



Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Farewelling Bronwyn

It is hard to believe that the ANZSOC Newsletter has now reached Volume 6. My sincere appreciation to Editor Bronwyn Naylor for all of her work these past three years in producing the Newsletter. This has meant a lot of planning, phone calls, and thought in brainstorming stories, coupled with prodding people to get material in on time. The Society owes a major debt to Bronwyn for her service and commitment. This is Bronwyn's sixth issue and her last as Editor, although I hope she will continue to contribute to the Newsletter, when the mood strikes.



Our new Newsletter Editor is Jacqui Joudo Larsen. Jacqui, beginning with Vol 6(2) (the conference issue), brings great enthusiasm and new ideas to the Newsletter, and I am so pleased that she has agreed to serve. Jacqui is currently a research analyst at the AIC. In addition to bouncing ideas off her Communications Sub-Committee, she'll be able to draw support and advice from her AIC colleagues. Adopting a proposal by Bronwyn, we have appointed a Newsletter Production Editor, Brigitte Bouhours, who will finalize copy into a designed layout that is ready for printing. This now focuses the Editor's role on Newsletter content and developing stories, without the stress of the final stages of production. Thank you so much Brigitte for assuming responsibility for this task.

Wash-up from Planning Day: Logo and Website

The Committee of Management (CoM) met for an intensive 6 hours on Saturday, 29 November, after the Annual Conference. The minutes are available on our website: www.anzsoc.org.au. We reviewed ten policy and planning areas, but a third of our time was taken up with discussing ways to increase our membership and to progress ANZSOC's new website. Since that day, the CoM's major work has been to finalize a new ANZSOC logo and a decision on a website designer and host, to enable us to launch our membership campaign.

I am delighted to report that the logo and website decisions have been made. ANZSOC has a new logo, being launched in this newsletter. We hope you like the new look! ANZSOC's logo designer is Natasha Bouhours, a design student at Griffith University (see the story on Natasha). On behalf of the CoM, I thank Natasha so much for her generous contribution of time and artistic flair. Secretary Signe Dalsgaard also played a crucial role in communicating "the concept" and "look" of the logo.

We have also chosen a website provider, whose name is efront (based in Melbourne), and the website is under construction. The 2009 renewals will be made via the website, which will be easier and more professional for our members. Likewise, it will be easier to attract and bring in new members. The website will have significantly enhanced functionality, with easier flow of information and services for our members.

**ANZSOC
has a new
logo!**

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MEMBER PROFILE: MARK ISRAEL

Dean Wilson profiles Professor Mark Israel at Flinders University

Mark Israel is a well known personality within Australian criminology. Widely respected as a researcher and teacher, he continues to energize the discipline through his enthusiasm for education and for engaging with the difficult questions of research ethics and politics. Mark is also inspirational in his dedication to service. His name appears on the membership lists of innumerable editorial boards, advisory committees and professional bodies. What is most impressive to colleagues and friends, however, is that Mark's appearance on these lists is always accompanied by real dedication and effort, and a commitment to both his professional associations and the wider community.

Mark's family emigrated from South Africa to the UK in the early 1960s. Growing up in North West London, he discovered a love of social sciences at school, where he focused on Geography for his entrance exams to University. When Mark entered Cambridge University, however, he made the pragmatic decision to study law as, like many a law student before and since, he felt it "offered a job at the end of it" and thought it possible that he might actually enjoy it. Completing his law degree he felt "rather like a desiccated prune" when in tutorials the most stimulating questions were often shut down. But there were bright moments, particularly the lectures covering jurisprudence and criminology. After finishing law, Mark decided to revisit his passion for social sciences, undertaking a Masters degree at the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge. It was there that, surrounded by a vibrant group of scholars and fellow students, Mark's early love of social sciences was reignited. Exploring an area interwoven with his family's history, his Masters thesis examined Jewish involvement in South African left-wing politics.

Having discovered a love of research, Mark spent a year at Brunel University working on a project examining the recruitment of ethnic minorities into the solicitors' profession in England and Wales. He then went on to a Doctorate in sociology at Oxford, where he developed his grounding in social theory. His doctoral research expanded upon his Masters, examining the experience of political exile and the construction and policing of exile identities and formed the basis of his book *South African Political Exiles in the United Kingdom*.

At a time when the academic job market in the social sciences was tight in the UK, Mark happened upon an advertisement in *The Guardian* for a lectureship in criminology at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. Adelaide was, he recalls, a very attractive place for a first position. Mark was keen to conduct research in his new home, and finding there were few criminologists in South Australia at the time, he embarked on an evaluation of the media strategy of the Crime Prevention Unit of the South Australian

Attorney General's Department. This was Mark's first foray into Australian criminology; it certainly was not to be his last. Within the academy, teaching can often be seen as the poor cousin of research. However, Mark has been a vocal advocate of the importance of teaching criminology, and his expertise in this area has been recognized by numerous awards, including two Vice-Chancellor awards for teaching excellence from Flinders University and the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for University Teacher of the Year in 2004. Mark's mother was a teacher, and Mark has always believed that education is an important means of achieving social change.



Photo by Linda Nyland

"He continues to energize the discipline through his enthusiasm ... for engaging with the difficult questions of research ethics and politics."

Early experiences in youth work in the UK and in a youth leadership course in Israel also reinforced his commitment to education. When he first arrived in Australia, Mark was disappointed by the wide usage of British and American texts, that failed to take account of the Australian context. To address this gap, Mark, along with colleagues Andrew Goldsmith and Kathy Daly, published the *Australian Crime and Justice: A Guide to Criminology*, now in its third edition. Mark is keen to participate in the broader discussion about teaching criminology in Australia, and believes the various locations in which criminology is taught could usefully exchange ideas about curriculum development and teaching practice. He has made a significant contribution to this himself, both as a generous colleague and through formal engagement as external academic advisor in Australia and Hong Kong.

