As we head towards the end of another very busy year, I am mindful of the fifteen years of productive research that has been conducted through TILES since I was appointed as the Foundation Director in July 2003. For me, establishing and leading the Institute’s research program over most of this period has been an exciting, personally satisfying and worthwhile endeavour.

Whenever I am asked about what has made it such a successful Institute, I always say collaboration. I strongly believe that it is people and the relationships we build with them either in the short or long term that have created the environment for our successful research activities and outcomes.

If this year has been exceptional in any way, it has been in the extent of this collaborative research. All the Institute’s researchers have been engaged with colleagues in various UTAS colleges, as well as a wide range of industry partners and the broader community in so many ways this year. So, I would like to begin this year’s Newsletter by thanking them all for their hard work.

Collaboration takes time, energy and commitment. And most of this is above and beyond what is measured in our ‘normal’ workloads. So, thank you to all the people who have conducted research through TILES this year. The collaborative, applied research that the Institute’s reputation is built upon would not be possible without your energy and commitment.

This Newsletter highlights the various collaborations that have been the hallmark of our research throughout 2018. The next few pages show how we have established relationships with new people, new disciplines, new agencies and new projects while also further consolidating our longstanding relationships.

And it acknowledges that we have much to celebrate in research, teaching and community engagement.

As always I would like to thank the Department of Police Fire and Emergency Management (DPFEM), and in particular Tasmania Police, for their ongoing support. It is in large part their dedicated commitment to the partnership with TILES that has enabled the Institute to survive the various threats that loom large in the context of ever-tightening budgets.

My sincere thanks also goes to the TILES Executive Officer, Paula Broucek, who has provided essential behind-the-scenes support for the both the Institute and myself for the ninth year! Among many other tasks, Paula delivers the public face of TILES through managing our website and publications, including this Newsletter. She has put considerable work into refreshing the TILES brand this year – with great success.

This year Paula has also taken on the additional role of Research Coordinator for the newly-established TILES and DPFEM Research Committee. In this challenging role, Paula provides essential support to the management of both internal and external research being conducted with Tasmania Police. This role is expected to increase alongside the positive growth of evidence-based policing in Australian jurisdictions and we look forward to working closely with Tasmania Police in future developments in this area.

Finally, to the Institute’s researchers and postgraduate students, I hope you can all take a well-earned break over the Christmas – New Year period, spend time with those who we never spend enough time with during the year, and return in 2019 refreshed and full of energy once again. Collaborations succeed through constant attention and there is much more to be done next year!
Reaching a Significant Milestone

2018 marks a significant milestone for the Institute – fifteen years of innovative, collaborative and interdisciplinary research that has been recognised locally, nationally and internationally. The Institute was formally founded in 2002 and fully established in 2003. It was the first institute dedicated solely to the study of law enforcement at the University of Tasmania.

Over the past fifteen years, the Institute has emerged as a prominent research centre of law enforcement studies in Australia. Its success is based on a strong commitment to excellence in collaborative and interdisciplinary research that links academics and practitioners.

The Institute is very proud of its achievements and would like to thank all our stakeholders for their support during this long journey, especially Tasmania Police — for its dedicated commitment to our long standing partnership and for its valuable support over the years.

Awards and Recognition

A University of Tasmania Teaching Merit Certificate was awarded to the Tasmania Police Recruit Course academics (pictured L-R): Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron, Mr James Dwyer, Prof Roberta Julian, Miss Brianna O’Shea and Dr Romy Winter. The award recognises their valuable contribution to student learning in the Tasmania Police Recruit Course and programs.

A 2018 University of Tasmania Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning went to Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron. The Vice-Chancellor’s Awards acknowledge outstanding performance of staff and programs that enhance learning and student experience and community engagements.

The Institute extends its warmest congratulations to all recipients.

TILES has a close affiliation with the Police Studies Programs - The Institute is engaged with the School of Social Sciences in a successful collaboration between the University and the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management (DPFEM) in teaching, especially in the development of the Bachelor of Social Science (Police Studies) degree and programs.

A Warm Welcome To New Staff

Inspector Tony Kay is the Academic Liaison Officer (Tasmania Police) with TILES and Adjunct Lecturer with the University of Tasmania. Currently, he is the Officer in Charge of Learning and Development Services at the Tasmania Police Academy. More about Tony on page 4.

Mr James Dwyer has joined the Institute as an Associate, linking together his current teaching fellowship role in police studies and his interest in law enforcement research. Apart from teaching police studies units, he is also working on his PhD research through the Politics and International Relations Program, University of Tasmania.

