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DRUG COURT
CONFERENCE
9-10 November 2012

*The Australian Centre for Court
and Justice Innovation
555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Victoria*

PROGRAM

FRIDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER			
8:00 – 9:00	Registrations		
9:00 – 9:15	Room: Auditorium rooms 1,2 & 3 Welcome to Country: <i>Aunty Joy Murphy</i> Introduction <i>Prof. Arie Freiberg AM (Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University)</i> <i>Prof. Greg Reinhardt (Executive Director, Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration)</i>		
9:15 – 10:00	Room: Auditorium rooms 1,2 & 3 Plenary: Drug Courts – Evidenced-Based Best Practice <i>Judge Peggy Hora (Ret) – California, USA.</i> CHAIR: Professor Greg Reinhardt		
10:00 – 11:00	Room: Auditorium rooms 1,2 & 3 Presentations: Drug & Alcohol and Related Courts in Australia CHAIR: Professor Arie Freiberg <i>Western Australia – Drug Court</i> WA - Youth Drug Court, PPT <i>New South Wales – Drug Courts</i>		
11:00 – 11:15	Morning Tea		
11:15 – 12:30	Room: Auditorium rooms 1,2 & 3 Presentations (cont'd): Drug & Alcohol and Related Courts in Australia CHAIR: AS ABOVE Victoria – Drug Court <i>Tasmania – Court Mandated Diversion</i> <i>South Australia - Drug Court</i> <i>Northern Territory - SMART Courts:</i>		
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch		
1:30 – 2:45	Room: Auditorium Room 1 A/Prof. David Best <i>Addiction Studies, Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre</i> Managing co-occurring Mental Health & Substance Abuse CHAIR: Wendy Brokenshire (Clinical Advisor of VDC)	Room: Auditorium Room 2 Liz Moore <i>Court Diversion Officer, Court Mandated Diversion program Tasmania</i> TJ 747 – Drug Courts around the world. A new look at an old problem. CHAIR: Elisa Buggy (Program Manager of VDC)	Room: Auditorium Room 3 Saul Holt <i>Chief Counsel, Victoria Legal Aid</i> (In)Formalities in Drug Courts, an exploration of ethics for defence and prosecutions CHAIR: Sharon Keith (Drug Court Lawyer, VLA)
2:45 – 3:00	Afternoon Tea		
3:00 – 4:15	Room: Auditorium Room 1 Craig Jones <i>Research Manager, Bureau of Crime, Statistics and Research, NSW</i> The Role of Judicial Supervision in Drug Court Performance CHAIR: Rebecca Bunn (Project Officer of VDC)	Room: Auditorium Room 2 Dr. Raimondo Bruno <i>University of Tasmania, School of Psychology</i> Synthetic Drugs – The ‘Undetectables’ CHAIR: John Lamb (Clinical Advisor of VDC)	Room: Auditorium Room 3 A/Professor Chris Trotter <i>Monash University, School of Social Work</i> Case Management in Drug Courts – Techniques and Nuances CHAIR: Julie Kowalski (OIC of Case Management at VDC)
6:30 for 7:00	Optional Conference Dinner: Alibi Kitchen and Bar, Mantra on Little Burke, Melbourne CBD 471 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne - A short stroll from the Conference venue		

