

## 2007 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards

The winners of the 2007 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards were announced by the then Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator David Johnston, at a ceremony in Parliament House on 23 October 2007. The awards are designed to identify and develop practical projects which reduce crime and violence in the community.

### Four national award winners each received a National Certificate:

#### Western Australia's **Caversham Training and Enterprise Centre Program**

educates at-risk individuals aged between 15 and 19 years in numeracy, literacy and art studies while building their resilience and sense of self-worth. The program uses positive role models in informal surroundings to improve the employability of participants and reduce their risk of reoffending. The program was the only national winner in the community category, and received \$10,000 along with a certificate.

#### The **Domestic Violence Intervention Court Model**, from New South Wales,

provides support to victims of domestic violence, from initial police investigation to post-court outcome, by tracking victims and children through the criminal justice system. It also tracks offenders and maintains contact with them after their completion of a perpetrator program, reducing the chances of them becoming repeat offenders.



*With the then Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator David Johnston, are representatives of the four national award winners (l to r): Superintendent Stuart Wilkins of NSW Macquarie Fields Police, Ms Mairead McCoy of Western Australia's Department of Corrective Services, Mr Darral Phillips of Directions WA, and Senior Sergeant Vincent Hurley of NSW Police Headquarters.*

The **Intensive Support Program**, from Western Australia, works to reduce juvenile offending by targeting those who commit serious and/or repeat offences. Sustained behavioural changes are achieved by working with the offender, their families and significant others to develop strategies that incorporate everyday demands and stresses of life. The program uses the multi-systemic therapy model, which is backed by 30 years of applied research.

**Camp IMPACT** is a New South Wales Police initiative designed to build relationships between police and youth in the suburb of Macquarie Fields in the

wake of rioting in that suburb. The success of the camp has led to IMPACT Community Days at the Macquarie Fields Youth Centre, maintaining the momentum of Camp IMPACT and the positive influence of youths over one another.

Thirty-five other projects each received a Certificate of Merit, with 19 sharing prize money of \$64,000. One project was awarded a State Medal and another a Certificate for being Meritorious Police Projects. The complete list of projects recognised in the 2006 awards is at <http://www.aic.gov.au/acvpa/2006.html>.

Forthcoming  
conference

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Registrations are open for the **Young People, Crime and Community Safety: engagement and early intervention** conference on 25–26 February 2008 at the RACV Club in Melbourne, Victoria. The conference, conducted jointly by the AIC and the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN), will explore approaches to integrating evidence-based prevention and early intervention strategies to engage young people as active participants in community safety.

**Registration fees:** Full delegate, standard registration – \$650

**For more information or to register:** Visit <http://www.aic.gov.au> or call Conference Solutions, Tel: (02) 6285 3000.

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## Alice Springs workshop

The AIC played a lead role in a two-day workshop held in Alice Springs on 29–30 September 2007. Funded by the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund (NDLERF) and the Northern Territory Police, the aim of the workshop was to disseminate findings from research projects into the policing of illicit drugs

and other substances in rural and remote Indigenous communities.

There were over 50 attendees, including police from the Northern Territory and across Australia. Queensland police gave presentations on initiatives in key Indigenous communities. Feedback from

participants was positive and a report is being finalised on the workshop, which will be published by NDLERF. Further workshops are planned for other locations in the Northern Territory and in Mildura, Victoria, which will involve New South Wales and Victorian police.



*Delegates (including the AIC's Dr Judy Putt, General Manager, Research Services) attending the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund's two-day Alice Springs workshop on the policing of illicit drugs and other substances in rural and remote Indigenous communities.*

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## ANZSOC annual conference, 2007

The 20th conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) was held in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 24–26 September 2007. The conference was jointly hosted by the University of South Australia, Flinders University and the South Australian Department of Justice. The AIC was the premier sponsor for the conference, and six AIC researchers attended and presented papers.

About 270 delegates attended a total of 72 sessions, with topics ranging from drugs, policing, prison reform, crime trends and mapping, sentencing and Indigenous issues. Sessions were well attended, and

many interesting papers were presented, allowing attendees to keep up-to-date on the latest findings in criminological research from Australia and overseas.

Keynote speakers at the conference included Professor John Braithwaite speaking on peacebuilding in the Pacific, Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty on the challenges facing the AFP in a globalised world, and Griffith University Professor Mark Finnane on the history of ANZSOC. In addition, a number of international delegates presented keynote speeches, including Shadd Maruna from Queens University Belfast, Alice Hill from the University of Leeds and

Cindy Smith from the National Institute of Justice, USA.

The annual general meeting of ANZSOC was held in conjunction with the conference. It was announced at the conference that in November 2008 the 21st ANZSOC conference would be held in Canberra and hosted by the AIC. The Adelaide conference ended with the Icecream Social, sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, at which delegates were invited to the Canberra conference, on behalf of the director of the AIC.



### **New Communications and Information Services General Manager**

The AIC is pleased to welcome Barbara Walsh as the General Manager of the AIC's newly established Communications and Information Services section. Barbara is an experienced communications professional of over 20 years standing in both the public and private sectors. | Barbara has worked as a Director in the Communications Branch of FaCSia, and for the past three years she has overseen all internal and external communications as the General Manager, Corporate Communications, for the Australian Sports Commission.



