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Articles and publications

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Mapping culture: venues and infrastructure in the City of Sydney

Ian Ang, David Rowe, Liam Magee et al.; Western Sydney University
September 2016

This report was commissioned to assist the City of Sydney in developing a greater knowledge of its cultural infrastructure through a process of classification and mapping of the City's cultural venues. Its multi-layered database assists with the design of the most appropriate and effective policies to enhance the cultural and creative life of the city. A presentation and discussion of a series of maps concerning the location and distribution of 3,106 cultural venues that were mapped and broken down into spatial, cultural industry, and venue types is included in the report.

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CHILD PROTECTION

Child neglect: policy, response and developments in England

Julie Taylor, Marian Brandon, Dawn Hodson, Alice Haynes
Research policy and planning, Vol.32, No.1, 2016, pp 39-51

US study looks at new initiatives and models in working with child neglect and child protection. Evaluates tools that are emerging to support practitioners in the assessment of neglect including the Graded Care Profile and the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale. Considers new effective models for working with and helping families where neglect is an issue including video interaction guidance, the Australian Positive Parenting Programme and SafeCare. Discusses community based initiatives including Better Start and Thriving Communities. Concludes that the response to neglect in England is patchy and uncoordinated and that a long term view of child protection is needed.

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CHILD RIGHTS

Annual Report 2015-16

Commissioner for Children and Young People SA
February 2017

The Annual Report details young South Australians' views about a Commissioner for Children and Young People and summarises the Council's advocacy for the rights, interests, social inclusion, development and wellbeing of children and young people from birth to 18 years in South Australia.

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United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; General comment No. 20 (2016) on the implementation of the rights of the child during adolescence

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
December 2016

This UN general comment highlights that 'the implementation of rights must take account of children's development and their evolving capacities' and 'generic policies designed for children or young people often fail to address adolescents diversity and are inadequate to guarantee the realisation of their rights'.

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EU project: Unlocking Children's Rights

Coram International
January 2017

Unlocking Children's Rights is an innovative training resource, which has been successfully piloted across Europe. It enables professionals and practitioners working with children to: Strengthen their skills and knowledge of children's rights; Enable children and young people to express their views; Communicate effectively and sensitively with children and young people in a professional context; Ensure children participate meaningfully in decisions affecting them. Downloadable modules and guidebooks are available at this website. Modules include Introduction to child development and communication, introduction to child rights, child-friendly justice guidelines and communication skills.

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CONSUMERISM

Advertising to children initiatives have not reduced unhealthy food advertising on Australian television

Wendy L. Watson, Vivien Lau, Lyndal Wellard et al.
Journal of Public Health, February 2017

This Cancer Council NSW study has found no reduction in unhealthy food and drink advertisements on television during children's peak viewing times, despite voluntary self-regulatory initiatives introduced by the food industry in 2009. The study has found that children are being exposed to an average of three unhealthy food advertisements every hour that they watch TV during peak periods. This figure remains unchanged since Cancer Council NSW and University of Sydney conducted the same analysis in 2011.

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DISABILITY

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) costs: Issues paper

Productivity Commission
February 2017

The issues paper covers a range of issues regarding the NDIS on which the Productivity Commission seeks information and feedback. It contains and outlines: the scope of the study, the Commission's procedures, matters about which the Commission is seeking comment and information, and how to make a submission.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A national system for domestic and family violence death review

Australian Human Rights Commission

December 2016

Recommends expanding domestic and family death review mechanisms to all Australian jurisdictions to provide national data on family violence-related deaths, with all review teams guided by Australian Domestic Violence Death Review Network definitions and processes. The report recommends funding an organisation to collect data in the short-term, and creating a national monitoring and implementation agency in the long term.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Engaging students: creating classrooms that improve learning

Pete Goss and Julie Sonnemann; Grattan Institute

February 2017

Report found that as many as 40 per cent of school students are unproductive in a given year. Unproductive students are on average one to two years behind their peers, and their disengagement also damages their classmates and teachers. The authors recommendations include an integrated strategy to address this problem and new approaches by governments, universities, school principals and teachers.

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Students' experiences of meaningful situations in school

Ulrika Bergmark and Catrine Kostenius

Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research, published online January 2017

This qualitative analysis focuses on school situations students experienced as meaningful and how these experiences can guide educational improvement. Participants included 15 students in grade 3 from a Swedish school. The data consisted of drawings, multimodal productions, interviews, and field notes. The analysis resulted in four themes: having the opportunity to learn in different spaces; being free and able to participate; experiencing caring and sharing, and recognizing one's own growth and achievement. The findings suggest that situations students find meaningful involve aspects of both learning and wellbeing.