Ms Ebba Herrlander Birgerson is a Research Assistant on the Electronic Monitoring of Family Violence Offenders Project, working alongside the Violence and Abuse Research Unit team members (Prof Roberta Julian, Dr Romy Winter, Dr Kim Norris, Dr Mandy Matthewson, Dr Peter Lucas and Dr Ron Frey). Ebba has just completed her Master of Police Studies and is graduating in December this year. Her thesis title is ‘A Real Gap’: Consequences of Defunding Tasmania’s Reintegration for Ex-Offenders’ Program, supervised by Assoc Prof Angela Dwyer. Our congratulations to Ebba. Read more on page 7.
This year has been an active one for VARU members, working on several research reports and engaging in consultations with State Government agencies and across the University of Tasmania. VARU’s major projects are:

**Project Vigilance** - VARU has partnered with Tasmania Police as part of this project and finalised the first interim report ‘Evaluation of Project Vigilance: Electronic Monitoring of Family Violence Offenders’. Project Vigilance is a pilot program, a first of its kind in Australia. The electronic monitoring consists of GPS real-time tracking technology fitted to offenders and the first trial was introduced in Tasmania in November this year. The trial will determine whether this technology can enhance the safety of the victims and reduce the incidence of family violence.

**Other projects are:** Developing a New Risk Framework for the Safe Families Coordination Unit and Evaluating the Family Violence Offender Intervention Program in the Tasmanian Prison Service.

The Violence and Abuse Research Unit is coordinated by Dr Romy Winter.

Members: Prof Roberta Julian, Ms Ebba Herrlander Birgerson, Dr Kimberley Norris, Dr Ron Frey, Dr Mandy Matthewson, Dr Peter Lucas and Mr Ron Mason.

Since its inception in 2017, the LEPH research team has expanded their research through consultations, workshops, café conversations and presentations to local, national and international audiences.

Last year, the LEPH research team launched a state-wide consultation on whether collective impact could be a viable pathway to improve agency collaboration in all areas of law enforcement and public health.

Currently, the LEPH team is working on several reports that will capture the outcomes from the state-wide consultations and workshops conducted in 2018. Research projects on LEPH essentially consist of the critical analysis of police organisations’ collaboration with other government and non-government agencies.

The LEPH Research Theme is led by Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron who also presented some of the research outcomes at the 4th International Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health (LEPH) in Toronto, Canada, in October this year.

Members: Dr Danielle Campbell, Prof Roberta Julian, Dr Clarissa Hughes (Charles Sturt University), Dr Romy Winter, Dr Sancia West and Ms Rikki Mawad.

TILES researchers have strong links with the Centre for Law Enforcement and Public Health (CLEPH), and TILES is a member of the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association (GLEPHA).
Associate Professors Dwyer & Asquith

Associate Professors Angela Dwyer and Nicole Asquith put in some serious work in co-organising the Queer(y)ing Justice in the Global South Conference at the University of Sydney, in July.

At the conference, Angela and Nicole joined their colleagues and around 100 researchers, community members, and organisations working at the intersections of sexuality, gender diversity, and justice from across Australia and internationally. The organising committee (pictured) received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants at the conference.

In October, Angela stepped into the role of moderator at the Q & A Forum - Transforming Tasmania: Legal reforms for gender diverse and intersex equality held in the Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania. At the event an expert panel discussed proposed reforms for transgender, gender diverse and intersex people in Tasmania.

In November, Angela was invited to be a Visiting Fellow at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, Georgia, in the United States. She was hosted by Assoc Prof Tanja Link and delivered lectures to undergraduate students and seminars to staff and postgraduate students focusing on her research about LGBTQ people and criminal justice processes.

Angela and Nicole have been engaged in extensive research investigating and addressing various issues on LGBTIQ Policing, Social and Criminal Justice. Angela's current projects are: 'Relationships Between LGBTIQ Tasmanians and Tasmania Police' and 'A dumping ground or a refuge? Investigating how LGBTIQ young people come to be in flexi schools'. Nicole's project 'Small Town Policing: Community-police relationships in remote communities' has involved ethnographic research in rural police stations in Tasmania over the past three months.

Angela is a TILES' Senior Researcher and an Associate Professor in Police Studies and Emergency Management at the School of Social Sciences, University of Tasmania, and an Adjunct Professor with the Crime and Justice Research Centre at the Queensland University of Technology.

Nicole is a TILES’ Associate and an Associate Professor of Policing and Criminal Justice at the Western Sydney University. She is also a Co-Director of the Vulnerability, Resilience and Policing Research Consortium (VRPRC). The Consortium is coordinated across two key organisations: the University of Tasmania, via TILES, and Western Sydney University.

