

# Crime Victim e-news

Information, events, research & practices for those with an interest in victims of crime.



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## Victim Support Service Update

### ▪ [2010 Pre-Election Issues Paper](#)

"This brief paper presents Victim Support Service's key messages leading to the State election in 2010."

### ▪ **Judith Barnes**

It is with sadness that the Board and staff of Victim Support Service reflect on the passing of Judith Barnes on 31 July 2009.

Since losing her son Alan, Judy has been a strong advocate for victims of crime and expressed many concerns about shortcomings of the criminal justice system. Judy was tireless in writing letters and approaching politicians, as well as giving support to the founders of Victim Support Service, or Victims of Crime Service as it then was.

We offer our condolences to Judith's family and friends.

## Building Stronger Communities

### ▪ [Integrated Approaches to Alcohol-Related Antisocial Behaviour & Violence](#)

*Australian Institute of Criminology*

"A roundtable was recently held in Victoria to develop strategies to curb antisocial behaviour, with a focus on violence and public safety—particularly alcohol-related incidents."

### ▪ [Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program](#)

*Federation for Rural & Regional Renewal*

"A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$850,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities."

"There are two rounds of Small Grants per year. Closing dates are 31 March and 30 September 2009."

### ▪ [When the Glitter Settles: Safety and Hostility at and Around Gay and Lesbian Public Events](#)

*Australian Institute of Criminology*

"This report explores aspects of safety and hostility as perceived and experienced by participants at large-scale gay and lesbian events held in Australia."

## Children & Young People

### ▪ [Fatal Child Abuse](#)

*Australian Institute of Family Studies*

"Fatal child abuse is defined as the death of a child resulting from acts of physical violence or neglect of a child, perpetrated by a family member or caregiver."

### ▪ [Protecting Children is Everyone's Business: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020](#)

*Council of Australian Governments*

"All Australian governments have endorsed the first Framework and are committed to implementing the initial actions it contains. It is a long-term, national approach to help protect all Australian children."

### ▪ [Views of Young People in Detention Centres](#)

*Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, Queensland*

"This report presents the findings from the Commission's second survey of young people in Queensland's youth detention centres."

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## Crime Prevention

- [Strategies for Preventing Armed Robbery](#)

*Australian Institute of Criminology*

“Over the past 10 years, a range of crime prevention strategies have been developed and employed to reduce armed robbery.”

- [The National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women](#)

*Australian Government*

“The Plan will bring together the efforts of all levels of government, the non-government sector and the wider community. It will identify how the combined work of police, courts, legal systems, health and community services and education can contribute to a reduction in the levels of domestic violence and sexual assault.”

## In the Media

- [Judge Peggy Fulton Hora says Courts must Embrace Treatment](#)

*AdelaideNow report*

- [SA Premier Mike Rann Wants Court Cases to be Televised](#)

*AdelaideNow report*

## Indigenous Crime & Justice

- [Factors affecting crime rates in Indigenous communities in NSW: a pilot study in Wilcannia and Menindee](#)

*Research Unit, Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning*

“This pilot study set out to look at two towns with significant Aboriginal communities that are comparable in terms of geography, population and context, but with higher or lower crime rates.”

- [Staying strong on the outside: improving the post-release experience of Indigenous young adults](#)

*Indigenous Justice Clearing House*

“Indigenous people are more likely to return to prison than are non-Indigenous people. How can young Indigenous adults be assisted to make a successful transition from prison to the community? What public services and community supports have been shown to contribute to a successful transition?”

## What's New?

- [Non-Adversarial Justice](#)

*By Michael King, Federation Press, 2009*

This book “examines in detail non-adversarial theories and practices such as therapeutic jurisprudence, restorative justice, preventive law, creative problem solving, holistic law, appropriate or alternative dispute resolution, collaborative law, problem-oriented courts, diversion programs, indigenous courts, coroners courts and managerial and administrative procedures.”

- [South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology \(SASCV\)](#)

SASCV launched its website in August 2009.

- [Victim Assist Queensland](#)

“Victims of crime will have access to faster, more effective financial assistance as well as coordinated support services when sweeping reforms to Queensland's victim compensation scheme are introduced on 1 December 2009.”

## Conferences

- [Same Sex Domestic Violence Conference](#)  
11 September 2009, Sydney  
*Same Sex Domestic Violence Interagency*  
“This conference presents an opportunity to share our knowledge, skills and experience with one another. This will enhance the standards of clinical care, research and service provision in the field.”
- [The 30th Annual National Conference of Community Legal Centres](#)  
14-17 September 2009, Perth  
*The National Association of Community Legal Centres*  
The conference aims “to promote our message that equitable access to justice is essential for an effective and true social inclusion agenda.”
- [4<sup>th</sup> National Indigenous Legal Conference](#)  
24-25 September 2009, Adelaide  
*Watpa Meyunna (South Australian Indigenous Legal Professionals Association)*  
“The Conference will canvas topical issues that have a major impact on Indigenous people in Australia and provide a forum for discussing potential long term sustainable strategies to address Indigenous disadvantage in the legal domain.”
- [44th Australian Psychological Society Annual Conference](#)  
30 September – 4 October 2009, Darwin  
*The Australian Psychological Society*  
“The conference will provide a unique insight into the work of psychologists working in the ‘top end’ of Australia as well as profile the important role that psychology holds at the cutting edge of research and practice.”
- Please [click here](#) to view more upcoming conferences.

## Groups

- [LATTE Group](#)  
“Victim Support Service established LATTE Group in 2001 to create a space where people who have been affected by a violent, personal crime could meet to support each other.”

## Seminars

- **Family Law Act and the Family Law System for Community Workers and Members of the Public**  
25 September 2009, TAFE SA (Adelaide, Elizabeth, Naracoorte, Noarlunga, Mount Gambier, Millicent, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Whyalla & Victor Harbor)  
*Legal Services Commission*  
Do you wish you understood more about family law? Do you know about options for dispute resolution before applying to court?  
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- [Gendered Violence: Linking practice and prevention](#)  
16 October 2009 (9am to 1pm), Fullarton Park Centre  
*Addressing Violence Alliance*  
“This workshop aims to: provide workers with an opportunity to reflect on, discuss and enhance the connections between practice and prevention in their work role.”
- [Strategies for Supporting Bereaved and Grieving Adults](#)  
23 October 2009 (9am to 4:30pm), Ayres House  
*Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement*  
“This workshop will consider loss and grief from the adult perspective. The diverse needs of adults will be considered, including the developmental needs of young, midlife and older adults. The impact of gender will also be considered.”