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The ABC of educational achievement: What underpins Singapore's high scores

Stephen Bartos

February 2017

ARACY CEO, Stephen Bartos discusses the factors that lead to education attainment differentials between Singapore and Australia on the Asia Pacific Policy forum. He covers the differences between Australia and Singapore as well as lessons that can be learnt from the Singaporean experience which have implications for education policy in Australia. Despite the fact that there is much in the Singapore experience that could not be directly translated to Australia Stephen Bartos suggests there are important elements worth considering; in particular the three key aspects of parents, employment and institutions that are critical to Singapore achieving its high educational outcomes.

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Visions for Australian tertiary education

Richard James, Sarah French and Paula Kelly (eds.); Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education (MCSHE), The University of Melbourne

February 2017

A compilation of contributions from leading higher education researchers and thinkers centered around the MCSHE in Melbourne and LH Martin Institute of the University of Melbourne. The authors offer a range of ideas and recommendations challenging contemporary thinking, policies and practices in the tertiary sector.

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EMPLOYMENT

A future that works: automation, employment, and productivity

James Manyika, Michael Chui, Mehdi Miremedi et al.; McKinsey Global Institute

January 2017

McKinsey Global Institute's ongoing research program on automation technologies and their potential effects is based on detailed analysis of 2,000-plus work activities for more than 800 occupations. Using data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics and O*Net, researchers quantified both the amount of time spent on these activities across the economy of the United States and the technical feasibility of automating each of them. Findings show that technical potential for automation differs dramatically across sectors and activities and that while automation will eliminate very few occupations entirely in the next decade, it will affect portions of almost all jobs to a greater or lesser degree.

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FAMILY AND SOCIETY

The lives of young people in Australia [Audio]

Matt Bevan, ABC Radio

ABC Nightlife, Friday 6 January, 10pm

Nightlife presenter Matt Bevan talks to Jacqui McKenzie, Policy and Advocacy Manager for Youth Action to discuss young people today, their circumstances, hardships and challenges in education, work, housing affordability and future lives.

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Kids and Family Reading Report, 6th edition

Scholastic Publishing

January 2017

This biannual national survey of American children aged 6-17 and their parents, as well as parents of children aged 0-5, investigates the reading attitudes and behaviours around reading books for fun. This latest analysis finds that both young Americans and their parents are increasingly seeking out stories about diversity and difference in culture and value systems.

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Australian Kids and Family Reading Report

Scholastic Publishing

April 2016

This national survey of Australian children aged 6-17 and their parents, as well as parents of children aged 0-5, investigates reading attitudes and behaviours around reading books for fun. This is the first edition in Australia with past surveys conducted in the US bi-annually since 2006.

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National Quality Framework (NQF) snapshot: Q4 2016

Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)

February 2017

The quarterly snapshot shows that at 31 December 2016, more than 70 per cent of children's education and care services have been rated at Meeting National Quality Standard (NQS) or above. Statistics show that of 15,434 approved children's education and care services in Australia 86 per cent of these have a quality rating and 53 services have been rated as Excellent by ACECQA.

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What the world's young people think and feel; Generation Z: global citizenship survey

Emma Broadbent, John Gougoulis, Nicole Lui et al.; Varkey Foundation

January 2017

This UK study of young people's attitudes, behaviours and experiences surveyed more than 20,000 15 to 21-year-olds in 20 countries around the world. Countries included Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the UK and the US. Included in the survey were questions about levels of mental wellbeing, likelihood to consider it important to contribute to wider society and primary fears for the future such as extremism and the rise of global terrorism.

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The State of the World's Human Rights - Amnesty International Annual Report 2016/17

Amnesty International

February 2017

Amnesty International's annual report delivers the most comprehensive analysis of the state of human rights around the world, covering 159 countries. This latest annual report has condemned Australia and its justice system for its continued failure of First Australian, particularly children, with incarceration rates, reports of abuses and deaths in custody at an all-time high. The report also criticises Australia's treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

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HEALTH

Pre-Budget submission 2017-18

Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE)

January 2017

FARE's submission to Treasury outlines broad support for alcohol tax reform, and proposes reforms that will enable meaningful policy interventions to reduce rates of alcohol harm, including better resourcing of interventions to reduce rates of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, eliminating harmful alcohol messaging in sport, and providing additional resources for better coordination between alcohol and other drug and family violence services.

