

# Queensland Police Union - National Youth Crime Symposium

15 April 2021

## Day 1 – Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

### Overview:

Day 1 of the National Youth Crime Symposium is an opportunity for participants to listen to different perspectives, discuss insights and identify key themes. The process will be interactive, with questions posed to speakers as well as those in the audience.

All speakers will talk for 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for questions and the capturing of key take-outs.

### Session one – Overview of youth crime

<p>9:40am – 10:10am</p>	<p><i>Youth Crime and Youth Justice Overview 2018 Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Bob Atkinson AO APM</li></ul> <p>Mr Atkinson will speak to the 2018 Atkinson Report on Youth Justice, giving an overview of the review and sharing his insights.</p>
<p>10:30am – 11:00am</p>	<p>Keynote Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Professor Lorraine Mazerolle, University of Queensland</li></ul> <p>Professor Lorraine Mazerolle is an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow and a Professorial Research Fellow at the University of Queensland. Her research interests are in experimental criminology, policing, drug law enforcement, regulatory crime control, and crime prevention. She has won numerous awards and is currently the co-chair Crime and Justice Group, Campbell Collaboration, Fellow of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), the Academy of Experimental Criminology (AEC) and the Academy of the Social Sciences, Australia (ASSA).</p>

	<p>Professor Mazerolle will share her considerable expertise with the symposium and give the key note address.</p>
<p>11:00am – 11:30am</p>	<p><i>'Recent trends in youth crime'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Ross Homel AO and Dr Molly McCarthy, Griffith University</li> </ul> <p>Professor Ross Homel has been a Foundation Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith since 1992. Professor Homel is a highly cited social scientist (with an h-index of 50), having published approximately 200 books, edited volumes, peer-reviewed papers, chapters, and high impact government reports.</p> <p>Professor Homel has provided a video statement for the symposium and Dr Molly McCarthy will share her insights after this contribution.</p> <p>Dr Molly McCarthy is a Griffith University Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Her research interests include exploration of the drivers and characteristics of chronic youth offending, variations in offending and policing responses across communities, and economic assessments of criminal justice system issues.</p>
<p>11:30am – 12:00pm</p>	<p><i>'Without a uniform I am a community member, uncle, brother, granddad'</i>: Policing in remote communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor John Scott, Queensland University of Technology</li> </ul> <p>Professor John Scott will provide an overview of his research into policing in remote communities and share insights and experiences from remote communities.</p>

## Session two – The Law

1:00pm – 1:30pm	<p>May the force be with you: A judicial perspective on Sentencing Children in Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr John Robertson – Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council Chair, Former District Court Judge</li><li>-</li></ul> <p>Drawing on his considerable experience Mr John Robertson will take us through the statistics around youth sentencing and share his insights and experiences.</p>
1:30pm – 2:00pm	<p>The Value and potential of integrated services: Are there diversion pathways underutilised or not yet explored? :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Mick Palmer AO, APM</li></ul> <p>Mick Palmer will draw on decades of experience across Australia and overseas to discuss service delivery and underexplored avenues to attain successful diversion pathways.</p>
2:00pm - 2:30pm	<p>Assessing the Youth Justice System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Alan MacSporran QC</li></ul> <p>Mr MacSporran will outline the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission its roles and responsibilities and will give an overview of the role the CCC serves in reviewing the Youth Justice System.</p>

## Session three – Where we need to improve

<p>3:00pm – 3:30pm</p>	<p>Crime Regulation as the means to manage crime: Opportunity reduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Associate Professor Michael Townsley, Griffith University</li> </ul> <p>Drawing on crime statistics Associate Professor Michael Townsley will explore Crime Regulation as a means to manage crime and explore possible ways to use crime regulation to reduce crime.</p>
<p>3:30pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Poverty and Crime: Can alleviating poverty reduce crime?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Damien Atkinson QC</li> </ul> <p>Mr Damien Atkinson QC has been active in the Youth Justice space for many years. Damien will draw on his experiences in the system to explore the links between poverty and crime and ask the questions: Can alleviating poverty reduce crime?</p>
<p>4:00pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>Links between addiction, impairment and youth crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Hayley Passmore, Telethon Kids (Recording)</li> </ul> <p>In 2018 working with Telethon Kids Doctor Hayley Passmore was part of a team of academics to publish “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Knowledge, attitudes, experiences and practices of the Western Australian youth custodial workforce” this work highlights alarming links to FASD and impairment in Youth offenders in Western Australia. Dr. Passmore will consider this research and share insights.</p>
<p>4:30pm – 5:00pm</p>	<p>Building the Case for Compulsory Installation of Queensland Passenger Vehicle Engine Immobilisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Nick Behrens – Director, Queensland Economic Advocacy Solutions</li> </ul> <p>Mr Nick Behrens has been investigating the case for passenger vehicle engine immobilisers, he will share his research to date and outline the case for passenger vehicle engine immobilisers in Queensland</p>