Editorial

Welcome to the IOHR-CBG newsletter, which reports on updated information about research projects, activities and outcomes relating to the IOHR-CBG.

Following the project’s transfer from Curtin University to UNSW, and some administrative challenges on the way, it’s a good time to run through the projects and activities that Team Investigators have been involved in. These projects and activities since 2009 fall both within the IOHR-CBG and beyond and illustrate the growing capacity of Team Investigators within the Indigenous offender field.

Over the remaining of the project the focus will be on completing existing projects and disseminating findings and creating publications as well as developing new and collaborative projects under the capacity building banner.

It’s been great to come on board as the new coordinator and while I have met many of the project team, I look forward to meeting more of you at the next annual team meeting and symposium in September. All the best. – Paul Simpson

Indigenous Offender Health - web resource update

To increase awareness of the offender health web resource, and to keep those interested in Indigenous offender health informed, the Australian Indigenous Health InfoNet (AIH) have created two new social media functions:

**News**
The news function ensures that the offender health website is up-do-date to users. It also provides the opportunity to more widely publicise upcoming events and programs/projects. Since its launch in May this year, there have been 38 offender-specific news items written.

**Twitter**
Twitter is a highly effective way of disseminating information in a time and cost effective way. The offender health Twitter account (@AIHOffenders) currently has 14 followers and is following 22 twitter accounts (individuals and organisations). 64 tweets on this Twitter account have been sent since mid May.

Website: [Indigenous Offender Health web resource](#)
## 2012 Projects and Activities

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<td><strong>Jocelyn Jones</strong></td>
<td>Exploring the Pathways to Contact with Juvenile Justice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children: developing a profile of the risk and protective factors to support a strategy for change (PhD, NDARI)</td>
<td>Social and cultural resilience and emotional well-being of Aboriginal mothers in prison – w/ Mandy Wilson, WA hub (SCREAM Project – NDRI &amp; UNSW)</td>
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<td><strong>Dr Nerelle Poroch</strong></td>
<td>Completed: We're struggling in here! : the phase 2 study into the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT Alexander Maconochie Centre and the needs of their families (Research Fellow, Winnunga Nimmityjah Health Services)</td>
<td>Winnunga Nimmityjah is part of GOANNA Project looking at Sexual health in young Aboriginal people</td>
<td>Co-researcher and interview training and experience with Winnunga Nimmityjah &amp; community members.</td>
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*We're struggling in here!* - the phase 2 study:

1. ACT Ministerial meeting
3. IOHR-CBG web portal
4. Online media
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<td>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Justice Reinvestment - Discussion paper (10% Project). Jackson-Pulver L, Fitzpatrick S, Haswell M, Williams M, (2012). Public Health Perspectives of Indigenous Health - Postgraduate Program. The School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW.</td>
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**Taking Stock**

Indigenous offender health and capacity building related activities & outcomes of Team Investigators 2009–2011

**Publications and Reports**


**Poroch N**, Boyd K, Tongs J, Sharp P, Longford E, Keed S (2011). We're struggling in here! : the phase 2 study into the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT Alexander Maconochie Centre and the needs of their families. Narrabundah, A.C.T: Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service.

**Poroch N**, Tongs J, Longford E, Keed S (2012). Aboriginal health workers at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service caring for the needs of Aboriginal people in the new ACT prison and the needs of their families. Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal; 36(1): 6-8. [Needs of Aboriginal people in AMC & their families article](#)


Williams M (2011). Wundirra: standing in the light of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resource. Produced by Project 10%, an organisation that campaign to lower the number of Indigenous prisoners in Queensland jails.

Williams M (2012). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Justice Reinvestment - Discussion paper (10% Project).

Conferences, seminars, symposia - presentations

Doyle M (2011). Alcohol interventions programs within Australian prisons for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. New South Wales Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network (ADAN) symposium - leadership group and ADAN symposium, Port Macquarie.


Williams M (2011). Social capital and Elders: preventing reincarceration among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Conference, Canberra.