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Taxes and subsidies for improving diet and population health in Australia: A cost-effectiveness modelling study

Linda J. Cobiac, King Tam, Lennert Veerman, Tony Blakely

PLOS (Public Library of Science) Magazine, published online February 14, 2017

Using a population model of dietary-related diseases and health care costs and food price elasticities, the researchers simulated the effect of taxes on saturated fat, salt, sugar, and sugar-sweetened beverages and a subsidy on fruits and vegetables, over the lifetime of the Australian population. Their analysis found that taxing foods that are high in sugar, salt and saturated fats - as well as subsidising fruit and vegetables - would save \$3.4 billion in healthcare costs and also result in a significant increase in healthy years of life. They have called upon the Australian Government to develop appropriate tax and subsidy policies.

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Policies for tackling obesity and creating healthier food environments; Scorecard and priority recommendations for Australian governments

Dr Gary Sacks et al.; Global Obesity Centre, Deakin University; The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre; INFORMAS

February 2017

100 nutrition and health policy experts from 53 organisations around the country have called for a national strategy to curb the the national obesity crisis in Australia. There is expert consensus internationally on policy actions that are required to improve population nutrition and create healthier food environments. This project aimed to assess the extent to which each jurisdiction in Australia is implementing these globally recommended policies, and identify priority actions for each government.

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Factors associated with high consumption of soft drinks among Australian secondary-school students

Maree Scully, Belinda Morley, Philippa Niven et al.

Public Health Nutrition, online February 2017

Research examined demographic and behavioural correlates of high consumption of soft drinks (non-alcoholic sugar-sweetened carbonated drinks excluding energy drinks) among Australian adolescents and explored the associations between high consumption and soft drink perceptions and accessibility. Data based on students aged 12-17 years participating in the 2012-13 National Secondary Students' Diet and Activity (NaSSDA) survey. Overall, 14 per cent of students reported consuming four or more cups of soft drinks each week ('high soft drink consumers'). The research clearly shows that soft drinks appeal to teenagers who see them as cheap and affordable beverage options. Recommended interventions to lower adolescents' soft drink intake focused on reducing the availability of soft drinks (e.g. increased taxes, restricting their sale in schools) as well as improved education on their harms.

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What predicts children's active transport and independent mobility in disadvantaged neighborhoods?

J.Veitcha, A.Carverb, J.Salmona et al.; Deakin University Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition (IPAN)

Health and Place, Vol. 44, March 2017

This study by IPAN in partnership with VicHealth looked at changes over two years in 184 children with an average age of 12 years. Significantly, those who took part in the survey came from socioeconomically disadvantaged areas in both urban and rural areas of Victoria. The study found that how often a child independently travelled to and from school was affected by how much they enjoyed it, parental safety concerns and proximity to walking tracks. The aim is to investigate patterns of children's active transport and independent travel that could be used to help children and adolescents be more physically active in the future.

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Parental attitudes, beliefs, behaviours and concerns towards childhood vaccinations in Australia: a national online survey

Maria Yui Kwan Chow, Margie Danchin, Harold W. Willaby et al.

Australian Family Physician, 1 March 2017

This article describes Australian parents' attitudes, behaviours and concerns about vaccination, determines the factors associated with vaccination non-compliance, and provides sources of vaccination information for general practitioners.

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INCLUSION

Young people and the issues of racism and religious discrimination

British Youth Council Youth Select Committee

November 2016

Presents findings of an inquiry by the British Youth Council's Youth Select Committee into young people, racism and religious discrimination. Areas discussed include: racism and religious discrimination in schools; tackling racism and religious discrimination in communities; how to oversee tackling racism and religious discrimination at a national level. Recommendations include: increase the use of digital tools and social media to raise awareness of the issues surrounding racism and religious discrimination and help victims to report incidents; appoint a minister to work under the Government Equalities Office and focus exclusively on tackling discrimination and promoting equality and diversity.

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INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

Closing the gap: Prime Minister's report 2017

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

February 2017

The ninth annual progress report card on Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians health and wellbeing shows some positive advances in health, including reduced rates of smoking and infant mortality; advances in reading and numeracy, while the target to halve the gap in Year 12 attainment by 2020 is now on track. However, targets to halve the gap in child mortality by 2018 and close the gap life expectancy by 2031 are reported as being not on track.

