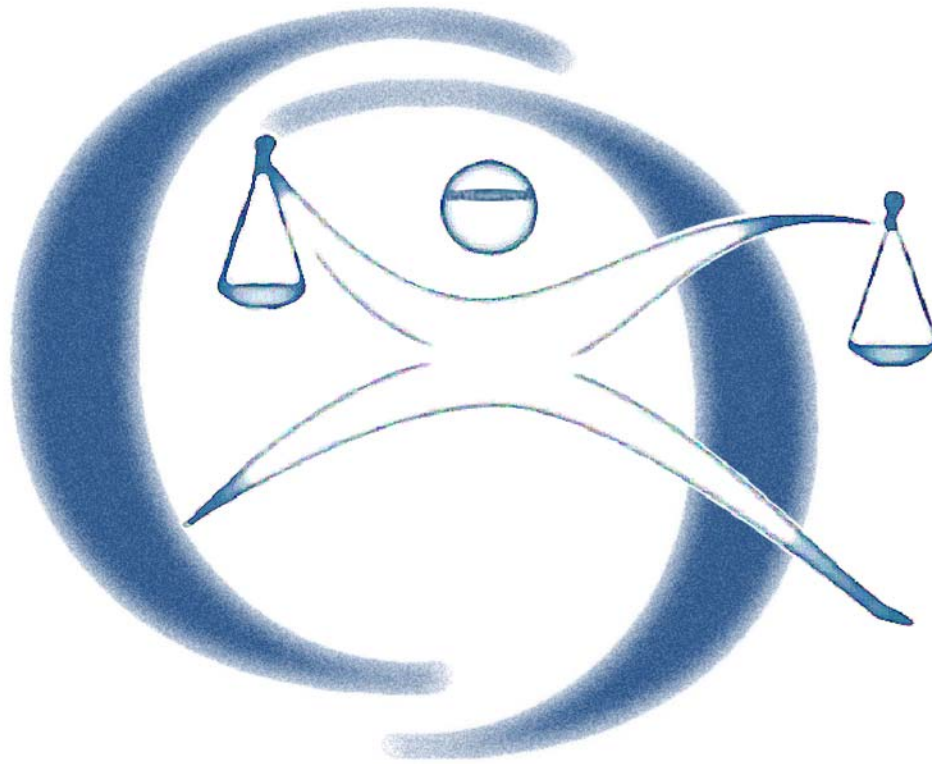




# Justice Health in Australia:

Beyond the Convict Era

Meeting Challenges for the 21st Century



**Program &  
Speakers Bios**

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009



**Day One - Putting Families and Communities First**

7.30 - 8.30	<b>Registration</b> (Ballroom Foyer)
8.30 - 10.00	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening address and Welcome by representatives of the Traditional Owners</b> <b>Plenary 1 - Putting Families and Communities First</b> (Grand Ballroom) <b>Chair: Tony Butler</b>  <b>Will Small</b> - Incarceration, injection drug use, and HIV/AIDS: Research evidence from Vancouver, Canada <b>Alison Churchill</b> - The Human Cost of Imprisonment
10.00-10.30	<b>Morning tea</b> (Ballroom Foyer)
10.30-12.00	<b>Concurrent Session 1</b>
	<b>Industry, economic and employment imperatives (Ballroom 1) Chair: Michael Moore</b>
10.30-10.45	Second Step – the role of employment in recovery, rehabilitation and justice: R Oakden
10.45-11.00	Healthy Prisons and Correctional Officer Health—A Pilot Study: L Bond
11.00-11.15	Justice Health – The Way Forward: M Pruscina & M Gardner
11.15-11.30	The role and ethical challenges of food and nutrition in justice health: M Hannan-Jones
11.30-11.40	Telemedicine and interactive touch-screen kiosks; solutions to increase access to health services and resources for prisoners: A Richards
11.40-11.50	Prisons, Needles and Occupational Health and Safety: J Ryan
11.50-12.00	From Broome to Berrima: Building Australia-wide research capacity in Indigenous offender health and health care delivery: J Guthrie
	<b>Blood borne viruses, tobacco and other drugs (Ballroom 2) Chair: Michael Levy</b>
10.30-10.45	Evidence for HCV-seroconversion in a South Australian women's prison: E Miller
10.45-11.00	Evaluation of the Victorian Public Health Prisoner Initiative: R Winter & S Caruana
11.00-11.15	The relationship between previous incarceration, crime, risk behaviours and health among IDU: L Scott
11.15-11.30	Cardiovascular risk factors among prison inmates: R Richmond
11.30-11.40	Smoking trends in the NSW Custodial setting: Findings from the 2001 and 2008 NSW Inmate Health Survey: D Indig
11.40-11.50	Tobacco Smoking in the NSW Custodial setting: policy, services and options for the future: S Prosser
11.50-12.00	Your Way or No Way: B Collins
	<b>Transition to community and continuity of care (Ballroom 3)</b> <b>Chair: Julie Ware</b>
10.30-10.45	Monitoring and improving the health of ex-prisoners: A randomized controlled trial: S Kinner
10.45-11.00	A holistic approach to supporting women exiting prison: S Chudiak
11.00-11.15	Culture Clash: Residential Rehabilitation and the Criminal Justice System: A Churchill
11.15-11.30	The Connections Project: Transitions for those in the too hard basket: S Sunjic & K Martire
11.30-11.40	The Vietnamese Transitions Project: Supporting Vietnamese Drug Offenders: T Nguyen & H Sowe
11.40-11.50	Sexual Health & Attitudes of Australian Prisoners (SHAAP) Survey: T Butler
11.50-12.00	Drug addiction and prison - A Lawyer's perspective: J O'Keefe
12.00-1.00	<b>Lunch</b> (Ballroom Foyer)