A Warm Welcome to Inspector Kay

Inspector Tony Kay is the Academic Liaison Officer (Tasmania Police) with TILES and Adjunct Lecturer with the University of Tasmania. Currently, he is the Officer in Charge of Learning and Development Services at the Tasmania Police Academy.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Deakin University (2001) and a Graduate Certificate from the University of Tasmania (2011). Tony says that “2018 has been a busy year and a steep learning curve – I can now weave terms like rubric, RPL, blended learning and scaffolding into casual conversation”.

Tony’s Career with Tasmania Police

Tony joined Tasmania Police in 1992 and worked in Hobart, Prosecution, Queenstown, CIB and Bellerive. In 2003 he was promoted to Sergeant at Glenorchy Uniform.

At the rank of Sergeant he took a detour into the criminal intelligence field - working in both tactical and strategic intel for about five years, before gaining a secondment to the AFP-led Joint Counter Terrorism Team. After 4 years with the AFP, he was given the task of establishing the Serious Organised Crime Division. Based out of Hobart, he worked on terrorism investigations across the country, forging national and international relationships and networks.

In 2017 Tony was promoted to the rank of Inspector at the Police Academy.

Tony is married to Sarah, and they have two beautiful primary school aged girls. As a family they love to enjoy the outdoors, travel and watch movies together. In his spare time, Tony tells us, he has an interest in anything with an engine.
TILES & DPFEM Research Committee

TILES and the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management (DPFEM) Research Committee was established in 2017 and its primary function is to manage academic research conducted with DPFEM. The Committee is co-chaired by Assistant Commissioner Richard Cowling (Tasmania Police) and TILES Director Roberta Julian. The research application process is coordinated by Inspector Tony Kay, (Tasmania Police) and TILES Executive Officer Paula Broucek.

In 2018, there has been strong interest in conducting research with DPFEM, with the majority of applications coming from the University of Tasmania, followed by several applications from other universities in Australia.

The TILES and DPFEM Research Committee recognises the increasing importance of evidence based research - where research outcomes can inform and assist law enforcement areas in practice. The Research Committee is committed to supporting collaborative and interdisciplinary research, improving the quality of law enforcement and enhancing community safety.

The Institute Proudly Supports Communicating: The Heart of Literacy

- TILES partnered with ChatterMatters Tasmania this year, and proudly supported their Communicating: The Heart of Literacy initiative. The initiative is a public dialogue about communication, literacy, enablement, collaboration and relational trust. The words of passionate Tasmanians (including an opinion piece by Prof Roberta Julian and Dr Isabelle Bartkowski-Théron) writing on these topics are being hosted on the ChatterMatters Tasmania website.

Our Research Presented at the ANZFSS Symposium in Perth, WA

In September, TILES members participated in the Forensic Science without Borders - 24th International Symposium hosted by the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS) in Perth, Western Australia.

The Symposium provided participants with an invaluable opportunity to present their research, network with colleagues, share knowledge and develop ideas. TILES research in forensic science is well recognised globally, nationally and locally.

TILES presenters were: Prof Roberta Julian, Dr Loene Howes, Dr Kaye Ballantyne, Mr Peter Woodman and Dr Mithun Rajshekar.

TILES Director Joins Tasmanian Roundtable Discussion on ‘Racism. It Stops with Me’

Professor Roberta Julian participated in a roundtable discussion on the national ‘Racism. It Stops with Me’ campaign in Moonah’s Multicultural Hub, in February. The University of Tasmania was also represented by Professor Margaret Otlowski, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Culture and Wellbeing).

The event was presented by the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Sarah Bolt and the Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Tim Soutphommasane.

A Rendezvous for Forensic Science and Criminology at the University of Lausanne

Professor Roberta Julian was invited to join colleagues to launch the Routledge International Handbook of Forensic Intelligence and Criminology at the University of Lausanne, in June. The Handbook is edited by four academics from the Université de Lausanne (École des sciences criminelles) and the Université de Montréal (École de criminology), and includes contributions from 36 international authors.

The objective of the Handbook is to stimulate a ‘new’ interdisciplinary take on the study of crime, to show how both forensic and criminological theories and knowledge can be combined to analyse crime problems and to open new methodological perspectives.

Prof Julian and Dr Manon Jendly co-authored their contribution titled - A Rendezvous between Forensic Science and Criminology: Toward a Public Forensic Criminology?
Law Enforcement and Public Health Research Presented in Toronto

Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron participated in the 4th International Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health (LEPH) in Toronto, Canada, in October.

This successful event attracted many international supporters, partners, sponsors and delegates, and welcomed Sir Michael Marmot as the Orator for the conference. The LEPH biennial conferences explore various intersections of law enforcement and public health, promoting collaborative actions involving practitioners, researchers and policy makers.