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SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER			
9:00 – 9:15 Single Day Registrations			
9:15 – 9:30	Room: Auditorium rooms 1,2 & 3		
	Welcome <i>Prof. Arie Freiberg (Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University)</i>		
9:30 – 10:45	Room: Seminar room 1, 1 st floor	Room: Seminar room 2, 2 nd floor	Room: Seminar room 3, 2 nd floor
	Judge Peggy Hora (Ret.) <i>California, USA</i>	Dr Alex Wodak, AM <i>Director, Alcohol and Drug Service, St. Vincent's Hospital, NSW</i>	Magistrate Greg Levine <i>Magistrate, Children's Court of Victoria</i>
	Drink Driving Courts	Australian Drug Policy	Family Drug Courts
	CHAIR: Professor Arie Freiberg	CHAIR: Professor Greg Reinhardt	CHAIR: Jane Gazzola (Coordinator, Housing, VDC)
10:45 – 11:00	Morning Tea		
11:00 – 12:30	Solution Focused Workshops		
	10 minute introduction		Room: Respective Rooms (see below)
	CHAIR: Professor Arie Freiberg & Professor Greg Reinhardt		
	80 minute role-specific workshops:		Room:
	Program Managers/Registrars/Coordinators		Seminar room 1, 1 st floor
	Registry Staff		Seminar room 1, 1 st floor
	Case Managers		Seminar room 1, 1 st floor
	Justice Health/Clinical Advisors		Seminar room 1, 2 nd floor
	Defence staff		Seminar room 1, 2 nd floor
	Prosecution staff		Seminar room 1, 2 nd floor
Policy staff		Seminar room 1, 2 nd floor	
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch		
1:30 – 3:00	Room: Auditorium rooms 1,2 & 3		
	Panel Discussion: Judicial Supervision in Drug courts CHAIR: Professor Arie Freiberg <i>Chief Magistrate Michael Hill, Chief Magistrate Hilary Hannam, Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton, Magistrate Margaret Harding, Magistrate Vicki Stewart</i>		
3:00 – 3:30	Room: Auditorium rooms 1,2 & 3		
	Closing Reflections: Where to from here? CHAIR: Professor Greg Reinhardt <i>Judge Roger Dive, Senior Judge, Drug Court of NSW</i>		

SPEAKERS

Associate Professor David Best

Addiction Studies,
Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre

David Best is an Associate Professor in Addiction Studies at Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre and Monash University in Melbourne. He leads the clinical research area and is strategic leader for higher education.

David is qualified as a psychologist and criminologist, having studied at Strathclyde University and London School of Economics, and having been trained at the Institute of Psychiatry and Maudsley Hospital in London. Academically, he has also worked in the addictions research area at Strathclyde University, Birmingham University and the University of the West of Scotland. Additionally, he has worked on secondment at the National Treatment Agency for Substance Use and the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit.

His research interests are in developing an evidence base around recovery and in implementing recovery-oriented systems of care. He has published over 100 research papers and is the author of two books on addiction recovery.

Dr Raimondo Bruno

School of Psychology,
University of Tasmania

Raimondo Bruno, PhD (Clin Psych.), BSc (Hons) is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Psychology, University of Tasmania. He has been involved in the alcohol and drug sector in Tasmania for the past decade in numerous research, evaluation and consultancy roles.

He is an honorary fellow of Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre; Tasmanian state representative to the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs; and Co-Chair of the Pharmaceutical Misuse Working Group of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia.

Judge Roger Dive

Senior Judge,
Drug Court of NSW

Judge Dive has been a Judge of the District Court of NSW, and the Senior Judge of the Drug Court, since July 2004. Before those appointments Judge Dive had been a Local Court Magistrate since 1989, sitting in both city and country courts.

He held the roles of Senior Civil Magistrate and Senior Children's Court Magistrate during 15 years on that bench. In the Children's Court, Judge Dive sat in the Care and Criminal jurisdictions, and was very involved with the Youth Drug and Alcohol Court.

Judge Dive was awarded the 2011 Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to Drug and Alcohol endeavours.

Saul Holt

Chief Counsel,
Victoria Legal Aid

Saul Holt, BA LLB LLM (Hons), is Chief Counsel at Victoria Legal Aid, where he leads a specialist team of 22 in-house barristers in civil, family and criminal law. Saul regularly appears in criminal appeals, trials and judicial review proceedings in the Victoria's Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and County Court. Saul is also briefed to appear and advise on matters in the High Court of Australia. In 2012 he was appointed a Victorian Law Reform Commissioner.