More recently, Mark has carved out an international reputation for his work on research ethics. His interest in this area sprang not only from sitting on ethics committees but also from personal doubts that he had not adequately addressed ethical questions in his own research. These niggling doubts emerged as he gazed at the politically sensitive data stored in his bedroom as a postgraduate student. But this was a time before ethics committees became commonplace



in the UK. Later in his career these questions would resurface when a colleague accused him of ethical impropriety for allowing undergraduate students to engage in primary research. His subsequent research and personal working through of these issues resulted in a text, coauthored with Ian Hay. *Research Ethics for Social Scientists* has quickly become a key text in the field. Nevertheless, questions of ethics are complex, and while the book represented the culmination of significant research and thought in the area, Mark continues to grapple with these issues.

One of Mark's central concerns lies at the very heart of what it means to "do" criminology and the kind of discipline criminologists are reproducing. In 2000, Mark published a prescient article on the commercialization of university-based research in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology. This forms an ongoing interest in what government funding and "soft money" mean for the integrity and independence of criminological research. Mark continues to question and probe the pressures and forces impacting upon the kind of work we as criminologists conduct.

Currently Mark is working on a number of projects that extend upon his interest in research ethics, including a paper on adversarial cultures within research ethics, and another on informed consent. He is also thinking about a further edition of the textbook, and undertaking an associate fellowship with the Australian Learning and Teaching Council that will look at how national teaching awards might stimulate development in teaching and learning. This raises the question, does Mark have any spare time? Well, as Mark and his partner have a family of four boys including twins aged four there's not a lot of spare time to go around. But they did all manage to get to the Womadelaide Festival this year – a break from the brow-furrowing contemplations of ethics and pedagogy.

I would like to thank Mark for agreeing to be the subject of this profile. Mark would also like to thank his colleagues at Flinders University for their support and encouragement over many years.

**Dean Wilson, Senior Lecturer,
Criminology, Monash University**



Canberra 2008: ANZSOC Student Paper Prize winner Emmanuel Giuffre with David Brown

I am particularly grateful to Signe Dalsgaard and Damon Muller for coordinating the bid process, and to Matthew Willis and Russell Smith, for liaising on the banking and legal side of the activity. Signe continues to work with efront on the design and construction of the website.

Other Planning Day Topics

Several other areas were discussed on Planning Day: improved support for the Newsletter Editor, program content for the postgraduate event and conference, monetary support for current prizes and the identification of new prizes, a proposed code of ethics, and proposed changes to governance and elections. We have since actioned production support for the Newsletter, clarification of monetary support for prizes, and continuation of postgraduate event and conference (none of which incurred added expenditure); but other areas remain on the table for further discussion. This year, the CoM will be holding a second Planning Day, on the Saturday before the Annual Conference in Perth, on 21 November 2009.

Speaking of Conferences

This year, we are in Perth. The conference will begin on Sunday 22 November (postgraduate event and opening reception), running for three days, Monday to Wednesday, 23-25 November. The venue is the University Club, University of Western Australia, Perth. Frank Morgan is convenor, and he's working with several UWA colleagues in planning the conference. In 2010, it's Alice Springs. The conference will begin on Monday, 27 September (postgraduate event and opening reception), running for three days, Tuesday to Thursday, 28-30 September. The venue is the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Allan van Zyl has spearheaded the early planning, booking venues and deciding on a conference management group. Allan has done a magnificent job in identifying excellent venues for the conference and dinner. My thanks particularly to Allan for all of his work, phone calls, and conferring with others in getting this conference launched. By being a part sponsor for the conference in 2010, ANZSOC is entering a new phase in conference organization and site location.

Transitions

At the 2009 AGM, there will be elections for new officers and ordinary members of the CoM. We will likely begin the first year of a staggered election plan to ensure continuity from year to year of members, avoiding the wholesale shift from an old CoM to an entirely new one, as is currently the case. I note this to those members who may wish to stand for election. Remember too that there are always other tasks and roles for which we need volunteers. Please contact the ANZSOC office if you are interested to join the team.

**Kathleen Daly,
ANZSOC President**

NEWS FROM THE ANZSOC SECRETARY



My election as ANZSOC Secretary at the 2008 AGM marked a new start for me. I am very excited about the opportunities in my new role and look forward to carrying through a range of exciting developments in ANZSOC.

The first period as Secretary involved the transfer of the Secretariat from Canberra to Brisbane. A new logo has been designed, our website is being redeveloped and the membership database has been assessed as we move into a new membership drive.

Membership Strategy

The ANZSOC Committee of Management made a decision in 2008 to implement a new strategy to enhance our membership numbers and usefulness for members. Two major initiatives have been the creation of an ANZSOC logo to establish a stronger profile for the Society, and the re-development of our website.

ANZSOC Logo

The process of creating the ANZSOC logo has been a great task for a new Secretary of ANZSOC. Before contacting potential designers, the Society officers had to articulate the ANZSOC identity, and how we see ourselves now and in the future. We wanted a logo that brings together the many professions within criminology and our unique placement in the Asian Pacific region, and came up with seven key words: international, diversity, professionalism, knowledge, modern, ocean, and Asian Pacific. Natasha Bouhours was selected as our preferred designer (see story below). Natasha developed a range of ideas, from which four possible logos were presented to the Committee of Management. I'm happy to say that our new logo won with unanimous support. We had a great working partnership with Natasha and we are happy to present a logo that has gained full support from all Society officers and Committee of Management members.

New ANZSOC Website

The next step has been re-designing the ANZSOC website. Again we went through a process of defining our profile, needs and interests and, through a long tendering process, the ANZSOC Website Subcommittee identified Melbourne based company, efront, as our preferred vendor. The website is currently under development, and we are looking forward to great changes. While the design of the website is getting a much needed face lift, I am also excited about the many new functions that will be introduced (see article on website developments).

Coming Up

The next couple of months will be focussed on the activities described above, but we are also gearing up to the 2009 ANZSOC conference in November. This year's conference will be held in Perth and we are all looking forward to visiting our colleagues at the beautiful campuses of the University of Western Australia. With the theme of "Crime and Justice Challenges in the 21st Century: Victims, Offenders and Communities," we are expecting a well attended and energetic conference, running from the 22 November (Post-Graduate event and opening) to the 25 of November 2009. ANZSOC will again mark its presence with a conference stand where you can meet and greet the current ANZSOC Committee of Management and the officers of the society. We look forward to seeing you there.