Conference Program

1.00-2.30

**Concurrent Session 2**

**Advocacy, health services and planning (Ballroom 1) Chair: Stuart Kinner**

1.00-1.15

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Prisoner Health in Australia – the 2007 national industry roundtable and outcomes: S Davis, K Arabena & M Walker

1.15-1.30

Reducing Impulsivity in Repeat Violent Offenders using a Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (Sertraline) - Pilot Study Results: T Butler

1.30-1.45

Madness, Drugs and Musical Chairs: Prison Mental Health Services in Australia: E Heffernan

1.45-2.00

A study of people in police custody in Victoria: S Thomas

2.00-2.10

New prison, new opportunities. Planning health services for the new ACT prison: A Burton

2.10-2.20

From Coffee shop to a National Prisoner Health Information System: F Al-Yaman

2.20-2.30

National Prisoner Health Indicators: I Johnston & P Anderson

**Blood borne viruses and lifestyle disease (Ballroom 2) Chair: Mark Stooove**

1.00-1.15

Hepatitis C treatment: Is a Managed Clinical Network (MCN) the best model?: C Loy

1.15-1.30

Prison history of a Melbourne cohort of injection drug users: P Higgs, C Aitken & M Hellard

1.30-1.45

Prison Needle & Syringe Programs – Australia or Not?: G Vumbaca

1.45-2.00

Prevention of transmission of Blood Borne Viruses (BBV's) amongst Injecting Drug Users (IDU's) in custodial settings in Australia - Are we doing enough? – W Capper

2.00-2.10

Findings from the 2007 National Prison Entrants Blood Borne Virus & Risk Behaviour Survey: D Indig

2.10-2.20

Is this the Deal You Want? The development of Hepatitis C health promotion messages by prisoners, for prisoners: K Peterson

2.20-2.30

NSW prison inmates' use of community needle and syringe programs prior to incarceration: L Topp

**Transition to community, Indigenous Australians and stories to be told (Ballroom 3)**

**Chair: Jill Guthrie**

1.00-1.15

Impacts of the NT Intervention within a Justice Health Framework: I Fisher

1.15-1.30

Improving Public Health Outcomes for Kooris Coming Before the Criminal Justice System: R Smith, J Vickery & A Clarke

1.30-1.45

Incarceration: a disaster or a road to Damascus: M Gilles

1.45-2.00

Transitioning responsibility for Prison Health Services, advantages and disadvantages, the Queensland experience: A Richards

2.00-2.10

not a death sentence – overdose education in prison: J Dicka

2.10-2.20

Street Sex Workers – An Alternative to the Revolving Door: S Gibson

2.20-2.30

Surviving Outside: Researching Women's Post-Release Care in Victoria: B Carlton

2.30-4.00

**Day One Streams Workshops** (*refer to page 45 for information*)

Ballroom 1

Industry, economic and employment imperatives; and health services and planning

Ballroom 2

Blood borne viruses, tobacco and other drugs and lifestyle diseases

Ballroom 3

Issues for Indigenous Australians; transition to community and continuity of care; and Advocacy

