From the Director

Well - what a year it’s been! As the end of the calendar year approaches, it’s always very satisfying to reflect on all the projects and events that have kept TILES’ researchers and postgraduate students busy over the past 12 months. We began the year with the publication of a TILES Briefing Paper - the 12th in the series but the first for a couple of years. Thanks to Jess Rodgers (QUT), Nicole Asquith and Angela Dwyer for reinvigorating this important publication with their paper on transgender people in prisons. This was soon followed by announcements of two teaching development grants (Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron & Romy Winter on police education and Katrina Clifford on a work-integrated learning initiative in Journalism, Media and Communications) and a Criminology Research Council grant on bail decision-making and pre-trial services (Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron with Max Travers from UTAS and colleagues in other jurisdictions). The first half of the year saw TILES host two events - a public lecture on forensic expertise by Dr Kristy Martire visiting from UNSW and an information and networking session on contemporary intelligence practice that profiled a new collaboration with the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers.

We welcomed two new PhD candidates during the year - Cassandra Thoars and Rhondda Waterworth - both in interdisciplinary projects (in Education and Law) and were very pleased to say farewell to two others - Kate Cashman and Mithun Rajeshekar. Kate and Mithun have completed their PhDs in forensic studies/forensic science so it’s very exciting to be able to say congratulations to both of them! We wish them all the best in the next stages of their careers. I have to say I will miss the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from other disciplines (Terese Henning from Law), Leigh Blizzard (from Menzies) & Anne-Marie Williams (from Medicine) as supervisors on these projects.

Highlights of the final stages of the year included hosting Year 10, 11 and 12 students at the first CrimFest event to publicize our research and teaching in forensic studies, criminology and justice studies and hosting Dr Jarrett Blaustein (from Monash University) who delivered a seminar on crime and development.

As always, running throughout the year were our collaborative research projects - with key partners such as Tasmania Police - but also with a wide range of other agencies in Tasmania and nationally.

Thank you to all the representatives of these agencies - government departments and NGOs - who make our collaborative research a reality and who assist us to make a positive impact on the people and communities with whom we engage during the research process.

While the Institute’s mission is ‘to conduct and promote evidence based research to improve the quality of law enforcement and enhance community safety’, TILES’ researchers always aim to achieve better social and criminal justice outcomes in the wider community.

To finish, I have a few people I wish to thank specifically. First I would like to thank and acknowledge the TILES - Tasmania Police Liaison Officer, Inspector Colin Riley, who has been a strong supporter of research-led policing in Tasmania and who played a key role in the newly-established TILES - TasPol Research Committee co-chaired by Assistant Commissioner Richard Cowling and myself. We look forward to working with Inspector Tony Kay who has been appointed to this position.

Thanks also to Commissioner Darren Hine and Deputy Commissioner Scott Tilyard for their ongoing support for TILES. And finally thank you to the TILES EO, Paula Broucek, who works tirelessly to support me, the TILES researchers and postgraduate students and while ensuring that the Institute’s research and events run smoothly and information about these is disseminated widely and effectively.

I hope you enjoy reading more about these and other TILES activities in this Newsletter. Best wishes for the holidays and I look forward to working with you all again in 2018.

Roberta Julian
Welcome to Appointed Adjunct and Affiliated Researchers

Mr Alastair Ross AM (Adjunct Professor) - Mr Ross is the Foundation Director of the National Institute of Forensic Science (NIFS). His contribution to the forensic sciences has been recognised in Australia with an AM and at an international level with the Adelaide Medal from the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS). Mr Ross has an active working relationship with TILES, as a research collaborator and industry partner, since 2002. Mr Ross’ adjunct appointment will contribute to the consolidation and growth of one of the major theme areas in the Institute, Forensic Studies.

Dr Kaye Ballantyne (Adjunct Senior Researcher) - Dr Ballantyne is a Senior Research & Development Officer within the Office of the Chief Forensic Scientist at Victoria Police Forensic Services Department (VPFD), and an adjunct Associate Professor at La Trobe University. Dr Ballantyne’s appointment will formalize her role in Peter Woodman’s PhD candidate supervision team in TILES.

Dr Ronald Frey (Adjunct Senior Researcher) - Dr Frey has recently relocated to Tasmania after a long career with the School of Psychology and Counselling at the Queensland University of Technology. Dr Frey has been a practicing psychologist for over 25 years and a counsellor for family violence/child protection for 38 years. He is joining TILES to pursue Institute’s research interests and to make a contribution to the Institute and to the larger Tasmanian community as well.

Professor Rob White (Affiliated Researcher) - Rob White is a Professor of Criminology and his research is focused on social and ecological justice, criminology and youth studies. Professor White is well known for pioneering the field of green criminology on an international level and has published several books on the topic. This year he was honoured with the DIC 2017 Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award, awarded by the Division of International Criminology (DIC) of the American Society of Criminology.