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A global snapshot of Indigenous and tribal peoples' health

Kate Silburn, Hannah Reich, Ian Anderson; The Lancet–Lowitja Institute collaboration
November 2016

In May 2014, a group of international experts in Indigenous health led by Professor Ian Anderson, an Indigenous Australian, met in New York to collaborate on a project that would look at the state of Indigenous health across multiple countries and regions. The Lancet commissioned this work in collaboration with the Lowitja Institute, Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. The 23 contributor countries ranged from countries classified by the World Bank as low income to high income.

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Indigenous advancement strategy

Australian National Audit Office
ANAO report no. 35 2016-17, 3 February 2017

The audit objective was to assess whether the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has effectively established and implemented the Indigenous Advancement Strategy to achieve the outcomes desired by government. The Audit Office evaluation concluded that while the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's design work was focused on achieving the Indigenous Advancement Strategy's policy objectives, the department did not effectively implement the Strategy.

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Cortisol awakening response and acute stress reactivity in First Nations People

Maximus Berger, Anthony Leicht, Angela Slatcher et al.
Scientific Reports, 7: 41760. Published online 31 January 2017

The study by a team of scientists from James Cook University revealed a disturbing finding about some young Indigenous people's biological reaction to stress, but one that could help close the health gap for indigenous people. The researchers showed that the biologically important 'morning rise' of cortisol that prepares us to effectively deal with the daily hassles and stresses of life is missing in otherwise healthy Indigenous young adults. The absence of the morning cortisol rise was related to the levels of chronic stress the participants had experienced. Patients with common and severe mental disorders, including depression and psychotic disorders, similarly are missing such a morning rise.

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Culture, housing, remoteness and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child development: evidence from the longitudinal study of Indigenous children

Alfred Michael Dockery; Ninti One Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation
CRC-REP Working Paper CW028, February 2017

Report discusses the findings and limitations of the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children. Using data from Waves 1–7 of the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children (LSIC) the paper explores the interrelationships between families' housing, culture and remoteness and their children's outcomes across domains covering physical health, social and emotional wellbeing and cognitive development. The report considers findings that traditional knowledge is linked to higher maths and numeracy, but lower school attendance may indicate learning should combine mainstream and traditional learning in remote schools and questions the impact of overcrowding and relevance of housing tenure factors for children in remote communities.

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LAW AND JUSTICE

Study protocol for screening and diagnosis of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) among young people sentenced to detention in Western Australia

Passmore HM, Giglia R, Watkins RE, et al.

BMJ Open, 2016 No.6

At least one in three young people in detention in Western Australia suffers from foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), according to findings from an Australian-first study. Researchers from the Telethon Kids Institute have investigated the prevalence of the neuro-developmental impairment among detainees at Banksia Hill Detention Centre. It is the first study to assess and diagnose children in an Australian youth custodial facility. This important research can now inform the services that can best help overcome or manage some of the difficulties these young people face. The Telethon Kids Institute Study is ongoing and is now engaging staff at the correctional facility. <https://vimeo.com/206003477/5cd1d8fe56> to view Raewyn Mutch discussing the research.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee Secretariat

October 2016

The committee received 51 public submissions as well as confidential submissions and held public hearings in Perth, Sydney, Canberra and Darwin. The report makes 11 recommendations to the Commonwealth Government as a result of this inquiry. The Report contains a number of important recommendations aimed at ensuring better access to justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Report also includes important recommendations in relation to the need for funding and support for justice reinvestment approaches, justice targets and review of laws that have a disproportionate impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people such as mandatory sentencing laws.

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Report on youth justice facilities at the Grevillea unit of Barwon Prison, Malmesbury and Parkville

Victorian Ombudsman

February 2017

The riots at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre in November 2016 and the Government's subsequent establishment of a youth justice centre within Barwon Prison have prompted reviews, inquiries, and legal proceedings, by numerous agencies. This report aims to inform Parliament and the public of the response to recent events by oversight agencies, and to put facts into the public domain to help inform the debate.

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NSW Custody Statistics: Quarterly update December 2016

Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)

January 2017

In contrast to the rise in adult prisoner population, the number of juveniles in custody has been falling rapidly over the last five years. As at December 2015, there were 250 juveniles in custody, just slightly higher than the record low of 244 in August last year. The number of juveniles in custody has now fallen by 38 per cent, from a peak of 405 detainees in June 2011 to 250 in December 2016. Most of the decline has come from a fall in the number of juveniles refused bail by police and courts.