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4.00-4.30

**Afternoon tea** (Ballroom Foyer)

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4.30-6.00

**Debate: Nothing in Prisons has changed since Alexander Maconochie's time**

**Facilitator – Mr Michael Moore**

**Speakers: Brett Collins**

**Gino Vumbaca**

**Karen Batt**

**Michele Gardner**

6.00-7.00

**Poster Session and Refreshments** (Ballroom Foyer)

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009**



**Day Two - Beyond the Revolving Door**

<b>7.30 - 8.30</b>	<b>Registration</b> (Ballroom Foyer)
<b>8.30-10.00</b>	<b>Summary of Day One Sessions &amp; Plenary 2 – Beyond the Revolving Door</b> (Grand Ballroom) <b>Chair: Peter Higgs</b>  <b>Wade Noonan &amp; Bill Noonan</b> - The Bridge Project <b>Associate Professor Ted Wilkes</b> - Beyond the revolving door; The Aboriginal reality <b>Peter Norden</b> - Beyond the Revolving Door
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<b>Morning tea</b> (Ballroom Foyer)
<b>10.30-12.00</b>	<b>Concurrent Session 3</b>
	<b>Prevention, early intervention and sexual health (Ballroom 1) Chair: Peter Higgs</b>
<b>10.30-10.45</b>	The Health of Women in Australia's Prisons: J Walker
<b>10.45-11.00</b>	The health-related experiences of young ex-prisoners: K Van Dooren
<b>11.00-11.15</b>	Promoting juvenile sexual health; introducing specialised sexual health services into a Western Australian juvenile remand centre: C Connelly & D Kiely
<b>11.15-11.30</b>	Repeat sexually transmitted infections in juveniles screened in detention, 2005-2007: V Hoad
<b>11.30-11.40</b>	Early Detention Program for Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections: J Douglas
<b>11.40-11.50</b>	Reducing STD's: a pilot program: M-J Kearney
<b>11.50-12.00</b>	Chlamydia Infection Trends in NSW Correctional Centres: Improving Surveillance and Treatment: L Boonwaat
	<b>Mental health and co morbidity issues (Ballroom 2) Chair: Tony Butler</b>
<b>10.30-10.45</b>	Traumatic brain injury and its correlates among Australian prison entrants: P Schofield, T Butler & S Hollis
<b>10.45-11.00</b>	Comorbidity in incarcerated population in NSW: H Mamoon
<b>11.00-11.15</b>	People with Mental Health/Cognitive Disabilities in the CJS – Patterns of Involvement: L Dowse & E Baldry
<b>11.15-11.30</b>	Suicide in NSW Prisons: C O'Driscoll
<b>11.30-11.40</b>	Inside Out - Mental Health needs of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People in Custody: K Anderson & E Heffernan
<b>11.40-11.50</b>	Mental health, prisons and the criminal justice system: A Wise
<b>11.50-12.00</b>	The impact on mental health of how prisons are run: B Bush
	<b>Indigenous Australians and targeted interventions for at-risk groups (Ballroom 3) Chair: Kyle Turner</b>
<b>10.30-10.45</b>	Winnunga Holistic Health Care Prison Model: J Tongs & N Poroch
<b>10.45-11.00</b>	Dulangirr Guggynidgel (New Beginning): J Van Den Dungen
<b>11.00-11.15</b>	Psychotic Illness amongst Aboriginal and Torres Islander People in Custody: E Heffernan
<b>11.15-11.30</b>	the Passports to Advantage project: R Wargent & T Gibson
<b>11.30-11.40</b>	"Where's your country?": working with problematic (including potential criminal) behaviours amongst Indigenous Australians living in an urban setting: J Guthrie, P Dance & R Lovett
<b>11.40-11.50</b>	Chronic diseases in Aboriginal inmates: prevalence, programs and policy responses: M Hanly
<b>11.50-12.00</b>	<b>(Refer to Newsletter)</b>
<b>12.00-1.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> (Ballroom Foyer)

Conference Program

**1.00-2.30**

Ballroom 1  
Ballroom 2  
Ballroom 3

**Day Two Streams Workshops** (*refer to page 45 for information*)

Prevention, early intervention and sexual health  
Mental health and comorbidity issues  
Indigenous Australians and targeted interventions for at-risk groups

**2.30-3.30**

**Conference Resolutions and Closing Comments** (Grand Ballroom)



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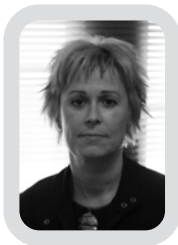
## Invited Speakers



### **Associate Professor Ted Wilkes, Chair of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee**

Associate Professor Wilkes is a Nyungar man from WA whose professional background includes working for the Western Australia museum, the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University and sixteen years as the Director of the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service. Associate Professor Wilkes provides advice and expertise on a wide range of state, national and international committees.

working with a number of organisations to assist young people reach their potential through the YMCA's Bridge Project. This important project aims to rehabilitate young people and assist them in gaining sustainable employment. He has also been a long term volunteer and supporter of Berry Street Victoria. In his former role as a national union leader, Wade worked to advance the interests of working families in the transport industry. He also understands the value of quality education, having completed graduate studies in Human Resource Management. In addition, Wade is a Fellow of the prestigious Williamson Community Leadership Program.