*Delegates at the anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing roundtable, hosted by the AIC on 17 August. This meeting informed a number of projects within the current anti-money laundering research program.*

## Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing consultations

The new anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing project being conducted by members of the Global, Economic and Electronic Crime program is underway, with a series of consultations having been undertaken with stakeholders in South-East Asia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Research staff have attended conferences and workshops and met with leading regulatory agencies and representatives of the businesses being regulated including bankers, accountants and lawyers. The aim is to understand how anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing work is being approached in key countries in order to provide Australia's regulator, AUSTRAC, with information and statistics on how Australia's regulatory regime should approach these global concerns.

As part of the consultations, Dr Russell Smith attended the 25th International Symposium on Economic Crime at Jesus College, Cambridge, attended by over 900 delegates from 90 countries, and then met with 34 representatives of government and private sector organisations in London and Washington, DC. Dr Raymond Choo undertook similar consultations in Singapore and Hong Kong, while Mr David Rees attended the American Bankers Association and American Bar Association Money Laundering Enforcement Conference in Washington, DC. Julie Walters and Russell Smith also attended the Financial Services Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Summit 2007 in the Hunter Valley in New South Wales. Former AIC research analyst, Rob McCusker, who participated in a capacity-building workshop on combating corruption related to money laundering in Bangkok, will be undertaking further consultations in Europe.

These consultations have been invaluable in understanding the global money laundering and financing of terrorism environment, and in assessing the key risk areas likely to affect Australia in the years to come. Further research involving surveys, interviews and focus groups with the regulated entities in Australia is planned for the next six months.

### Improving community safety: lessons from the country and the city, Townsville, 18–19 October 2007

The AIC hosted this crime prevention conference in partnership with the Australian Crime Prevention Council and the Townsville City Council. The conference was held at Jupiters Hotel in Townsville and was well attended.

Delegates from South Pacific and Asian countries provided a focus that contrasted some of the more fundamental community safety issues. These include the need for a civil society and adequate rule of law, with the more sophisticated and subtle crime prevention messages such as performance improvement and urban design that hold the attention of many involved in crime prevention in Australia. Attention was also given to the continuing challenge of effectively enhancing the safety of many groups within Australia, including Indigenous communities – a theme echoed in a presentation from New Zealand.

Staff from the AIC held two workshops with representatives from non-government organisations, state and local government, universities, and the private sector. These workshops provided the AIC with an opportunity to trial some early draft resources and seek comment on their format, content and layout.

These resources will address a range of issues confronting practitioners, including how they can contribute to crime reduction and the day-to-day management of their project, project jargon, funding applications, time and financial constraints, complex working relationships, and an ever-increasing demand to demonstrate results. Possible future resources and media for sharing information and knowledge across vast distances were discussed. Participants in the workshop were also given the opportunity to network and discuss some of the challenges they have encountered in dealing with crime in their communities, and share some of their successful strategies.

# Recent publications

## Trends & issues in crime and criminal justice

(<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/>)

- **no. 340:** Fatal fires: fire-associated homicide in Australia, 1990–2005
- **no. 341:** The future of technology-enabled crime in Australia
- **no. 342:** Money laundering in and through Australia, 2004
- **no. 343:** Older people and credit card fraud
- **no. 344:** Juror attitudes and biases in sexual assault cases
- **no. 345:** Adult sexual violence in Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia
- **no. 346:** An examination of serial murder in Australia
- **no. 347:** Law enforcement responses to trafficking in persons: challenges and emerging good practice

## Research and public policy

(<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/>)

- **no. 78:** Future directions in technology-enabled crime: 2007–09
- **no. 79:** Pilot study on sexual assault and related offences in the ACT: stage 3
- **no. 80:** Recidivism in Australia: findings and future research

- **no. 81:** The market for amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors in Oceania
- **no. 82:** Firearms theft in Australia 2005–06

## Technical and background paper

(<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tbp/>)

- **no. 25:** Criminal justice responses to drug and drug-related offending: are they working?
- **no. 26:** Juveniles in detention in Australia, 1981–2006

## Other publications

(<http://www.aic.gov.au/institute/anreport/2007/>)

- Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council annual report 2006–07

## Crime Facts Info

(<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/cfi/>)

- **no. 154:** Detainee experience of partner violence
- **no. 155:** Global seizures of amphetamine-type stimulants
- **no. 156:** Electronic attacks on Australian organisations
- **no. 157:** Money laundering in and through Australia
- **no. 158:** Weapon types and serious crime

- **no. 159:** Acquittals in the higher courts
- **no. 160:** Clandestine drug laboratories in Australia
- **no. 161:** Community satisfaction with police
- **no. 162:** Guilty outcomes in reported sexual assault and related offence incidents

## AI Crime Reduction Matters

(<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/crm/>)

- **no. 60:** A preliminary review of Neighbourhood Watch in Victoria
- **no. 61:** Results of periodic detention orders
- **no. 62:** Targeting youth gangs at a grassroots level
- **no. 63:** 2007 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards
- **no. 64:** Implementing safer school leavers' celebrations

## BushFIRE Arson Bulletin

(<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/bfab/>)

- **no. 47:** The use of fire in homicide
- **no. 48:** Fire-associated homicides in Australia
- **no. 49:** Climate change and fire danger

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