ANZSOC Sponsoring PG Seminars

In ending my report on the developments from my first five months in office, I would like to remind you that ANZSOC sponsors two research seminars per year, at \$500 each, to support post-graduate activities in Australia and New Zealand. Applications are granted on a first-come, first-served basis and should be directed to me by phone or email.

If you have any other enquiries regarding ANZSOC matters you are, of course, welcome to contact me.

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ANZSOC PLANNING DAY 2008

In November 2008 the ANZSOC Committee of Management (CoM) gathered in Canberra to discuss ANZSOC progress and future developments. Planning Day was a welcome opportunity for extended discussion for CoM members who most frequently interact only by telephone.

Membership Strategy

A key topic was better promotion of the benefits of ANZSOC membership, with a decision to re-develop the ANZSOC website as the most significant outcome (see article on the ANZSOC Website). The CoM wants to provide members with enhanced ways of communicating across disciplines and institutions, for example by creating online forums for discussion and debate. Development of relationships with potential

sponsors of the Society was also discussed, as a way of expanding and improving membership services and outcomes.

Membership Benefits

The current major benefits of ANZSOC membership are

- The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology
- ANZSOC Newsletter
- Reduced fee for ANZSOC conference
- Reciprocal benefits with overseas organizations

The current reciprocal agreements with the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and the British Society of Criminology (BSC) provide significant benefits to ANZSOC members, who pay a reduced fee (i.e., the membership rate) for both the ASC and BSC conferences. The reciprocal membership also allows ANZSOC to advertise current events in the ASC and BSC newsletters, and to exchange news with those societies. ANZSOC is investigating an approach other criminological societies, such as the European Society of Criminology, to establish similar relationships.

Planning Conferences for 2009 and 2010

Planning Day saw exciting proposals for the next ANZSOC conferences. We are well advanced with the 2009 conference in Perth and for the first time ever we are in place for 2010, with the ANZSOC conference taking place in Alice Springs. Our conferences require vast amounts of preparation, and it is an important role for the CoM to support the conference convenors. The Planning Meeting decided to build on past conference achievements by teaming last year's conference convenors with the new ones to pass on their knowledge and experience.

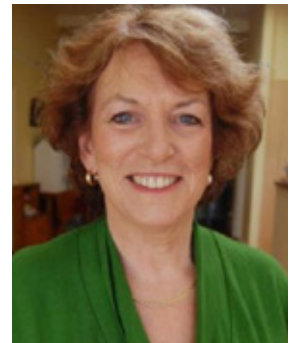
Future Developments

CoM members put in a considerable amount of time for the Society, on a voluntary basis, and we finished Planning Day with many more ideas than resources to implement them all. Important decisions were made for the Society's future directions and we look forward to taking many great ideas forward.

**Signe Dalsgaard,
ANZSOC Secretary**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S PROFILE: BRONWYN NAYLOR

As the outgoing Editor of the ANZSOC Newsletter, Dr Bronwyn Naylor has played an important role in raising the profile of the newsletter and through it, awareness of the many activities of the Australian and New Zealand criminological community.



Bronwyn has had an impressive academic career, with an Honours degree in Arts and Law and a Master of Laws from Monash University, a Master of Philosophy in Criminology from Cambridge University and a PhD from the same institution. In her professional life Bronwyn has practiced as a solicitor, worked as a researcher for the Law Reform Commission of Victoria and is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Law Faculty at Monash University. Bronwyn's current research includes projects on incorporating human rights into closed environments such as prisons and detention centres, and on the use of criminal record checks in employment decision making.

In her role as Editor of the ANZSOC Newsletter, Bronwyn re-launched the Newsletter after a hiatus of several years. It was her energy and enthusiasm that has produced six Newsletters, with this being her last. She was particularly interested in the contributions of a wide range of people in the field, including postgraduate students and new scholars, and in linking criminology with other disciplines. In taking on the role of Newsletter Editor, I am aware I have a lot to live up to. In her time as Editor, Bronwyn has been responsible for producing six wonderfully informative issues of the newsletter, and I intend to maintain the high standards she has set. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bronwyn for ensuring a smooth transition and providing a great deal of helpful advice which I am sure will prove invaluable in taking on this role.

**Jacqueline Joudo Larsen,
Incoming ANZSOC Newsletter Editor**

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Editor would like to thank all contributors to this newsletter and the members of the Communications Sub-Committee.

Members are invited to submit stories or notices for inclusion in the ANZSOC Newsletter. Every effort will be made to include contributions, but space is limited. Please understand that items may be edited or not included.

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WHAT'S NEW ON THE ANZSOC WEBSITE

This new section of the Newsletter will advertise what is new on the ANZSOC website and highlight information available on the website.

2009 is the year when ANZSOC will finally be able to redevelop its website.

Through a long tendering process the ANZSOC Website Sub-committee decided on a Melbourne based company, efront, as our preferred vendor for developing a new website for ANZSOC (for more details on efront, go to www.efront.com.au). We were impressed with efront's experience in dealing with societies like ours, and are looking forward to working with them. The website development is currently in its early stages, but from the preliminary views, we are very excited about the new design.

Electronic Membership Renewal

Even more exciting will be the new features of the website. Many new functions will be introduced, the most eagerly awaited (at least for me) being an online membership payment system. Membership payment and renewal is currently one of the most time consuming tasks of the Society officers. The online system will save time at our end, and make membership renewal easy and quick for all our members.



Visit the ANZSOC website @ www.anzsoc.org

Online Activities

We are planning a site which will greatly enhance ANZSOC members' communications. Members will be able to access a membership directory, discussion forums and blogs about current events. We are hoping to post regular information about jobs on offer, seminars, conferences and other relevant activities, and the website will also feature links and information on new publications and reports.

Steps Forward

Though the development of the website is in the early stages it will not be long before we can introduce aspects of the website to ANZSOC members. We are expecting the electronic membership renewal system to be in place for the upcoming renewals in June, and further features will be promoted as they are established. New features and updates on the website will also appear in the ANZSOC Newsletters. We see the website as becoming a hub of communication, from the ANZSOC officers and between ANZSOC members, and we hope that everyone will enjoy the great new look, and all the new functions and features.