**Other activities, committee, panel memberships etc., submissions, applications …**

| Butler T, Wilkes T, Grace J, Guthrie J, Jones J (2009). Submission to the House Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Re: Inquiry into the high level of involvement of Indigenous juveniles and young adults in the criminal justice system. |
| Doyle M (2010-2011). Western Australia Indigenous Sexual Advisory Committee Chair and member (WA Health). |
| Doyle M (2011). Postgraduate student committee member (School of Population Health, UWA). |
| Jones J (2010). National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Working Group member. |
| Jones J (2012). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Working Group (ATSIHWWG) member. |
| Jones J (2012). Western Australian Aboriginal Health Information And Ethics Committee (WAAHIEC) member. |
| Poroch N (2012). Reintegration Puzzle Conference Committee member, ACT. |
| Williams M (2009). Member of Reducing Indigenous Imprisonment (RIIC) working group (Murri Watch, ANTAR, ATSIWLAC & UQ) |


Williams M (2010-2011). Founding member and Director of Project 10%- Community led campaign for reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Queensland Prisons.

Williams M (2011). Lowitja Institute Congress panel member - workshop on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers.

Williams M (2011). Queensland Health Prison Mental Health Services Continuity of Care Project - evaluation collaborator.

### Upcoming events

**Justice Reinvestment Forum – Canberra**  
2 Aug 2012

This event brings together national and international expertise on Justice Reinvestment and criminal justice issues. It will explore the application of Justice Reinvestment methodologies in the United States and United Kingdom with a view to how they might be adopted or adapted as policy options in Australia.

The forum follows the successful workshop held at the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in November 2011 (convened by Dr Jill Guthrie) which was a first step to exploring the feasibility of Justice Reinvestment in the Australian Capital Territory.

More info: [costanza.maffi@anu.edu.au](mailto:costanza.maffi@anu.edu.au)

**Justice Health in Australia: Equity in Health Care – Canberra**  
15 Aug 2012

One day PHAA symposium. The sub-themes for the symposium plenary sessions are: equivalence of health care for prisoners; mental health and wellbeing of prisoners; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoner health; and health during the transition from prison to community.

Registration and program: [PHAA Justice Health in Australia](#)

**Population Health Congress 2012 – Adelaide**  
10-12 Sep 2012

Organised and sponsored jointly by the four leading professional population health organisations in the Asia Pacific region (Australasian Epidemiological Association, Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Australian Health Promotion Association & Public Health Association Australia), this event will see a large gathering of around 1300 population health professionals. It will provide the opportunity for working across and within organisations on key population health issues and for opportunities for networking

For draft program and more info: [Population Health Congress 2012](#)

**IOHR-CBG Annual Team Meeting / Symposia – Canberra**  
19 Sep 2012

This event will present current and emerging research and projects by IOHR-CBG investigators and other Indigenous offender health researchers

Program currently being developed.

Any questions please contact: [psimpson@kirby.unsw.edu.au](mailto:psimpson@kirby.unsw.edu.au)
Reducing Indigenous Youth Incarceration: Using Justice Reinvestment & Partnership Building to Break the Cycle – Sydney  
26-27 Sep 2012

This conference aims to address new methods to reduce incarceration rates through innovative community partnerships and increasing Indigenous youth aspirations.

Draw key learnings on how to:

- plan, build and sustain practical crime prevention projects
- build innovative models for diversion
- offer post-transitional support pathways to reduce recidivism
- build relationships with police
- partner with education and housing providers for supportive environments.

More info: Reducing Indigenous Youth Incarceration

Other events

Participatory Justice and Victims Conference  
17-18 September 2012, Canberra

The First International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health  
11–13 November 2012, Melbourne

Congress Lowitja 2012 - Knowledge Exchange and Translation into Practice  
14-15 November 2012, Melbourne

2012 ANZSOC Conference; “Public Criminologies: Crime, Power and Marginalisation”  
26 November 2012: Postgraduate and ECR Conference, AUT University  
27-29 November 2012, University of Auckland

2012 National Indigenous Health Conference; Many Pathways, One Outcome  
5th - 7th December 2012, Gold Coast Australia

Any events, news, corrections, addendums, broken links etc please email Paul: psimpson@kirby.unsw.edu.au