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Children speak out on policing and youth justice

Children's Rights Alliance for England

August 2016

Briefing paper on policing and youth justice which identifies issues raised by children and young people demonstrating that their rights are not being met. Issues raised include: the negative, disrespectful attitudes of some police officers when interacting with children; use of unnecessary force during arrests even when children have been co-operating with the police.

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Are we getting it right for young victims of crime? a review of children's entitlements in the Victims' Code
Victims' Commissioner UK
February 2017

The Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales has published a review of how children and young people who are victims of violent or sexual offences are treated by criminal justice agencies. Recommendations include: review the literature provided to childhood victims of crime and their families to ensure that it is appropriate for the audience; make a single point of contact or children's advocate available to support child victims of violent and sexual offences during the whole of their journey through the criminal justice system; monitor compliance with the Victims' Code regularly and consistently to ensure that young victims are being treated with dignity and respect.

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MENTAL HEALTH

School perspectives on bullying and preventative strategies: An exploratory study

Ken Rigby

Australian Journal of Education, January 2017

This article reports on a small-scale, exploratory study that was designed to provide an account of strategies that were being undertaken in 25 Australian government schools catering for mainstream students. It examines the reported use of both proactive and reactive strategies, and their frequency and perceived effectiveness. It reveals a wide diversity of practices. Strengths and limitations of teacher-directed activities are described, comparisons are made with anti-bullying strategies employed outside Australia, and suggestions are made to enhance the effectiveness of anti-bullying practices.

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Bullying and young Australians

ReachOut Australia

January 2017

Of the 1000 14-25 year-olds surveyed by ReachOut, 23 per cent had experienced bullying in the last 12 months. Many of the young people surveyed experienced bullying in multiple places. Over half of them experienced bullying at school, followed by the workplace (25.3 per cent) and online (25.3 per cent). Findings show that approximately half of the young people surveyed had sought help or support for their experiences of bullying. Of the young people who sought help for bullying, 48 per cent turned to their parents for support, 33 per cent to their friends, 28.7 per cent to a doctor or GP, and 24 per cent to teachers.

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PROJECT ROCKIT Online; Evaluation report

Professor Amanda Third, Kari Pihl, Girish Lala, Delphine Bellerose; Western Sydney University

December 2016

In 2014 Telstra issued a \$400,000 social impact grant to Project Rokit - a youth-led movement against bullying to increase education and understanding on the issues of bullying, cyber safety and leadership. Recently launched, Project Rokit Online offers interactive workshops for secondary school students in years 7-9 and is available to all Australian schools. PROJECT ROCKIT Online was piloted in September 2016 in ten schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Queensland. This evaluation report found nine out of the ten participants interviewed, believe PROJECT ROCKIT Online can positively impact bullying in their school.

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Troubled Teens; A study of the links between parenting and adolescent neglect

Phil Raws; The Children's Society UK

November 2016

This UK research into adolescent neglect and parenting makes recommendations for policy and practice including: adapt national policy and improve local service provision to address the support needs of all families

with adolescent children; develop parenting education programmes tailored to understanding and meeting the needs of adolescents.

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The characteristics of children who display harmful sexual behaviour

Vicki Hollis; National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)

February 2017

The 'Turn the Page' service was developed by NSPCC to help children and young people overcome feelings that have made them harm another child sexually. This report reviews the characteristics of younger children displaying harmful sexual behaviour (HSB), and particularly the program's services to children under 12, children with a learning difficulty and girls who display HSB. It looks at the needs of the children participating in the programme and highlights learning from practitioners about what works to support them.

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OUT OF HOME CARE

Fostering education: supporting foster carers to help children and young people learn

Teresa Hinton; Anglicare Tasmania

November 2016

This study documents the experiences of 113 Tasmanian foster carers in supporting education, what helps or hinders them in this role and how they can be better supported to support education.

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Care not custody: A new approach to keep kids in residential care out of the criminal justice system

Victoria Legal Aid

November 2016

This report, based on child protection client data, finds that those aged 11-17 who are placed in out-of-home care, almost one in three young people later returns to Victoria Legal Aid for assistance with a criminal matter. The report also highlights that a clear factor pushing children from care into custody is an over-reliance by at least some residential care facilities on call-outs to police to manage challenging behaviour. The suggestion is that these practices are entrenching children, often from a very young age, in a cycle of involvement with the police and the courts.