**Signe Dalsgaard,
ANZSOC Secretary**

Could you mentor a young person interested in working in criminology?

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Melbourne is seeking a female mentor for a young person interested in working in criminology or related field. A mentor meets with a young person on a regular basis with the aim of providing them with social support, a positive interaction in their life, the opportunity to widen their experiences and support to overcome obstacles and achieve their career goals. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been providing support to disadvantaged young people for over 25 years.

www.bbbs.org.au

For more information call Wendy Reeves on 9347 2655 or email wendy.reeves@bbbs.org.au

EDITOR'S REPORT: ANZ JOURNAL OF CRIMINOLOGY

This brief report is my last as Editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology (ANZJC)*. The past four years have gone quickly and smoothly and I have very much enjoyed the experience.

The next issue of the *ANZJC* (42.2), to be released in August 2009 includes the following papers.

- *Formal Evaluation of the Impact of Barriers and Connectors in Residential Burglars' Macro-Level Offending Location Choices*
Joe Clare, John Fernandez, and Frank Morgan
- *Public satisfaction with police: The importance of Procedural Justice and Police Performance in Police-Citizen Encounters*
Kristina Murphy
- *Calling the Tune without the Music: A Psychological Analysis of Australia's Post-Sentence Legislation*
Dominic J. Doyle and James R. P. Ogloff
- *Social Support and Corruption: Structural Determinants of Corruption in the World*
Yan Zhang, Liqun Cao and Michael S. Vaughn
- *Making Cartel Conduct Criminal: A Case-Study of Ambiguity in Controlling Business Behaviour*
Caron Beaton-Wells and Fiona Haines
- *Sentence Indications for Indictable Offences: Increasing Court Efficiency at the Expense of Justice? A Response to the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council's Proposal (2007c) for Sentence Indications and the Subsequent Legislation*
Asher Flynn

When I began my term as editor, my aim was to build on the solid foundation of the journal and to expand its reach internationally as a viable outlet for both national and international scholars. I was also keen to use thematic issues to ensure the *ANZJC* becomes a vehicle to showcase some of the best research in the world by leading scholars and to focus attention on certain issues of high criminological importance. Over the period, three thematic issues were produced, with one of those appearing later this year.

I have been pleased during my tenure as editor with the standing of the journal in relation to other criminology journals. Whilst our impact factor has been static, the qualitative rating of the journal as evidenced by the recent Excellence for Research in Australia "A" ranking suggests that our journal is being placed amongst the second tier of criminology journals throughout the world. This is a very positive achievement for a regional journal and should validate the strength of our journal for existing and future authors.

As editor, I worked to ensure a timely review process and to increase the submission rates. On reviewing, I have been pleased that we have been able to maintain a standard whereby the majority of papers are reviewed with twelve weeks. However, maintaining high submission rates, with a view toward moving toward a fourth issue per year requires a great deal more effort. Whilst submission rates increased in the early years, they declined thereafter, although submission rates as I write are largely in line with 2008 trends. The principle of publishing interesting papers that contribute to criminological knowledge has, however, been maintained and I have been very encouraged by the scholarship that has appeared in the *ANZJC* over this period.

In closing, I want to express my sincere thanks to the many authors who submitted their work to the journal and the many reviewers who donated their time to assist with reviewing. Asking people to donate valuable time to assist in reviewing is one of the many challenges as an editor and I have been encouraged by the assistance that colleagues from around the world have provided to the journal.

Thanks are also due to both a highly supportive ANZSOC board as well as a very supportive and effective editorial board. The assistance of the Associate Editors, Janet Chan, Frank Morgan, and Peter Grabosky is also greatly appreciated.

Additionally, the *ANZJC* has benefited from the professionalism and flexibility of our publisher, Australian Academic Press, and for myself, I have had the pleasure of working closely with two part time managing editors, Lisa Kennedy and Carmel Connors, who have both provided invaluable assistance to the journal.

Finally, I would like to pass along my best wishes to the incoming editor, Associate Professor Sharon Pickering of Monash University. Sharon's enthusiasm for taking the *ANZJC* to the next level is impressive and I wish her all the best on her tenure as editor.

**Paul Mazerolle,
Griffith University**



Canberra 2008: the ANZSOC stall

POSTGRADUATE AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ANZSOC 2nd Postgraduate Research Conference



The PG conference was attended by over 30 people

The 2nd ANZSOC Postgraduate Conference took place at the Australian Institute of Criminology on 25 November 2008. It was convened by the ANZSOC Postgraduate Student and Early Career Subcommittee, with over 30 attendees. The keynote address by Dr Lorana Bartels, who recently completed her PhD, was followed by eight presentations by current research students on topics as diverse as drug driving, computer crime, graffiti and maritime security.

In the afternoon, there were workshops on managing your research career, presented by Professor Paul Mazerolle, and issues related to the examination



Keynote address by Lorane Bartels

of the PhD, presented by Dr Tara McGee and Dr Bartels. The conference closed with informal drinks, followed by dinner.

The following enthusiastic feedback from participants indicates that the conference provides an invaluable forum for research students to exchange ideas and develop their professional networks:

... The conference was fantastic! I found all of the papers interesting and thought that there was a good balance of topics. The conference was a supportive environment where I could discuss my ideas with other students and people working in criminology. Since the conference I have been contacted by a number of people who were interested in my work and wanted to discuss it further. This shows that the conference is an excellent environment for postgraduate students to network with others working on similar topics.

... The structure of the day [was] a really great combination that was advantageous for students at all stages of their candidature.

... I found the workshops incredibly helpful. I think it is a really great idea to have a newly completed postgraduate discussing the PhD process...I really enjoyed the postgraduate conference. I think it is really important to have a combination of nearly completed, recently commenced, recently finished and established academics attend the conference, and this occurred.

The 2009 Postgraduate Conference will be held in Perth on Sunday 22 November.

