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
Board of Directors

- Sir Max Bingham QC, Chair
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- 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 inter-disciplinary 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
- Corrections
- Enforcement

- Interdisciplinary Research
Research Structure

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

TASMANIAN INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES

UTAS
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

TASMANIAN INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES

UTAS
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)
Further Information

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