### **Alison Churchill, CEO, Community Restorative Centre, NSW**

Alison Churchill qualified in Social Work from Plymouth University, England in 1987. Since that time she has worked as a social worker and counsellor in both England and Australia in the field of Probation and Parole, women's services, child protection, child sexual assault, alcohol and other drugs, the treatment of child sex offenders. Alison is currently employed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Community Restorative Centre (CRC). Operating for over fifty six years, CRC is the largest specifically funded charity in NSW providing a diverse range of services to prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families and people affected by the criminal justice system. CRC's Mission is to 'Change Lives and Reduce Crime'. The service aims to reduce offending through early intervention and diversion; interrupt the cycle of imprisonment release, offending and re-imprisonment through targeted Transitional Programs; and reduce the impact of incarceration on individuals, families and the community.



### **Bill Noonan, VIC**

Bill joined the Transport Workers Union in 1964 when he commenced work as a transport driver and later worked as an aircraft refueller. In 1970 he was elected as a rank and file member of the TWU Branch Committee of Management. He became a full-time elected official of the TWU in 1974 and has been an elected official ever since with the exception of three years between 1989 and 1992. During those three years he served as a Member of the WorkCare Appeals Board. Bill was elected as TWU Victorian Branch Secretary in 1994. In 2001 the Branch became the Victorian/Tasmanian Branch. He has also served a term as Federal President of the Union. He holds several positions relating directly to his union role, including Director of the TWU Superannuation Fund. He chairs the Audit and Compliance Committee and is a member of the Communication and Marketing Committee. He is a member of the VicRoads Advisory Board, the Victorian Road Freight Advisory Council, Victorian Enforcement Liaison Committee, Victorian Freight and Logistics Council and currently Chair of the Transport Industry Safety Group. As a Director of the Institute of Breathing and Sleep which operates out of the Bowen Centre at the Austin Hospital, Bill has been instrumental in the development of the Healthbreak program which addresses sleep apnoea, diabetes, blood pressure and stress and depression in truck and bus drivers. He is a Patron of the Bill Hutchinson Foundation an initiative to assist young people at risk and a member of the Business Advisory Council-Connectus-an initiative of the Premiers' Drug Prevention Council. Bill received an Order of Australia Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours in 2006 for Service to the Transport Industry particularly in respect to road safety and to the Trade Union Movement. In a personal capacity he is Deputy Chairman of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, and a former President of Victorian Road Runners and a Life Member.



### **Wade Noonan, MP, State Member of Parliament for Williamstown District, VIC**

Wade was elected to the Victorian Parliament (Legislative Assembly) to represent the seat of Williamstown District in September 2007 following the retirement of long serving Victorian Premier and Williamstown MP, Steve Bracks. In his Parliamentary role, Wade serves on a number of Parliamentary Committees, including the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee and the Family and Community Development Committee. Wade holds the view that good governments are about being both socially inclusive and economically progressive. Caring passionately about the community, Wade is currently

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**Father Peter Norden AO**  
**Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne**

Peter Norden is the Convenor of the Victorian Criminal Justice Coalition. He was formerly the chaplain to Pentridge Prison and has written and spoken extensively on the community's need for reform of the criminal justice

system and mental health and drug policy, and for a more effective distribution of wealth in the Australian community. In 1977 he established a half way house for released offenders which is now known as The Brosnan Centre, named after Fr John Brosnan, Pentridge Prison Chaplain from 1956-1985. In 2007, he was made an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) "for service to community development through social research and programs aimed at assisting marginalized young people and offenders, to the mental health sector, and to the Catholic Church in Australia". Peter has qualifications in theology and philosophy, a Bachelor of Arts and a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Studies from Melbourne University and a Masters Degree in Social Work from La Trobe University.