For information, please contact Associate Professor Roberta Julian, at roberta.julian@utas.edu.au



Networking during a break



L to R: Gail Mason, Cindy Davids, and Roberta Julian

PROFILING THREE EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS



Kelly Richards

I am a Research Analyst in the Justice and Crime Analysis program at the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), researching such varied and challenging topics as child homicide and juvenile recidivism. I also hold an adjunct position as Visiting Fellow in the Regulatory Institutions

Network at the Australian National University (ANU). As part of my Visiting Fellowship I have been invited to deliver a seminar on my PhD research, including a focus on life as an early career researcher. I am also heavily involved in a range of community activities in Canberra, including working with Prisoners' Aid and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

My PhD research on restorative justice was completed at the University of Western Sydney in 2007. The research developed a critical history of the restorative justice movement in Western criminal justice systems.

The study aimed to identify some of the multiple, shifting and competing discourses that have enabled the application of restorative practices to the criminal justice sphere. Two contrasting sets of discourses – of the 'psy' movement and parental responsibility respectively – were explored in this context. The notion of 'empowerment' was then identified as one invisible, taken-for-granted discursive construct that underpins these disparate sets of discourses, and as such, operates to rationalise the implementation of restorative practices. The thesis examined the relationships between truth, power and subjectivity in relation to empowerment, and concluded that this taken-for-granted construct posits restorative justice as an example of the neo-liberal strategies of governing at a distance, and governing through subjects' will.

Part of my PhD research involved conducting interviews with program directors, police officers, government officials and others who had been involved in establishing restorative justice programs. Interviewing powerful and knowledgeable figures as a young postgraduate researcher posed a range of challenges. Since the completion of my research, I have become interested in how other criminologists conduct qualitative research. Together with a colleague, Dr Lorana Bartels, I am in the process of developing a book proposal for an edited collection on qualitative criminology.

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Samantha Perussich



I completed my honour thesis in 2007, in the Faculty of Psychology, Australian National University (ANU), researching restorative justice. Prior to this, I completed a B. of Science (Psychology) and B. of Laws at the ANU. In 2008, I obtained a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice through the ANU Legal Workshop and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Victoria. I previously worked as the pro bono coordinator at the Youth Law Centre (ACT), which is a joint initiative of Legal Aid (ACT), Clayton Utz, and the ANU.

My honours thesis, *The Impact of Offender Group Membership and Offence Intent on Victim Pursuit of Restorative Justice and Redistributive Justice*, was conducted under the supervision of Dr Michael Platow (Associate Professor, Psychology ANU). We examined predictions derived from Wenzel, Okimoto, Feather and Platow's (in press) model outlining psychological processes leading to the pursuit of retributive and restorative justice. Anglo-Australian participants responded to a hypothetical scenario describing a bushfire resulting in damage to their homes. We independently manipulated the intent to commit the offense, the severity of the damage, and the in-group vs out-group membership of the offender.

Participants' beliefs that justice would be restored when they and the offender collaboratively reaffirmed shared values and the offender accepted responsibility for his offence, associated with the pursuit of restorative justice, were affected by offender intent, and moderated by offender group membership. These beliefs were most strongly endorsed following an intentional offence from an in-group member, in line with Wenzel et al.'s model. Intra-group offenses were independently perceived as stronger value violations than inter-group offenses – again, variables hypothesized to be associated with the pursuit of restorative justice.

By contrast, the predicted effects of offender groupmembership were not observed on variables hypothesized to be associated with processes underlying the pursuit of retributive justice. The experience of anger and the pursuit of punishment to restore justice were affected by offender intent and outcome severity only. We also considered the nested social categories employed in the current research, as well as implications of Mummendey and Wenzel's (1999) in-group projection model for understanding these processes.

I was selected to participate in the 2008 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) graduate program. I am currently engaged in the Compliance Strategies section of the ACCC, as a project policy officer, working on the new reforms to the Trade Practices Act (1974), in particular the Australian Consumer Law provisions.

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**Russell Brewer
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I am a PhD candidate at The Australian National University and an Adjunct Research Associate in the School of Law at Flinders University. I emigrated from Canada to Australia in early 2005, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Criminology) with honours from Flinders University, followed by various teaching and research-related positions at Flinders. In 2008 I moved to Canberra to pursue further postgraduate study at the ANU's newly-established ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, located at the Regulatory Institutions Network.

My doctoral research is titled "Maritime Security and the Governance of Partnerships," and explores the conveyance of regulatory and enforcement duties by central states and their organs (authorities) onto non state (private) actors. More specifically, my research investigates the governmental use of private sector 'partnerships' as a means of enhancing public policy, regulatory and law enforcement capacity. Using the Port of Melbourne (Australia) and the Port of Oakland (USA) as case studies, I hope to ascertain whether the nature, quality, strength and governance of these public/private partnerships actually help to shape the behaviours of those actors operating at the waterfront.

An assessment of the impact of the oversight mechanisms imposed by powerful actors (both public and private) will also be central to this inquiry. My research is being supervised by Professor Peter Grabosky, Professor Lorraine Mazerolle and Adjunct Professor Mark Harrison.

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ANZSOC New Scholar Prize winner Michelle Edgely with Kathleen Daly and Rick Sarre



ANZSOC President, Kathleen Daly, at the Ice Cream Social

ANZSOC CONFERENCE CANBERRA 2008

The 2008 ANZSOC conference was held at the Canberra Convention Centre, 25 - 27 November. Below are highlights of the conference. To see more pictures, go the ANZSOC website:

www.anzsoc.org/conferences/2008



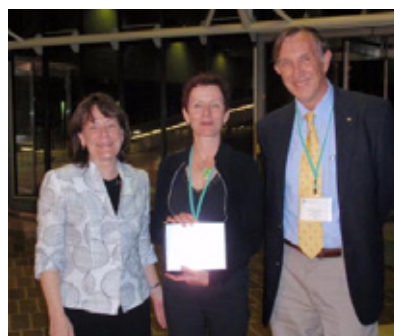
Opening Ceremony: Wiradjuri Echo's Welcome Dance and Acknowledgement to Country



Plenary session



The conference diner, held at the High Court



Allen Austin Bartholomew Prize winner Gail Mason, with Kathleen Daly and Ross Homel

THE 2009 ANZSOC CONFERENCE: PERTH, NOVEMBER 22-25

Crime and Justice Challenges in the 21st Century: Victims, Offenders and Communities

The 22nd annual conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology will be held in Perth at the University Club, University of Western Australia from Sunday November 22 to Wednesday November 25.

