

# CHD NEWS

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## News from the Director

It has been an exciting and busy period for CHD Partners. Many of us have been busy finalising teaching and marking requirements for various university courses; work has continued on numerous projects listed at the back of this newsletter; the inaugural CHD Partners criminology prizes were awarded to UNSW students; presentations have been made to a Critical Criminology conference in Sydney; the first security professionals forum was conducted in Newcastle and exciting new projects have commenced. Most importantly, we are very pleased to have recently welcomed Jenny Barga and Don Robertson and to have started working with them both on various projects. Their experience, knowledge and commitment to preventing crime and tackling the causes of crime ensure that they will be valuable team members.

We are pleased to have added presentation materials from our last free crime prevention seminar (22 April 2008) to our website. The CPP Network page now has three of the presentations from this seminar and previous presentations will be added in the coming weeks. Moreover, new crime prevention fact sheets are currently under development and should be posted on the site in the coming weeks.

Beyond these internal developments, there have been numerous activities of great interest to crime prevention practitioners. The following are some of the highlights from recent months.

### **New NSW Crime Prevention Division Website**

The NSW Crime Prevention Division has recently released a significantly modified website. The website contains numerous

publications and fact sheets of direct relevance to crime prevention practitioners. This website can be accessed at:

[http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/cpd/ll\\_cpdiv.nsf/pages/CPD\\_fac\\_tsheets](http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/cpd/ll_cpdiv.nsf/pages/CPD_fac_tsheets)

### **New Book - Crime Prevention: Principles, Perspectives and Practices**

Adam Sutton, Adrian Cherney and Rob White recently released the new book, Crime Prevention: Principles, Perspectives and Practices. This book, published by Cambridge University Press, provides an overview of some theoretical, policy and practice issues relevant to all crime prevention practitioners. The authors advocate for crime prevention practice, but highlight some of the risks of ill-conceived approaches to the prevention of crime. The book is a welcome addition to the limited published material on crime prevention in Australia and is a very worthwhile addition to every practitioner's library.

### **New Book – International Criminology: A Critical Introduction (Routledge)**

Rob Watts, Judith Bessant and Richard Hil have developed this wide-ranging text. Chapter 8: 'Criminology and the Lure of Crime Prevention' poses a number of critical questions in relation to the practice of crime prevention. In particular, they consider the relationship between neo-liberalism, responsabilisation and the rise of crime prevention in recent decades. They also question key assumptions underpinning crime prevention practice, including what crimes receive attention and who participates in prevention. This chapter provides an excellent counter-balance to the Sutton, Cherney and White book.

## Hot Off the Press

### **UNSW Academic Prizes**

CHD Partners funded two criminology prizes for the first time this year. These small cash prizes were awarded to third and fourth year criminology students at the University of New South Wales on 29 May 2008. Congratulations go to the recipients. We hope that these inaugural prizes will become an annual event. We would like to thank Dr Jane Bolitho and Carol Healy (UNSW) for their assistance in establishing these prizes.

### **New Liquor Licensing Laws**

1 July 2008 saw the introduction of new liquor licensing laws in NSW. One of the many changes heralded by these new arrangements includes changes to Social Impact Assessments (SIA). Under the current system, a category B SIA can take several months to prepare and cost tens of thousands of dollars. On top of this a \$6,600 application fee must be paid to the Liquor Administration Board, which can then take many months to consider the SIA. This process has been a great barrier to new entries into the hotel market. The new Liquor Act 2007 (commenced 1 July 2008) has replaced the SIA process with a requirement for a Community Impact Statement (CIS). Where the SIA process currently applies only to the grant or removal of a hotel and off-licences, a CIS may potentially be required for a much larger range of applications. The

Government claims that the change is designed to minimise time and costs. A CIS must summarise the results of consultation with local councils, police, health, Aboriginal representatives, community organisations and the public (community consultation and agreement).

#### **International Congress of Criminology Conference in Barcelona 20-25 July 2008**

Garner Clancey and Jenny Barga will be attending the International Congress of Criminology Conference in Barcelona this month. This conference will bring together academics, practitioners and policy makers from many countries. With a particular focus on urban crime, elements of this conference will be directly relevant to the work of CHD Partners. Some information from this conference will be summarised in future editions of the CHD News.

