Once again, and as this newsletter shows, we have had another busy start to the year at TILES. In March we welcomed Dr Hennessey Hayes from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University, Brisbane to give a seminar on ‘Safe Sisters: Limitations of sister city relationships for international peace building’.

On 8 April and in conjunction with the Tasmanian Magistrates’ Courts, TILES held a workshop at the Police Academy in Professional Development and to give a seminar on ‘Apology and Forgiveness in Restorative Justice Process. It was a well attended and successful seminar.

I am very happy to announce that Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron was formally tenured to the School of Government/TILES. The move goes from... TILES enjoys with that organisation. This newsletter includes an update from our Forensic Science research team.

As I sign off, I am on my way overseas for some field work, research seminars, meetings and round tables. I am looking forward to catching up with old and new colleagues.

Have a good Easter break.

Jenny Fleming

Welcome to new TILES Liaison Officer

Last year we said goodbye to Inspector Robert Bonde as the TILES Liaison Officer. We now welcome Inspector Matt Osborn. Matt is well known to the TILES team for his work in forensic science over the years. He is currently working at the Police Academy in Professional Development and we are very happy to have him on board.

Associate Professor Roberta Julian and Dr Sally Kelty continue to forge ahead with their ARC Linkage with Victoria Police, Australian Federal Police, the National Institute of Forensic Science and the University of Lausanne - The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System. The update includes news of a new PhD student and a new industry collaboration. The project goes from strength to strength.

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Mental Health Diversion List Workshop
@ UTAS - Hobart 8 April 2011

Officially opened by Ms Debra Rigby (President, Mental Health Tribunal, Tasmania)

Workshop Facilitators - Professor Jenny Fleming & Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (TILES, University of Tasmania)

Workshop Coordinator - Paula Broucek (EO, TILES, University of Tasmania)

Integration and Collaboration: Building capacity and engagement for the provision of criminal justice services to Tasmania’s mentally ill.

The workshop brought together representatives from Tasmanian Magistrates Courts in Hobart and Launceston, Tasmania Police, Forensic Mental Health Services, community advocates, the legal fraternity, students and other relevant stakeholders in order to look at ways of problem-solving and improving the understanding of mental health and offending, particularly in relation to the Tasmania Mental Health Diversion List (MHDL). The workshop was formally opened by Debra Rigby, President, Tasmania Mental Health Tribunal. Our key note speaker was Sue King, Manager, Intervention Programs, Adelaide Magistrates Court in South Australia. The MHDL is a response to the increasing number of offenders suffering from a range of mental illnesses appearing before the Courts. A Final Report from the Workshop will be prepared by TILES.

Workshop Speakers:

Sue King (Key Note Speaker, Manager Specialist Courts and Intervention Programs, Adelaide, South Australia)
"Next Generation Treatment Courts"

Michael Hill (Chief Magistrate, Magistrates Court, Hobart, Tasmania)
"Forensic Mental Health Diversion List past and future"

John Lesser (Magistrate, Melbourne Magistrates Court, Victoria)
"The Assessment and Referral Court List – Victoria’s Pilot of a ‘Mental Health’ Court Model"

Michael Stevens (Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice, Hobart, Tasmania)
"A Perspective from the Justice Department"

Marita O’Connell (Court Liaison Officer, Forensic Mental Health Services, Tasmania)

The Tasmanian Mental Health Diversion List: Addressing the Therapeutic in Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Scott Tilyard (Acting Deputy Commissioner, Tasmania Police)
"Policing Mental Health: A Collaborative Approach"

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (Senior Researcher TILES, UTAS, Hobart, Tasmania) and Professor Jenny Fleming (Director, TILES, UTAS, Hobart, Tasmania)
"Lessons from the Field"

TILES PhD Student - Enjoys Making a Difference

Danielle Campbell is a TILES PhD student working on ‘Community Policing and Refugee Settlement in Regional Australia: A Case Study Tasmania’. At the time of writing Danielle is about to submit! Besides being busy with her PhD, Danielle has been involved in a variety of projects and programs organised at the University of Tasmania.

Danielle is enjoying her current role in the Community Friends & Networks Programme (CFNP) - Support and Equity at the University of Tasmania. The programme’s purpose is to enhance the experience of a ‘new to town’ UTAS students by supporting them to build social connections and networks within the local Tasmanian community during their academic stay. The programme welcomes international students; migrants; students newly arrived on a humanitarian visa; students from other states in Australia; and from regional Tasmania. CFNP recognises the myriad of ways our students respond to and need to link to the community. One of these opportunities includes linking students directly with individuals and families in the Tasmanian community. If you wish to find out more about the Programme then visit their website: www.utas.edu.au/cfnp

Research with Tasmania Police

Tasmania Police have designed a research application form for potential researchers who wish to access Tasmania Police facilities or data. As part of TILES relationship with Tasmania Police it has been agreed that all research applications should in the first instance be directed to The Director, at TILES. The application will be registered, processed and forwarded to the Department of Police and Emergency Management (Tasmania Police) for review. Applicants will be advised of application outcomes by Tasmania Police. Research application forms can be accessed on the TILES website: www.utas.edu.au/tiles/research and the Tasmania Police website: www.police.tas.gov.au/useful-links/tiles

TILES Presented a workshop - Mental Health Diversion List (MHDL)

‘Apology and Forgiveness in a Restorative Justice Process’

Visiting academic Dr Hennessey Hayes presented qualitative interview data from young offenders and discussed alternative ways of understanding what restorative justice means across various jurisdictions. The seminar attracted a mixed audience; academics, students and professionals from various government and private organisations. A copy of Hennessey’s presentation can be found on the TILES website.