The conference will examine the potentially conflicting aims of pursuing justice and controlling and preventing crime. Sub-themes will include Australia's international obligations regarding the treatment of individuals in custody, the role of women in criminal justice, and the effectiveness and legitimacy of initiatives to alter the dynamics and volume of crime in the short and long term. The organisers are seeking contributions for papers, panels and roundtable sessions.

A call for papers will be issued in May and can be accessed from the website of the Crime Research Centre <http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/research/crc> or the ANZSOC website <http://www.anzsoc.org/>. Perth in November is sunny and mild with average maximum temperatures around 25

degrees (minimum 13) and little chance of rain. Perth (and nearby Margaret River) boasts a perfect combination of pristine beaches, enchanting forests, world class wineries and sunny days. There's never been a better time to travel to Perth when there are so many great deals on flights and accommodation. The conference will offer a full range of accommodation from top class city hotels to good quality budget university college rooms (including those with motel style accommodation). For more information about the attractions of WA visit http://www.westernaustralia.com/au/Pages/Welcome_to_Western_Australia.aspx.

The timing of the conference offers some excellent synergies, one of which is the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law conference which commences in Fremantle on November 26.

**Frank Morgan,
Crime Research Centre,
University of Western Australia**

THE NEW ANSZOC LOGO



Natasha Bouhours was selected as ANZSOC preferred designer. Because the first bid for a new logo was not successful, Natasha graciously offered to develop a range of ideas, from which four possible logos were presented to the Committee of Management.

Natasha is 22 and currently completing the last year of her Bachelor of Design, at the South Bank campus of Griffith University. As the daughter of two criminologists, Natasha is no stranger to criminology and ANZSOC. In 2006, she accompanied me to the ANZSOC conference in Hobart and became the official photographer of the conference (you can see her work on the ANZSOC website). In 2008, as part of an assignment, she worked with Signe to develop ANZSOC's profile. She was thus well placed to design a logo that reflected the Society. She is currently designing a letterhead and other stationery items for ANZSOC.

Although her favourite TV shows include the Bill and NCIS, Natasha was never tempted to study criminology. She has had a life long interest in the visual arts and design. She appreciates modern art, and Magritte and Escher are her favourite artists.

She enjoys the purity of their drawing style, the madness of their composition, but particularly the photographic quality of these artists' work. For Natasha's great passion is photography. She enjoys taking pictures but also reworking them in the lab or on her computer. Natasha loves experimenting with her images and has developed some imaginative ways of enhancing her pictures.

Natasha's other interests include scuba diving, although I suspect this is only an excuse to explore underwater photography. She recently obtained her scuba diving licence and is looking forward to some exciting dives in Australia and further afield. She is currently organising a round the world trip for next year. Beside visiting her relatives in France, she plans to smell the cherry blossoms in Japan, to trek the Great Wall of China, and many more exciting adventures. No doubt she will bring back many beautiful pictures.

Interest in graphic design run in the family, and I would like to thank Natasha for her generous assistance with designing the "new look" newsletter.

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**Brigitte Bouhours,
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NEW PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

Unique Cross Border Justice Scheme

Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory have joined forces to create a scheme unique in Australia where certain Magistrates, police and correctional services officers will be empowered to carry out the functions of their role in any of the three jurisdictions.

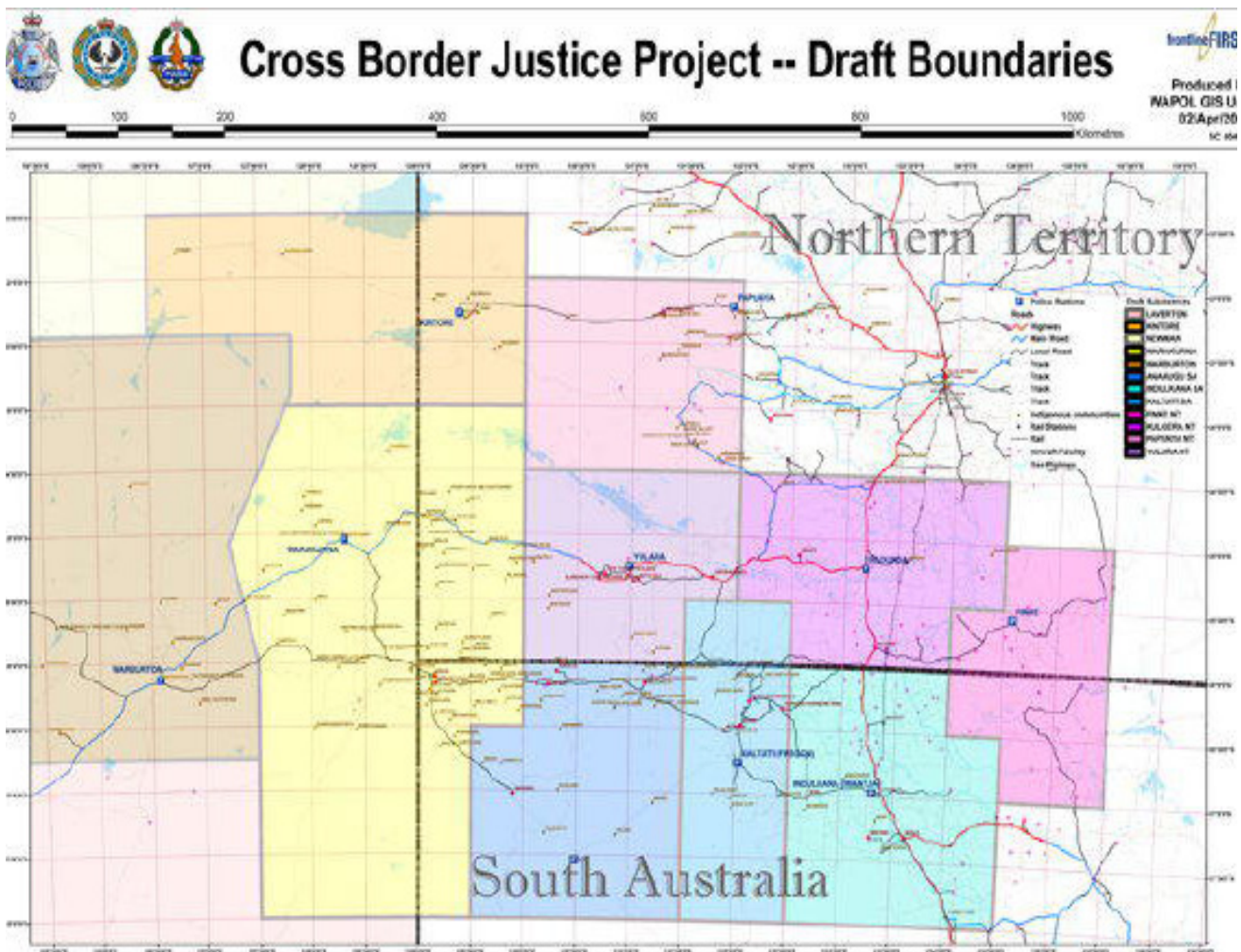
The scheme should commence operation in July 2009. The scheme covers a vast region, approximately 450,000 square kilometres, and has about 7,500 permanent residents, many of whom do not recognise the state and territory borders. WA prepared the Model Bill which has now been assented to there (Cross-border Justice Scheme Act), the NT has passed its Bill and SA has introduced the legislation. The Commonwealth has introduced amendments to the Service of Execution and Process Act to facilitate the scheme.