Associate Professor Christine Owen (Senior Researcher) - is a researcher with many years’ experience in investigating communication, coordination and collaborative practices in special environments (such as aviation and emergency services). Assoc Prof Owen has been associated with the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC, collaborated on several projects with them and has published related research. Presently, she is a Chief Investigator on a project with TILES funded by the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC.

Dr Danielle Campbell (Researcher) - Dr Campbell has returned to TILES to collaborate on the launch of the Law Enforcement & Public Health (LEPH) Issues Paper & the Tasmania wide consultation. Dr Campbell is well known for her excellent research and collaborative skills which she applied in initiating the public consultation for the LEPH project.

Congratulations to New Doctors of Philosophy

PhD candidates Kate Cashman and Mithun Rajshekar are graduating in December 2017. The Institute is proud of Kate and Mithun achieving such a significant goal in their careers, and wishes them a great future ahead. (read more on TILES Postgraduate Students page).

The Institute welcomed two new PhD candidates - Cassandra Thoars and Rhondda Waterworth. Both students are being co-supervised by TILES Senior Researcher, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron. (read more on TILES Postgraduate Students page).

Intern from Denmark - Most recently, the Institute provided an internship for a Masters student from Denmark. Ms Emma Kiis arrived to take up research under the supervision of Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron, and with general guidance and support from TILES and the Australian Crime Prevention Council (ACPC). We were delighted to have Ms Kiis with the Institute, and we wish her all the best with her postgraduate studies back in Denmark.

Researchers embark on Lecturing - Dr Romy Winter and Dr Steven Curnin (TILES Researchers) were appointed to Lecturer positions at the University of Tasmania this year. Both are now busy lecturing and developing teaching units in Police Studies and Emergency Management in the School of Social Sciences. The Institute is pleased that both continue their research affiliations with TILES.

Farewell

Inspector Colin Riley is leaving his appointment as the Academic Liaison Officer (Tasmania Police). Inspector Riley joined the Institute in 2015 to take up the liaison role that is integral to the communication between TILES (UTAS) and Tasmania Police. All the staff at TILES would like to thank Inspector Riley for his professionalism throughout his appointment, and wish him all the best in his new position at Tasmania Police.

Dr Katrina Clifford is leaving TILES and the University of Tasmania to take up an appointment as a Senior Lecturer in Media at Deakin University in Melbourne. Katrina has established an innovative program of research in media and crime over the last few years and we hope to continue to collaborate with her in the future. We will miss her collegiality, critical scholarship and warm personality but we also wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Teaching Development Grants

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron, Dr Romy Winter & Dr Robert Treverthen are the recipients of a University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor’s Teaching Development Grant. The funded project is titled Building evidence for the professionalisation of police through high impact teaching and learning: 'Cementing Tasmania as the international leader in police tertiary education'.

Dr Katrina Clifford was awarded a University of Tasmania Teaching Development Grant in the Local Project Grants Category to develop a new work-integrated learning initiative for Journalism, Media and Communications students in partnership with the peak body in the community services sector in Tasmania, TasCOSs.
Research Themes Supported by the Institute

TILES is committed to excellence in collaborative and interdisciplinary research that links practitioners with academics - together improving the quality of law enforcement and enhancing community safety. This year, several new research themes were established and are currently supported by the Institute.

- Policing and Emergency Management (new)
- Law Enforcement and Public Health (new)
- Violence and Abuse Research Unit (new)
- Police Education (new)
- Policing Vulnerability (new)
- Forensic Studies UTAS
- Vulnerability, Resilience and Policing Research Consortium (VRPRC)

Further details on > TILES Research Themes webpage

Collaborating on Latest Projects

Decision Making, Team Monitoring & Organizational Learning in Emergency Management - TILES is now host to a Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC funded project investigating the ways in which teamwork, decision making and learning from events might be improved. The project investigates the role of culture in emergency services agencies as an enabler and constraint to organizational change. The project is due to run until June 2020. Research Team: Christine Owen, Ben Brooks & Steven Cumin.

Ball decision-making and pre-trial services: A comparative study of Magistrates Courts in four Australian states - This project aims to examine 100 adult bail applications in the Magistrates Courts in the states of Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales to identify the practical issues that arise in the provision of pre-trial services. Research Team: Max Travers, Isabelle Bartkowiak-Thérøn, Rick Sarre, Andrew Day, Christine Bond & Emma Colvin.

Evaluation of Family Violence Offender Intervention Program (FVOIP) Outcomes - This project aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the FVOIP in reducing family violence recidivism and identify factors predictive of family violence recidivism. Research Team: Kimberley Norris, Mandy Matthewson, Roberta Julian & Romy Winter.