Between 2009 and 2012, Saul was Director of Criminal Law at Victoria Legal Aid, responsible for criminal law services provided by Victoria Legal Aid staff throughout Victoria, together with the use of legal aid funding by private practitioners.

Saul was a Crown Prosecutor in New Zealand for 9 years, the last 2 as Senior Crown Counsel, where he appeared in more than 200 criminal jury trials. In 2006, Saul was seconded to the New Zealand Crown Law Office where he regularly appeared as Crown Counsel in the Court of Appeal.

Before working at Victoria Legal Aid, Saul was contracted to the Department of Justice, where he was primarily responsible for the development of the *Criminal Procedure Act 2009 (Vic)*.

Judge Peggy Fulton Hora (Ret.)

California, USA

Judge Peggy Fulton Hora retired from the California Superior Court after serving 21 years. She had a criminal assignment that included presiding over the Drug Treatment Court. She is a former dean of the B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California and has been on the faculty of the National Judicial College over 15 years. Judge Hora is a Senior Judicial Fellow for the National Drug Court Institute and a Judicial Outreach Liaison for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Judge Hora is a global leader in the problem-solving courts movement and has written comprehensively on justice issues. The appellate court and over 100 journals and law reviews have cited her work. She was a 2009-2010 Thinker in Residence appointed by the Premier of South Australia to study and make recommendations on the Australian justice system. She is the first Thinker in the field of law.

She is a recipient of the Bernard S. Jefferson Judicial Education Award from the California Judges' Association and winner of the Rose Bird Award from California Women Lawyers. She was honored as Woman of the Year by the California legislature.

Her latest article, "Courting New Solutions Using Problem-Solving Justice: Key Components, Guiding Principles, Strategies, Responses, Models, Approaches, Blueprints and Tool Kits," was published in the Chapman Journal of Criminal Justice in 2011.

SPEAKERS

Craig Jones

Research Manager, Bureau of Crime
Statistics and Research, NSW

Craig has been the Research Manager at the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in Sydney, Australia, since 2007. His primary research interests include the relationship between illicit drug use and crime, the impact of supply side law enforcement on drug use and crime, and criminal justice program evaluation. He has a particular interest in programs for drug dependent offenders and has been actively involved in an ongoing program of research and evaluation with the New South Wales Drug Court in Australia since 2007.

He is currently enrolled in a PhD in forensic psychology at the University of NSW looking at some of the individual- and program-level predictors of success in Drug Courts.

Magistrate Greg Levine

Children's Court of Victoria

Greg Levine was appointed a Magistrate in November 1986. From 1988 to 1995 and from 2002 until now he has worked in the Children's Court. He was the Senior Magistrate of that court from 1990 to 1995.

From 1998 to 2002, Greg was the Regional Coordinating Magistrate of the Sunshine Magistrates Court. He is a past president of the Victorian Magistrates Association and is the immediate past president of the Association of Australian Magistrates. since 2010.

In 2011 Greg was awarded a Churchill Fellowship and has recently returned from the United States and England where he conducted research into Family Drug Treatment Courts together with his wife Professor Barbara Kamler. They are now working to develop the first such court in Australia.

Associate Professor Chris Trotter

School of Social Work,
Monash University

Dr Chris Trotter is Associate Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Social Work at Monash University. Prior to his appointment to Monash University in 1991 he worked for almost 20 years as a social worker and a regional manager in child protection and Corrections.

He has published widely on the subject of 'effective social work' particularly in public welfare settings. His research on the relationship between worker intervention styles and client outcome has achieved international recognition and the intervention model developed in his research is being used in several countries.

In recent years Dr Trotter has received a number of research grants to continue his work and he has been in demand, both in Australia and overseas, for papers and consultancies.

He has two commercial books, "Working with Involuntary Clients" and "Helping Abused Children and their Families" published by Allen and Unwin in Australia and

by Sage internationally. Chris Trotter's pro-social model offers a way to work in partnership with involuntary clients. The model emphasises clarifying roles, promoting pro-social values, dealing with issues of authority and establishing goals. The approach is integrated, systematic and evidence-based.