The scheme model was developed by the three Solicitor-Generals and it retains the territorial sovereignty of all three jurisdictions while enabling law enforcement officers and magistrates to deal with offenders in each others jurisdictions thereby denying an offenders capacity to evade apprehension. No change to the substantive law of any jurisdiction will occur.

The scheme particularly targets the protection of women and children from family abuse. Below is a draft map of the region. The scheme, with an intended commencement date of 1 July 2009, has been in its development stage since 2003 and can apply to any person committing an offence in the region or normally residing in the region or being apprehended in the region.

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Surviving Outside: Researching Women's Post-Release Care and Survival in Victoria 1997-2007

Surviving Outside is a pilot research initiative documenting women's post-release experiences of support, survival and death in Victoria. The project is part of a broader research initiative by Dr Bree Carlton and Dr Marie Segrave entitled Legacies of Imprisonment, a qualitative investigation of the inter-generational impacts of criminal justice processes on children, families and the community.

Surviving Outside builds on research undertaken in the 1990s. Davies and Cook's ("Women, imprisonment and post-release mortality," 1998 Just Policy 14: 15-21) groundbreaking study of women's post-release deaths based on data from the 1990s identified that multiple disadvantages and inequities, in combination with systemic failures, were vital contributing factors to women's mortality. Graham's profile of postrelease mortality rates in the 1990s reported that Victorian women released from prison were 27 times more likely to die than women in the general community ("Post-Prison Mortality: Unnatural Death Among People Released from Victorian Prisons Between January 1990 and December 1999," 1998, The ANZ Journal of Criminology 36: 94-108). Such research prompted the introduction of gender-specific post-release services that operate in Victoria today. However, while these services have been subject to evaluation (e.g., "Bridging the Gap: A Release Transition Support Program for Victorian Prisoners Final Evaluation Report," August 2003, Melbourne Criminology Research and Evaluation Unit), there is little subsequent research investigating women's post-prison mortality in Victoria.

In the past decade, rates of imprisoned women in Victoria have doubled and rates of imprisoned indigenous women have risen by 150% ("Community West/ Brimbank Community Legal Centre," 2008, A Prisoner's Legal Service for Victoria, Community West: Deer Park, p.10). Imprisoned women, particularly Indigenous women, represent one of the most multiply disadvantaged and vulnerable groups in Victoria. We know that 73% of imprisoned Victorian women were unemployed prior to conviction; 82% have not completed secondary or tertiary education; 80% are mothers and many are sole carers; and 84% of women are survivors of sexual abuse and violence (2008, Community West/Brimbank Community Legal Centre). Women are imprisoned at disproportionate rates, they serve sentences of less than 12 months and experience high rates of return after release. Contemporary research on imprisonment effects suggests shorter and repeated periods of incarceration have a significant detrimental effect upon release into the community yet we know little about women's postrelease experiences and their impact on survival.

Victorian legal advocates have recently characterised the state of mental and physical health among imprisoned women as a "community and medical emergency" (2008, West Community/Brimbank Community Legal Centre). These factors provide a critical context for the study which aims to illuminate experiences and issues arising from post-prison mortality in Victoria.

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National Research on Children's Courts

The National Assessment of Australia's Children's Courts is a study of the Children's Courts of Australia's six States and two Territories, looking at both the juvenile justice and child welfare divisions. The study will involve interviews with judicial officers (dedicated Children's Court magistrates as well as others who preside over matters involving children), interviews with other stakeholders (such as senior officials in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, the police, representatives of child advocacy organizations, Indigenous advocacy and community service organizations) and a national mailed survey to identify the current status of Children's Courts, the challenges they face, and possible reforms.

All of the Children's Courts' heads of jurisdiction across Australia are supporting the project, which is a particularly exciting feature. Such a national study of this important institution has never been attempted anywhere in the world.

The study has been funded by the ARC under its 2008 Discovery Grants Scheme. The research involves eight separate studies covering each State/Territory, together with a national overview study to be carried out during 2009 and 2010 by research teams comprised of both juvenile justice and child welfare experts.

The study is led by Allan Borowski of La Trobe University and Rosemary Sheehan of Monash University, the Victorian team members. The other senior researchers involved in the study are Morag Macarthur and Peter Camilleri (ACT), Paul Mazerolle and Claire Tilbury (Queensland), Elizabeth Fernandez, Jane Bolitho and Patricia Hansen (NSW), Michael Clare and Joe Clare (Western Australia), Paul Delfabbro and Andrew Day (South Australia), Rob White and Max Travers (Tasmania) and Deborah West and Jean Packham (Northern Territory).

