

Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference

4 - 5 August 2025 | ICC, 14 Darling Drive, Sydney

DAY 1 - Monday, 4 August 2025

8.15am - 9:00am	Registration	
9:00am - 9:15am	Welcome to Country: Aunty Yvonne Weldon Cockle Bay Room	
9:15am - 9:25am	Formal opening by : Hon. Michael Daley , NSW Attorney General.	
9:25am - 9:30am	Secretary of Dept. of Communities and Justice, Michael Tidball	
9:30am - 10:30am	Keynote: Cockle Bay Room - Chair: Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research. Jennifer Doleac , Arnold Ventures. <i>Evidence-based strategies to break the incarceration cycle.</i>	
10:30am - 11:00am	MORNING TEA	
11:00am - 11:30pm	Session 1A: Cockle Bay Room Chair: <i>Theme: Young people</i>	Session 1B: Room C3.4 Chair: <i>Theme: Mental health and corrections</i>
	Molly McCarthy , Alfred Deakin Institute, Deakin University. <i>Comparing historical cohorts of justice-involved young people: what social and ecological risks are associated with growth in high frequency and high harm youth offending?</i>	Darcy Coulter , Curtin University. <i>The relationship between diagnoses of mental illness and substance use disorders, and reincarceration among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults</i>
11:30am - 12:00pm	Steve Yeong , NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research. <i>The impact of raising the minimum school leaving age on crime in NSW</i>	Julian Trofimovs , University of New South Wales. <i>Impact of post-release community mental health and disability support on reincarceration for prisoners with intellectual disability and serious mental illness in NSW, Australia</i>
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Carleen Thompson , Griffith University. <i>Criminal justice system involvement across adolescence and early adulthood: Elucidating high-risk features of child protection and mental health system contacts</i>	Fiona White , University of New South Wales. <i>Evaluation of an updated service model enhancing prison-to-community mental healthcare for First Nations people in prison</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	LUNCH	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Keynote: Cockle Bay Room - Chair: Selwyn Button , Productivity Commission, <i>What data insights can tell us about Closing the Gap?</i> Edwina Crawford , Aboriginal Services Unit, NSW Department of Communities and Justice. <i>Beyond the Numbers: Centering Aboriginal Voices in Justice Data</i>	
3:00pm - 3:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Session 2A: Cockle Bay Room Chair: <i>Theme: Domestic violence</i>	Session 2B: Room C3.4 Chair: <i>Theme: Reoffending and First Nations people</i>
	Benjamin Spivak & Troy McEwan , Swinburne University of Technology. <i>Why accurate assessment of family violence homicide risk is not possible</i>	Sam Alderton-Johnson , Impact Policy. <i>CoDesign in Practice: Embedding Aboriginal Voices in Justice Research</i>
4:00pm - 4:30pm	Fan Cheng , NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research. <i>Evidence-based typology for the perpetrators of domestic and family violence in NSW</i>	Hilde Tubex , University of Western Australia, Law School. <i>Mind the gap: A study on the reintegration needs of returning prisoners</i>
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Apriel Jolliffe Simpson , The University of Waikato. <i>Understanding types of poly-victimisation</i>	Kimberlie Dean , University of New South Wales. <i>Understanding barriers to mental health court diversion and impact on re-offending for First Nations peoples in NSW</i>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Networking Drinks	



DAY 2 - Tuesday, 5 August 2025

8.30am - 9:00am	Registration	
9:00am - 10:00am	Keynote: Cockle Bay Room - Chair: Cathy Humphreys , University of Melbourne. <i>Exploring the intersection between DFV and substance abuse and the policy responses that can be put into practice</i>	
10:00am - 10:30am	MORNING TEA	
10:30am - 11:00am	Session 3A: Cockle Bay Room Chair: Theme: Domestic violence	Session 3B: Room C3.4 Chair: Theme: Policing
	Hayley Boxall , Australian National University. <i>Alternative justice for domestic, family and sexual violence: What we can learn from the ACT experience</i>	Ranae Jabri , University of Sydney. <i>Algorithmic policing: Local effects of police presence on crime and racial disparities</i>
11:00am - 11:30pm	Kristen Sobeck , Australian National University. <i>The impact of domestic violence on the employment, educational and mental health outcomes of young women</i>	Rebekah Chapman & Deborah Kelso , Queensland Police Service. <i>Reframing relationships and reducing crime: The long-term evaluation of a Queensland Police Service protective security initiative for First Nations communities</i>
11:30am - 12:00pm	Don Weatherburn , University of New South Wales. <i>Stress, risky alcohol use and violence against women: An analysis of 21 Waves of the Household Income and Labour Dynamics (HILDA) Survey</i>	Andrea Giovannetti , Australian Catholic University. <i>A theory of competition and cooperation between organized crime groups</i>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm - 2:45pm	Panel: Cockle Bay Room - Chair: Dr Garner Clancey. Jackie Fitzgerald, Anne Hollonds, Peta MacGillivray, Superintendent Greg Moore, Judge Nell Skinner <i>Discussion on trends in youth crime and implications for practice and policy</i>	
2:45pm - 3:15pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:15pm - 3:45pm	Session 4A: Cockle Bay Room Chair: Theme: Youth offending and domestic violence	Session 4B: Room C3.4 Chair: Theme: Sexual violence, technology and prisons
	Dietrich Oberwittler , Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg, Germany. <i>The International Youth Crime Drop - Evidence and Explanations</i>	Ashley Pearson , University of the Sunshine Coast and the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council. <i>Community views on the seriousness of sexual offending and comparison to sentencing outcomes</i>
3:45pm - 4:15pm	Jonathan Gu , NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research. <i>Did a High Court decision on doli incapax shift court outcomes for 10-13 year olds?</i>	Richard Wortley , University College London. <i>The contacting of adolescents on social media by suspicious accounts</i>
4:15pm - 4:45pm	Jake Graceffo , NSW Treasury. <i>The impact of COVID-19 stay-at-home orders on domestic violence assaults: A study of NSW</i>	Julie Barkworth , Corrective Services NSW. <i>Evaluating the roll-out of digital tablets in NSW correctional centres and their contribution to rehabilitative prison environments</i>
4:45pm - 5:00pm	Wrap Up: Jackie Fitzgerald Cockle Bay Room	