#### **BOCSAR Symposium**

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) will be hosting a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium over two days – 18 and 19 February 2009. This significant event will be held in Sydney and already has an impressive line-up of confirmed speakers, including:

**Professor Larissa Behrendt**,  
Jumbunna House of Learning,  
University of Technology, Sydney

**Professor Arie Freiberg**,  
Faculty of Law, Monash University

**Professor Peter Grabosky**,  
Australian National University

**Associate Professor Russell Hogg**,  
School of Law, University of New England

**Professor Ross Homel**,  
Key Centre for Ethics,  
Law, Justice & Governance,  
Griffith University

**Professor Paul Mazerolle**,  
Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice &  
Governance, Griffith University

**Professor Tony Vinson**,  
University of Sydney

Registration can be made at:

[www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar\\_symposium](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar_symposium)

#### **United Nations World Drug Report**

The recently released United Nations World Drug Report provides a very comprehensive regional analysis of drug use across the globe. This report is especially relevant to current debates regarding any potential consequences of the greatly increased Afghanistan opium production in recent years. This report is available at:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/unodc-launches-2008-world-drug-report.html>

## Project in the Spotlight

# Evaluation of the Redfern / Waterloo Crime Prevention and Community Safety Plan

(led by Jenny Barga)

This recently completed project consisted of detailed interviews with stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of the Redfern / Waterloo Crime Prevention and Community Safety Plan (City of Sydney). This evaluation enabled detailed analysis of relevant literature on local crime prevention planning, which proved to be a great opportunity to consider some of the complexities of how local crime prevention (and community safety) plans can be effective. Without revealing the findings of the evaluation, it became clear that effective leadership, stakeholder

ownership, effective committee management and clear goals, are all elements of an effective local approach.

The following comments from the client suggests satisfaction with our approach:

**“Not only was the project delivered in a timely and professional manner, I was able to benefit from CHD’s valuable expertise and knowledge which I believe will influence my approach to addressing ongoing, and complex crime and safety issues”.**

## A Selection of Current CHD Projects

Title	Project Description
Fairfield City Council Crime Prevention Plan	To assist Fairfield City Council to develop a crime prevention plan for the LGA. This project follows our earlier work on the development of a comprehensive crime profile for the Fairfield LGA.
NSW Police Force Project on Youth Crime	This project involves the development of a report on youth crime in NSW for the NSW Police Force. This project has involved the mapping of where young people come to police notice (by postcode) and reviewing data on interventions across NSW.
Better Futures Practice Guide – NSW Department of Community Services	This project involves the development of a practice guide for working with young people at-risk of offending. This guide will help youth services engage with the police and juvenile justice system agencies to prevent offending.
Granville Suspended Schools Project - Evaluation	We are evaluating an initiative designed to help young people at-risk of dropping out of school in the Granville area. This project involves establishing and analyzing various survey instruments and providing reports at various points to the funding body.
PCYC Mobile Van – Evaluation	We have been evaluating the PCYC mobile van initiative. This project involves reviewing crime data, internal surveys and stakeholder surveys associated with the deployment of two mobile vans. A total of three evaluation reports are being prepared for this project. The final report will be provided by October 2008.
Campbelltown Perceptions of Crime Survey	Campbelltown City Council received some national funding for various crime prevention initiatives and we are assisting them to determine if these initiatives have any impact upon people's perceptions of crime through the use of an on-line survey.
Safe Party Squad – Evaluation	The Coffs Harbour Safe Party Squad received national funding to run over a three-year period. We are working with the relevant staff to measure the effectiveness of this initiative.
Bonnyrigg Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Analysis	Bonnyrigg public housing estate is being re-developed. This extensive project requires detailed consideration of designing out crime. We are reviewing some of the development application materials to assess treatment of potential crime risks.
Review of Dubbo Whole of Government Group	We are delighted to be collaborating with Sydney Leadership (Benevolent Society) on a review of the Dubbo Whole of Government Group and the Dubbo 2020 Vision.
City of Sydney Scoping Report	We are in the process of finalizing a scoping report for the City of Sydney regarding their potential involvement in the development of training materials for security personnel attached at licensed venues in the City of Sydney Local Government Area.
Certificate IV in Security Risk Assessment	In advance of being confirmed as a registered training organization (RTO), we currently deliver the Certificate IV in Security Risk Assessment in conjunction with another training organization. We are currently running courses for banking, horse stud and security personnel to assist them gaining the Certificate IV qualification.
Training Materials for the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC)	We have commenced work on developing training materials on cannabis for the youth and community sectors for NCPIC. This will ultimately result in the development of a self-paced learning package and a train-the-trainer's package.

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