

# Arts Funding Success Newsletter

## March - April 2019

### **EVALUATING CRIMINAL TRANSACTIONAL METHODS IN CYBERSPACE AS UNDERSTOOD IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT**

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[Home Office](#)

This project will evaluate criminal transactional methods in cyberspace from an international context by: Exploring financial aspects of cyber-enabled crime in different parts of the world and both private and public-sector responses to it; identifying previous and existing products and services that have facilitated illicit money flows related to cyber-enabled crime; and show how financial aspects of cyber-enabled crime and responses to this differ across different regions that do not share a common language.

### **EVALUATION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE BODY WORN CAMERA TRIAL**

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[Victoria Police](#)

Victoria Police is implementing a trial of the use of body worn cameras (BWCs) for the purpose of collecting victim statements from family violence incidents for evidence-in-chief. The purpose of this project is to measure the impact and effectiveness of the use of digitally recorded victim statements as evidence-in-chief (recorded with the use of BWCs) on victims, police, the courts, the Office of Public Prosecutions, Victoria Legal Aid/ legal practitioners and more broadly on the administration of justice. The digitally recorded victim statements will replace a traditional police written statement at the trial sites. The outcomes of the interim

evaluation will inform Victoria Police's assessment of whether the family violence BWC trial should continue, be extended or cease.

### **SPECIALIST SUPPORT RESEARCH PROGRAM**

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[Victoria Police](#)

The need for specialised mental health and well-being support for investigators and other Victoria Police employees working in areas such as sexual offending, child abuse and family violence is long-standing. In response to this support needed, Family Violence Command has committed to providing specialised support to Sexual Offences & Child Abuse Investigation Teams and Family Violence Investigation Units. This project will provide research and assessment of the impact of this new specialist support service for the Family Violence Command to use the learnings to evolve and expand the service offering.

### **TASKFORCE EARLY INTERVENTION FAMILY VIOLENCE (EIFV) PROGRAM**

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[Taskforce](#)

This project is an evaluation of the Taskforce Early Intervention for Family Violence (EIFV) Program. EIFV program is a recently developed pilot program designed for male offenders who have been placed on their first family violence intervention order (FVIO), are breach free and have alcohol or other substance abuse (AOD) issues. The pilot program is designed for men who have had limited contact with

police and the criminal justice system. The Monash project aims to produce a useful evaluation which provides insight as to whether this new program is effective in increasing victim safety and reducing repeat court contact for men subject to their first FVIO and who have AOD issues.

### **BREATH OF LIFE: REPATRIATING THE 'SLEEPING' ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES OF AUSTRALIA**

Alice Gaby (LLCL)

[Yitpi Foundation](#)

Of the 370 Indigenous languages spoken in Australia in the 19th century, just 13 can be considered strong today. The Breath of Life program will invite 10-14 community language researchers (affiliated to 5 distinct languages) to spend two weeks at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). While at AIATSIS, participants will attend workshops and academic linguists, designed to train participants in the basic skills required to access, interpret and re-purpose language materials. Community language researchers are partnered with academically trained linguists who will accompany them on their journey from locating relevant archival materials, working to interpret them, producing meaningful language resources for language revitalisation in their home communities, and various events of informal networking and cultural sharing. The purpose of the program is to return language to Indigenous communities where language transmission has been disrupted.

### **AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT PROJECT**

Alan Gamlen (SoSS)

[Australian Red Cross](#)

This project provides a literature review of good practice for international humanitarian

and development agencies for engaging diasporas, and maps diaspora engagement stakeholders in specified Asia-Pacific countries. Specifically, this project examines diaspora engagement best practices from the context of post-disaster finance, post-disaster technical expertise, post-disaster governance rebuilding and social capital formation, and humanitarian volunteering. The stakeholder mapping includes the provision of a database of organisations and leaders from diaspora groups and other key organisations.

### **WHO TOLD YOU TO RELEASE THAT? FOI CULTURE - OFFICE OF THE VICTORIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

Johan Lidberg (MFJ)

[Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner \(OVIC\)](#)

This project is a pilot study comprising of six Victorian government agencies aiming to capture the culture of administering and implementing the Victorian Freedom of Information system (FOI). This includes the provision of an online cultural survey and focus group interviews with government agency staff. The pilot study will feed into an ARC LP application that may see partners from other jurisdictions join the study.