**Will Small, M.A., PhD Candidate**  
**Research Associate, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Canada**

Will Small, is a qualitative and ethnographic researcher who has conducted years of fieldwork examining the health of injection drug users in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. He is

a Research Coordinator at the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and a PhD student in the Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Program at the University of British Columbia. In 2007, Will received the New Investigator Award in the Social Sciences, from the Canadian Association for HIV Research, in recognition of his work on health issues facing injection drug users.



**Brett Collins**  
For over thirty years Brett Collins has represented prisoners' interests nationally and internationally. He is a Coordinator for Justice Action and a spokesperson for the Prisoners Action Group. He has an Arts degree in Law and Economics from University of

Queensland 1982 and a postgraduate Diploma in Criminology from Sydney University Law School 1984. He is the founder and Managing Director of Breakout DesignPrintWeb, begun in 1984 that employs twenty people, serves many unions, community groups and corporations, and resources Justice Action. It employs and trains ex-prisoners, and funds itself. In 1971 he was sentenced to seventeen years in prison. Of the ten years he served he spent long periods in segregation units classified as an intractable prisoner and troublemaker. He is the current NSW record-holder for remaining on a prison roof – 3 days. The Australian Government attempted to deport him to New Zealand after the end of his sentence but he gained sufficient community support to allow him back into the country. He led the team defending Australian prisoners right to vote before the Senate Inquiry in 2006. Justice Action hosted the eleventh International Conference on Penal Abolition in 2006 in Tasmania. He has been involved in campaigns including reform of police corruption, the NSW Drug Summit, facilitating the Australian Prisoners Union, and production of the prisoners' newspaper JUST US. He has supervised hundreds of people on community service orders since 1984, managed a halfway house, formalised JA Mentoring as a challenge to imprisonment and does continuous media work.



**Mr Gino Vumbaca, Executive Director, Australian National Council on Drugs**

Mr Vumbaca has extensive experience in the HIV/AIDS and drug and alcohol fields both in Australia and internationally. He is a Churchill Fellow and has completed a Social Work degree and a Master of Business

Administration at the University of Sydney. He has worked as the Manager of HIV/AIDS and related services with the NSW Department of Corrective Services, in a variety of drug and alcohol centres as a counsellor and was responsible for coordinating the establishment of the NSW network of needle and syringe exchange programs for the NSW Health Department. Mr Vumbaca also continues to provide advice on prisons, HIV and drug issues for international organisations such as the UN and WHO.

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### **Michele Gardner, Director, Justice Health, VIC**

Michele was appointed to the role of Director, Justice Health Unit in March 2008. The Unit was established in July 2007 to consolidate the health functions previously provided in collaboration between corrections Victoria and the Prisoner Healthcare Unit, Department of

Human Services (DHS). Some of the key actions that Michele is focussed on include conducting a comprehensive review of all health services across Justice and the development of a contemporary health care model and the development of an electronic health records system to manage medical records and health information across the Justice portfolio. Prior to her role at Justice Health Michele was the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the Coroner's Court from September 2006. The position was created by the Attorney General to focus on the development of the Victorian State Coroner's Office and Courts. Michele's role at the State Coroner's Office was focused on driving significant changes with a strong focus on the development of the Victorian Coroners system incorporating development of the recent Victorian all of Government response and recommendations to the Victorian Parliamentary Law Reform Commission "Report of review of the Coroner's Act" working closely with the State Coroner. Michele joined the Department of Justice after an extensive career in the acute health system, both public and private. Her previous roles have encompassed a diverse range of complex health care organisations in

three States of Australia including managing the South Australian State prison health systems. Prior to her appointment at the Victorian State Coroner's Office Michele was the Co-Director of Neuro-Sciences and Medicine at the Alfred Hospital which incorporated oversight of 20 clinical units within the Alfred and Bayside Health. One of the departments included the oversight of the emergency department and trauma centre.



### **Karen Batt, Secretary, Community and Public Sector Union / SPSF Group Victorian Branch.**

Karen is the first elected Secretary of the union as well as first woman secretary in its 124-year history. She was elected on 1 July 1993, re-elected 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008.

Her previous occupations include Senior Vice President CPSU/SPSF Victorian Branch from 1991 to 1993; and Policy Officer Victorian Accident Rehabilitation Council [VARC] from 1986 to 1992. Karen also holds the following current positions: Joint National President CPSU [elected December 2002]; Federal President CPSU/SPSF Group [elected December 2002]; Board member on the Board of Studies for Victoria Police; Member of the Health & Safety Working Group; and Member of advisory body to the VWA. Karen was a recipient of the Centenary Medal 2003, and a Nominee for the Victorian Honor Roll of Women.