Relationships Between LGBTIQ Tasmanians and Tasmania Police - The project has five key objectives and includes conducting a survey to document the experiences of LGBTIQ Tasmanians with Tasmania Police. Research Team: Angela Dwyer & Nicole Asquith.


A dumping ground or a refuge? Investigating how LGBTIQ young people come to be in flexi schools. Research Team: Angela Dwyer, Jeffrey Thomas & Nicole Asquith.

How are LGBTQ young people involved in family violence? A pilot study of service providers in four Australian states. Research Team: Bianca Fileborn, Angela Dwyer & Matthew Ball.

Violence and Abuse Research Unit (VARU) - This research unit brings together a team of researchers interested in various aspects of interpersonal violence including family violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse and neglect from the disciplines of sociology, criminology, psychology and health economics. Current projects for VARU include developing a new risk framework for the Safe Families Coordination Unit, evaluating the introduction of electronic monitoring for high risk family violence offenders and evaluating the Family Violence Offender Intervention Program in the Tasmanian Prison Service. Research Team: Romy Winter, Roberta Julian, Kimberley Norris, Ron Frey, Mandy Matthewson, Peter Lucas & Ron Mason.

Launch of the Law Enforcement & Public Health Issues Paper & Tasmania Wide Consultation

On 23 November, the Institute launched the Law Enforcement & Public Health (LEPH) Issues Paper & Tasmania Wide Consultation at the University of Tasmania. The event was officially opened by the Director of TILES Roberta Julian and invited guest speakers were - Mr Michael Hill (former Chief Magistrate, Tasmania), Scott Tilyard APM (Deputy Commissioner, Tasmania Police DPFEM) and Ms Andrea Heath.

The launch of the Issues Paper is the official start of a Tasmania wide, sector-wide consultation on the topic of law enforcement and public health, and the better integration of service delivery. The nexus of law enforcement and public health has been at the centre of recent international considerations as to finding better ways to create better collaboration in the field, and importantly, how to better integrate service delivery.

The LEPH research is being coordinated by Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Thérøn. The other collaborators on the project are Associate Prof Roberta Julian, Dr Danielle Campbell, Dr Clarissa Hughes, Ms Sancia West and Ms Emma Kiis.

The Institute is a member of the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association (GLEPHA) and works in partnership with the Centre for Law Enforcement & Public Health (CLEPHA). TILES participated in successful LEPH international conferences in 2014, 2016 and is getting ready to participate in the LEPH 2018 in Toronto, Canada.

Further details on > TILES LEPH & Tas Consultation webpage
The Criminology, Law and Police Studies Research Group Moving Forward in Collaborative Research

The Criminology, Law and Police Studies (CLP) research group decided to meet and discuss research expertise and opportunities for collaborative research within the University of Tasmania and with various Tasmanian organisations. The meeting was held at Rydges Hobart in November, providing an excellent venue for open discussions between CLP members and invited representatives from TasCROSS, the Salvation Army, Red Cross and the Migrant Resource Centre. The CLP research group aims to pursue new and innovative collaborative research opportunities with scholars across four major disciplines: criminology, police studies, forensic science and law reform. The CLP is coordinated by Associate Professor Roberta Julian and is supported by the Institute for the Study of Social Change.

Evaluating Police Studies Programs Presented at Teaching Matters 2017

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Dr Romy Winter presented Evaluating Police Studies programs: reconciling Academia and Academy at Teaching Matters 2017, University of Tasmania. In their presentation, Dr Bartkowiak-Théron and Dr Winter talked about the insights of both academics and police educators in the evaluation of university programs designed for the profession, with suggestions to design evaluation protocols that provide broader, innovative perspectives on program evaluation, across disciplines and in a field of industry specialisation. Their analysis is provided against the backdrop of Tasmania setting itself as a standout good practice case study in the midst of a body of critical and negative literature about police-academic partnerships. Dr Bartkowiak-Théron is a Senior Lecturer and the Tasmania Police Recruit Course Coordinator and Dr Winter is a Lecturer in Police Studies and Emergency Management. Teaching Matters (UTAS) is the major showcase for learning and teaching at the University of Tasmania. It provides an excellent platform for discussions on teaching, learning and innovation, and is open to all academic and professional staff interested in the teaching and learning area.

Police Studies - Education Partnership

Police Studies at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) has established a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Victoria Police to provide education and training aligned with their Police Senior Sergeants and Inspectors training. In 2018, UTAS will run units that run in conjunction with the residential training that prospective Senior Sergeants and Inspectors will complete at the Victoria Police Academy in Glen Waverley. The Police Studies Programs are managed through the College of Arts, Law and Education (School of Social Sciences), and coordinated by Associate Professor Angela Dwyer who also teaches multiple courses in Police Studies, including Professional Honours (Public Sector Leadership and Management) and the Masters of Police Studies. TILES has a close affiliation with the School of Social Sciences Police Studies programs.

Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers Conference in Hobart

TILES participated in the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers (AIPIO) Conference in Hobart on 22-24 August. The Conference theme was “Breaking Down The Barriers” and brought together intelligence professionals from around Australia. It provided an excellent opportunity for networking, sharing innovation and trends in the national intelligence fields. Assoc Prof Roberta Julian is the Tasmanian regional representative for AIPIO, and assisted the organising committee for the conference in Hobart. At the conference she gave a presentation on ‘Exploring law enforcement and public health as a collective impact initiative: lessons learned from Tasmania as a case study’. Dr Steven Cumin (TILES Researcher) also participated and his presentation was on ‘Multi-agency collaboration in disasters: building trust swiftly’.

The Science of Expertise

In April, The Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society Inc. (ANZFSS - Tasmanian Branch) and TILES presented a seminar on The Science of Expertise at the University of Tasmania. Invited presenter Dr Kristy Martire (a Forensic Psychologist and a Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, University of NSW) gave a talk on legal and scientific understandings of expert performance and its alignment, and about the disconnect between legal and scientific definitions of expertise in the context of forensic science expert evidence. The seminar attracted a varied audience from academia, government and private organisations.

While in Hobart, Dr Martire also delivered a workshop on considerations when designing human performance tests in the forensic sciences to the members of the ANZFSS. Associate Professor Roberta Julian is the immediate past President and current Vice President of the Tasmanian Branch of the ANZFSS.

Contemporary Intelligence Landscape Challenges the Traditional Boundaries of the Intelligence Profession

The Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers (AIPIO) and TILES presented a seminar on What is Contemporary Intelligence Practice? on 6 April. The Director of TILES, Assoc Prof Roberta Julian (Tasmanian regional representative for AIPIO), officially opened the event at the Centenary Lecture Theatre, University of Tasmania. In this seminar, AIPIO President, Dr Phil Kowalick, delivered an introduction about AIPIO, and was followed by presentations delivered by Mr Brett Peppler (AIPIO) and Inspector John Arnold (Tasmania Police). The seminar attracted an audience from local government organisations and academia, and provided a foundation for networking with various intelligence practitioners.
Welcome to New PhD Candidates

The Institute welcomed two new PhD candidates - Cassandra Thoars and Rhondda Waterworth. Both students are being co-supervised by TILES Senior Researcher, Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron.

Cassandra Thoars - PhD research thesis is on What is the Relationship between Juvenile Offenders’ Engagement in Education and Recidivism? Multidimensional perspectives, and is supervised by Dr David Moltow (Faculty of Education) and Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron (TILES).

Rhondda Waterworth - PhD research thesis is on Measuring Legal Actor Contributions to Judicial Procedures, and is supervised by Assoc Prof Terese Henning (Faculty of Law) and Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron (TILES).

PhD Candidate Visits Hobart for her Research

Ms Cheryl Brown (PhD candidate) visited Hobart in May to conduct interviews with Tasmania Police investigators on decision making in the investigative process, and the value of forensic identification evidence in volume crime investigations. The interviews were held at the Hobart Division and the Police Academy. Cheryl’s qualitative research will supplement the quantitative research already conducted, and is designed to inform police agencies on the use of forensic evidence from collection and the crime scene through to arrest of the suspect. Cheryl is a Senior Sergeant with the South Australia Police Forensic Services, Scene Investigation Section, and her work-based expertise and knowledge add considerable value to her doctoral research on The Effectiveness of Forensic Identification Evidence in Volume Crime Policing in Australia, supervised by Assoc Prof Roberta Julian (TILES) & Dr Sally Kelty (TILES/University of Canberra).

Latest Publications

Cisnormativity, criminalisation, vulnerability: Transgender people in prisons (TILES Briefing Paper No 12)
Authors: Jess Rodgers, Nicole Asquith and Angela Dwyer
The Briefing Paper addresses one of TILES’ key theme areas: vulnerability in policing. Director of TILES and co-editor, Associate Professor Roberta Julian, said that in line with the Institute’s aim of exploring innovative policy and practice approaches in this field, this paper critically analyses policies and practices that aim to address and reduce the vulnerability of transgender prisoners.

Policing Encounters with Vulnerability (Book)
Authors: Nicole L Asquith, Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Karl Roberts
This edited collection brings together scholars and practitioners to consider the ways in which policing organisations approach vulnerability and the strategies they develop to reduce victims, offenders and police officers’ susceptibility to increased harm.

Media and Crime: Content, Context and Consequence (Book)
Authors: Katrina Clifford and Rob White
In this book, the authors combine their skills and expertise in journalism, media studies, and criminology to critically interrogate the relationship between media and crime.
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