Dr Alex Wodak, AM

Director, Alcohol and Drug Service,
St Vincent's Hospital, NSW

Dr Alex Wodak AM was Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service (1982-2012) and is now an Emeritus Consultant at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney. He is President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation, a Director of Australia21 and was President of the International Harm Reduction Association (1996-2004).

Dr Wodak helped establish Australia's first needle & syringe programme and Australia's first safe injecting facility (when both were pre-legal). He also helped establish the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, the Australian Society of HIV Medicine and the NSW Users AIDS Association.

He has often worked in developing countries to prevent the spread of HIV among and from people who inject drugs. Dr Wodak took part in the Global Commission on Drug Policy in 2011.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton

South Australia

Elizabeth Bolton was appointed as Chief Magistrate of South Australia on 15 February 2007, the first woman to head a court jurisdiction in the history of South Australia.

She completed her Arts degree in 1972 and worked as an Administrator and Research Assistant before commencing a law degree in 1976. After time away overseas and beginning a family, she completed her law degree in 1983. After admission, she worked as an associate to Justice Jacobs at the Supreme Court. She joined the South Australian Attorney-Generals Department as a prosecutor in 1987 and then the Adelaide office of the Commonwealth DPP in 1991. In 1998-99 she went to Darwin to establish the Commonwealth DPP office there.

Her career as a magistrate began in December 1999, spending time in various suburban locations as well as in Adelaide in the Civil Section and in the Drug Court, before her appointment as Chief Magistrate in February 2007.

Chief Magistrate Hilary Hannam

Northern Territory

Hilary Hannam completed a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law (Honours) from the University of Sydney in 1983. Since then, she has practiced as a solicitor in private practice, a principal legal officer with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for 13 years, and since 2000 has been a magistrate.

Ms Hannam presided in the Local Court of NSW from 2000 until August 2010 when she was appointed as the Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory.

She has a particular interest in therapeutic jurisprudence and in the children's jurisdiction, having presided in the Children's Court in NSW for a number of years and in the care and protection jurisdiction in the Northern Territory as Chief Magistrate.

Magistrate Margaret Harding

Victoria

Margaret Harding has been a Magistrate for over 15 years, in both the Children's Court and General Division, as well as her nine and a half years as the Magistrate of the Drug Court from 2002 – 2012. Margaret is a member of the Australian National Council on Drugs and has presented at numerous conferences in Australia, Italy, China and the United States of America.

Chief Magistrate Michael Hill

Tasmania

Michael Hill graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1971 and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court in February 1972. He practiced in general litigation until 1984 when he joined the Law Department as Head of the Legislation and Policy Division. He was appointed the first Special Commissioner of the Tasmanian Small Claims Court in 1985.

He was appointed a Magistrate in 1988, Deputy Chief Magistrate in 1996 and Chief Magistrate in 2009. In 2005 he served as an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of Tasmania.

He is active in the establishment of new Court procedures in the Magistrates Court having been prominent in the introduction of the contest mention system of case management and the Forensic Mental Health Diversion List.

He is a regular speaker on court procedures and sentencing. From 2007 to 2011 he was the Regional Convener for Tasmania for the National Judicial College of Australia and served on the Council of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association representing Australia between 2003 and 2009.

Magistrate Vicki Stewart

Western Australia

Magistrate Vicki Stewart began her legal career at the Crown Law Department after graduating from the University of Western Australia in 1982. She worked as a solicitor and appeared as counsel in a number of courts and tribunals before joining the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions as a Crown Prosecutor.

From 1997 to 2003 Ms Stewart was Director of Legal and Legislative Services at the Department of Health. She also served as a Magistrate in the Children's Court of Western Australia. In 2003 Ms Stewart was appointed as a Magistrate in the Perth Magistrates' Court. She has been Drug Court Magistrate since 2008.