The research group hopes to present its findings at a national colloquium on the institution of the Children's Court, to be held in the latter part of 2010.

Queries about the study may be directed to Allan Borowski

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REPORTING BACK

Centre for Excellence in Policing: Symposium March 2009

The inaugural CEPS Policing Symposium was held at the Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific, NSW on the 10th and 11th of March 2009. Over 130 delegates attended. The Symposium was officially opened by Commissioner Andrew Scipione and a keynote address was delivered by Professor Lawrence Sherman, a renowned policing scholar and CEPS International Advisory Board member, at the dinner. After networking and socialising at the dinner, delegates met the following morning for an intensive day of plenary presentations and panels.

The Symposium program reflected the outstanding quality of our national and international policing scholars and practitioners and covered some of the key issues emerging from the Harvard Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety, currently convened in the United States, with issues relevant to the Australian and New Zealand policing and security environments.

The issues covered included complex problems facing Australian policing, cross-jurisdictional issues, innovative police responses to serious and complex crimes, research informing practice and policing reform. The Symposium concluded with the launch of the Australasian Hub of the Harvard Global Network.

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In taking a qualitative approach, Surviving Outside will produce contextualised accounts of post-release nonsurvival, documenting lifestyle and service factors central to women's survival and death. These accounts will be informed by experiences of survival and death among former prisoners (specifically those who were released any time from 2000) through interviews with women, key service providers, case workers, advocates, family and friends. It is through the prioritisation of these direct experiences that the researchers intend to produce clear directives for monitoring, prevention and the possible extension of existing care and support services in Victoria. As a pilot project the research comprises a basis for further research into post-release mortality among men and young people.

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NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research: 40th Anniversary Symposium

On Wednesday 18th February 2009 several hundred people gathered at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney for a two day symposium to celebrate the 40th anniversary of one of Australia's most important criminological institutions - the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

The Bureau, as it is commonly referred to, continues to stand as a lighthouse in the treacherous seas of crime and justice research in Australia. This is no mean feat given the political and bureaucratic propensity to keep reinventing such institutions. Furthermore, the Bureau also continues to fill an important role as a nursery for generations of Australian criminologists. This was evidenced by the roll call of distinguished speakers and participants who had worked at the Bureau at some time or other. Not the least of these was Emeritus Professor Tony Vinson, the first of only three Directors the Bureau has had, who shared his recollection of the trials and tribulations in setting up the Bureau in the first place.

But this symposium was not simply a nostalgic reflection on the achievements of the Bureau and its prolific staff. Rather, as our convivial host and the Bureau's current Director, Dr Don Weatherburn, made clear these two days were also an occasion for applying the lessons of past experience to the new challenges for criminological research into the 21st Century. Accordingly the symposium was also a showcase for new research and different ways of thinking about old and new problems such as alcohol related violence (Dr Tanya Chikrizhs, NDRI), Indigenous issues (Dr Maggie Brady, ANU and Prof Mark Finnane, Griffith), the media and crime (Ross Gittins, Sydney Morning Herald) and that modern chestnut, evidence based policy (Prof Arie Freiberg, Monash & Assoc. Prof Andrew Leigh). And these were just a few moments among a rich two days of conversation and new ideas.

Through all of this though, one thing still stood out - the continuing inability of so many people to correctly pronounce the Bureau's acronym.

Long live BOCSAR - the Bureau.

**Peter Homel,
Australian Institute of Criminology**

NEW CRC GRANTS

The following grants were approved by the Criminology Research Council for 2008/9:

- *Sudanese refugees' experience with the Queensland criminal justice system*

Dr G. Coventry, Dr G. Dawes, Dr S. Moston and Dr D. Palmer, James Cook University

This study examines the under-researched topic of Sudanese refugee perceptions and experiences of Queensland's criminal justice system, particularly their interactions with police. Further, the study will provide a content analysis of media reporting of Sudanese peoples as both victims and perpetrators of crime. The main methodological dimensions are: analysis of police databases, focus groups and interviews with key stakeholders, a survey of Sudanese refugees, and media analysis. Data analysis will provide the basis for evidence-based policy and program development related specifically to Sudanese, police, other key agencies/service providers, and also have implications for such developments related to other minority groups.

- *Oral language competence and interpersonal violence: exploring links in incarcerated young males*

Dr P. Snow and Pr M. Powell, Monash University

This project builds on prior research conducted by the Principal Investigators, who have shown that unidentified oral language deficits are present in over 50% of a community sample of male youth offenders. Such deficits include difficulties using and understanding everyday spoken language and may be undetected/misinterpreted by the communication partner. In this study, the prevalence of such deficits will be examined in an incarcerated sample (N=100), and links to violent offending (the most severe form of disrupted interpersonal behaviour) will be examined. Findings will inform both theory and practice in offender treatment programs, where verbally mediated interventions are common.

- *ID scanners in night-time economy: social sorting or social order?*

Dr D. Palmer, Dr P. Miller, and Dr I. Warren, Deakin University

The project investigates the introduction of ID scanners in "high-risk" entertainment venues in Geelong (VIC) as part of an attempt to enhance community safety. Recently the inner city area of Geelong has been transformed into a significant "night-time economy." However, such developments come with potential harms, such as increases in crime and anti-social behaviour. Networked ID scanners are a unique innovation introduced to address these issues. The project documents what has been done, why, and what impact and potential (or actual) harms exist to serve as a model for future policy and program development.

The 2009 round of the Criminology Research Council research grants are now open, with applications due by 21 August 2009. For further information, see:

<http://www.criminologyresearchcouncil.gov.au/applications/>

Lorana Bartels,
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ANZSOC Committee of Management, Canberra 2008

L to R: (sitting) Roberta Julian, Kathleen Daly, Russell Smith, Matthew Willis; (standing) Damon Muller, Rick Sarre, Allan van Zyl, Rebecca Wickes, Frank Morgan, Signe Dalsgaard, Gail Mason; (absent) Bronwyn Naylor