As part of her involvement in the conference, Dr Bartkowiak-Théron facilitated some of the Marketplace of Ideas Sessions, chaired a session on vulnerability and presented two papers titled - ‘Law Enforcement and Public Health in Tasmania: is Collective Impact a viable pathway for collaboration? Results from a state-wide consultation’ and ‘Should we teach police officers about public health? Sorry, that’s the wrong question to ask’. Dr Bartkowiak-Théron was also a member of the Conference Program Committee.

TILES Latest Publications

Addressing Youth Binge Drinking: The National Strategy and the Tasmanian Early Intervention Pilot Program

(TILES Briefing Paper No. 13, Aug 2018)

Author: Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron

This Briefing Paper provides an overview and summary of the 2012-2014 evaluation of the Tasmanian Early Intervention Pilot Program (TEIPPP) established as part of the National Strategy Against Binge Drinking. The evaluation demonstrated the benefits of collaboration in developing and implementing a program to address youth binge-drinking. TILES continues to engage in research that builds on these findings to enhance knowledge on successful collaboration in policing and criminal justice.

See more publications and reports on the newsletter’s last page or visit TILES website.
2018 has been a busy and productive year for TILES postgraduate students, balancing their study-family-life commitments. The Institute wishes all its students the very best in 2019.

**Congratulations to New Graduate**

Ms Ebba Herrlander Birgerson is graduating in December 2018. The Institute congratulates Ebba for successfully completing her Master of Police Studies and wishes her all the best in future ahead.

Her completed thesis is titled ‘A Real Gap’: Consequences of Defunding Tasmania’s Reintegration for Ex-Offenders’ and was supervised by Assoc Prof Angela (TILES / School Social Sciences).

Ebba has been a valuable research team member on the Electronic Monitoring of Family Violence Offenders Project, working with the Violence and Abuse Research Unit team in TILES.

**Welcome to New PhD Candidate**

The Institute extends a warm welcome to [Justin Abrahams](#). His research is on - Public and Community Sector Leadership: An evaluation of current practices and recommended models for optimal strategic and operational success. Supervised by - Assoc Prof Angela Dwyer and Prof Roberta Julian (TILES).

**Our Current Postgraduate Students**

**Brianna O'Shea** (PhD Candidate)

*The Investigation and Prosecution of Cyberstalking in Australia.*

Supervised by: Prof Roberta Julian (TILES), Assoc Prof Jeremy Prichard (Faculty of Law) and Dr Sally Kelty (TILES / University of Canberra).

**Cassandra Thoars** (PhD Candidate)

*What is the Relationship between Juvenile Offenders' Engagement in Education and Recidivism? Multidimensional perspectives.*

Supervised by: Dr David Moltow (Faculty of Education) and Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (TILES).

**Cheryl Brown** (PhD Candidate)

*The Effectiveness of Forensic Identification Evidence in Volume Crime Policing in Australia.*

Supervised by: Prof Roberta Julian (TILES) and Dr Sally Kelty (TILES / University of Canberra).

**Eliza Jones** (MRes Candidate)

*Opening the Gate to Restorative Justice in Tasmania: An examination of the Factors which Influence a Decision by Police to Refer a Young Person to a Formal Caution or community Conference.*

Supervised by: Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (TILES) and Assoc Prof Jeremy Prichard (Faculty of Law).

**Laura Michaelson** (PhD Candidate)

*Effectiveness of problem-solving courts; exploring the reintegration of offenders’ through social indicators in the Mental Health Diversion List and the Court Mandated Diversion Program in Tasmania.*

Supervised by: Assoc Prof Terese Henning (Faculty of Law) and Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (TILES).

**Peter Woodman** (PhD Candidate)


Supervised by: Prof Roberta Julian (TILES), Dr Caroline Spiranovic (Faculty of Law) and Dr Kaye Ballantyne (TILES).

**Rhondda Waterworth** (PhD Candidate)

*Measuring Legal Actor Contributions to Judicial Procedures.*

Supervised by: Assoc Prof Terese Henning (Faculty of Law) and Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron (TILES).

**Rowena Friend** (PhD Candidate)


Supervised by: Assoc Prof Nenagh Kemp (Psychology, School of Medicine), Prof Roberta Julian (TILES) and Dr Sally Kelty (TILES / University of Canberra).

We would like to share this lovely photo taken at Dr Kate Cashman’s graduation in Dec 2017. The photo was released just after our last newsletter was published.

Dr Cashman successfully completed her PhD research thesis on *Lawyers and DNA: Understanding and Challenging the Evidence.*
Crime | Criminology | Forensic Science


Emergency Management


LGBTIQ | Social & Criminal Justice

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