispered voices: advocating for change in youth sexual assault services in the Northern Territory, 2010](#)  
*Kim-Baker, E.J., 2010. Youth Minister's round table of Young Territorians, Northern Territory Government of Australia, Darwin.*  
'This report outlines a range of recommendations that significantly enhance the quality of sexual assault service provision for young people; in turn enhancing their quality of life and the collective welfare of our community.' (- Kim-Baker, E.J.)
- [Living Well – a Guide for Men](#)  
*Cameron Boyd and Gary Foster PhD*  
A booklet to assist men who have been sexually abused.
- [Review of bystander approaches in support of preventing violence against women](#)  
*Preventing violence against women by increasing participation in respectful relationships Powell, Anastasia, 2011. VicHealth.*  
'This review aims to address this gap in the literature in order to draw together the evidence from across disciplinary boundaries to inform bystander approaches for the prevention of violence against women in Victoria.' (- Anastasia Powell)
- [Statistical Information \[Sexual Assault\]](#)  
*Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault, 2011*  
A summary of statistics about rape and sexual assault in Australia, and internationally, with links to online reports. Part 1: Police statistics Part 2: Victimization surveys

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### In the Media

- [Working smarter to prevent crime](#)  
*Media release – Minister for Justice*
- [When victims forgive the unforgiveable](#)  
*AdelaideNow Report*
- [Legal Board's McGee Ruling Under Review](#)  
*ABC Report*
- [Licensed venues trading plan watered down](#)  
*ABC Report*
- [SA Sex offender laws under review](#)  
*ABC Report*
- [Taxi Council welcomes better driver protection](#)  
*ABC Report*
- [Speech In Support Of The Family Law Legislation Amendment \(Family Violence And Other Measures\) Bill 2011](#)  
*Media Report, The Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister For The Status Of Women*

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### Websites

- [ACSSA Australian Sexual Assault Research Register](#)  
*Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault*  
This is a great way of having information about your projects easily accessible to a range of audiences, including policy and practice communities.' (- ACSSA)
- [Journey Beyond Road Trauma](#)  
'Here you can create tributes, connect with people affected by road trauma, tell your story & campaign for road safety' (- JBRT)

## Conferences

- [There's no excuse for abuse – the legal links.](#)  
[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day \(WEAAD\) Conference](#)  
15 June, Adelaide  
*Aged Rights Advocacy Service Inc*
- [Reintegration Puzzle Conference 2011](#)  
[Over-represented Groups in the Prison System; supporting successful reintegration](#)  
22-24 June, Alice Springs  
*The Centre for Offender Reintegration @ Deakin (CORD)*
- [A Symposium on Indigenous Sentencing, Punishment and Healing](#)  
5-6 July, Cairns  
*The Australian Prisons Project (APP) in association with the Cairns Institute, James Cook University*
- [5th Annual Australian and New Zealand Critical Criminology Conference](#)  
7-8 July, Cairns  
*The Cairns Institute in association with the School of Arts and Social Sciences, James Cook University*
- Please [click here](#) to view more upcoming conferences.

## Seminars

- [Survivors Australia](#)  
For survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Training clinic coming up. 'Professional Development Clinics, specifically developed in conjunction with Dr Jodi Death of Queensland University, and Australasia's leading experts in the field of trauma and recovery.' Date unknown. Contact [info@survivorsaustralia.org](mailto:info@survivorsaustralia.org)
- [Men & Shame](#)  
10 June, 2011. Bower Place, Adelaide  
*Bower College*  
Presenter: Malcolm Robinson  
'This workshop will explore the question of men's shame, it's origins and family and relationship patterns which perpetuate it.'
- [Engaging in Effective Brief Contact or Single-Session Grief and Bereavement Support](#)  
15 June, 2011. Adelaide  
*Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement*  
Presenter: Greg Roberts
- [The Body Remembers: A two day workshop with Babette Rothschild \(USA\)](#)  
16-17 June, 2011. Adelaide  
*Australian Childhood Foundation*  
Presenter: Babette Rothschild
- [A Symposium on Indigenous Sentencing, Punishment and Healing](#)  
5-6 July, 2011. Cairns, Qld  
*James Cook University*
- [Children & Trauma](#)  
8 July, 2011. Adelaide  
*Bower College*  
Presenter: Malcolm Robinson and Catherine Sanders
- [Healing the Healers: a day long workshop/retreat for people who work with male and/or female survivors professionally or in the voluntary sector](#)  
13 or 14 July (TBC), Gippsland Vic.  
*South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault [SECASA]*
- [Self-Care Through Mindfulness Practices in Bereavement Work](#)  
29 July, 2011. Adelaide  
*Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement*  
Presenter: Paulina Sculli

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