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Children and young people in out of home care in Tasmania

Commissioner for Children and Young People, Tasmania

January 2017

Currently there are approximately 1,100 children in State care here in Tasmania. Nationally there are over 46,000 kids in care. Of all of the states and territories, Tasmania has the lowest recurrent expenditure per child in OOHC, and the lowest expenditure on OOHC per placement night. This report provides the facts and makes a number of recommendations to improve the outcomes for these children.

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POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

Leaving care and at risk of homelessness: The Lift Project

Mike Clare, Becky Anderson, Murielle Bodenham, Brenda Clare

Children Australia, Volume 42 Issue 1, March 2017, pp 9 - 17

The paper reflects on developments in leaving care policy and practice in Western Australia (WA) and nationally from the mid-1990s. National and some international literature is reviewed. The history, vision and initial impact of the Living Independently for the First Time (LIFT) Project, a case study of learning by doing, is outlined. This initially unfunded action-research strategy involves inter-agency policy and practice designed to prevent homelessness of vulnerable care leavers.

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A critical interpretive synthesis of the ways children's needs and capacities are represented in the homelessness and family violence literature

Rebecca Fairchild, Katrina Skewes McFerran and Grace Thompson

Children Australia, Volume 42, Issue 1 March 2017, pp. 18-29

A critical review of the literature exploring the ways children are described and represented in the homelessness and family violence literature regarding programmes. The researchers found that there is a bias towards negative descriptions of children's wellbeing and outcomes while overlooking or ignoring the evidence for resilience and success in addressing challenges the children faced. They argue for a better balance in representing children's strengths alongside their challenges when describing their presentation and participation in programmes and research.

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The funding and delivery of programs to reduce homelessness: the case study evidence

David MacKenzie, Sean McNelis, Paul Flatau; Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

AHURI Final Report 274, February 2017

Investigates how services supporting those experiencing homelessness are funded, and how different forms and levels of funding, together with diverse funding sources, impact on the delivery of homelessness assistance. This study is based on nine case studies focused on different service models, organisational forms and potential new ways of funding services for the homeless.

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Is there complex trauma experience typology for Australians experiencing extreme social disadvantage and low housing stability?

Carol A. Keane, Christopher A. Magee, Peter J. Kelly

Child abuse and neglect, Vol.61, November 2016, pp 43-54

Explores the nature of complex trauma experience (CTE) in childhood by socially disadvantaged people in Australia. Data from the Journeys Home study, a longitudinal study of 1682 Australians exposed to high levels of housing insecurity, was analysed and six classes of CTE history were identified: multiple CTE; distal CTE (abuse occurring outside the family environment); proximal CTE (abuse occurring within the family environment); high violence CTE; indirect CTE; low CTE. Finds that factors such as age, gender, feelings of love and security, relationship to primary carer, age leaving school influence an individual's class of CTE.

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Future focus; A framework to shape the funding of sustainable supported housing services

Homeless Link, UK

March 2017

The UK Government is proposing to implement a new funding system from 2019, and Homeless Link stresses that it is vital that the new model is fit for purpose and protects those who depend upon supported housing. The organisation in consultation with their members has produced a statement of the five principles by which they consider any proposed system should be judged. Provide adequate funding on a sustainable basis so that supported housing is available to everyone who needs it and the system should develop in partnership with supported housing schemes and their residents.

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TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE SAFETY

Power of image report; A report into the influence of images and videos in young people's digital lives

UK Safer Internet Centre

February 2017

Report investigates the influence images and videos can have on young people's self-esteem, behaviour and emotions. Findings from a survey of 1,500 young people aged 8-17 years old in the UK include: 70 per cent said they have seen images and videos not suitable for their age in the last year; 22 per cent said that someone has

posted an image or video to bully them; and 45 per cent of 13-17 year olds have seen nude or nearly nude photos of someone they know being shared around their school or local community.

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Research insights: Connected kids and teens (video)

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

October 2016

The video explores the digital practices of teens and kids. They use a range of devices to go online. There are key differences between the online habits of teens and kids. For example, how they socialise, their online time and types of online activities.

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Research Insight: Teens, kids and digital dangers

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

October 2017

Video presents the findings on kids' and teens' negative experiences online, particularly cyberbullying. It sets out the prevalence of specific cyberbullying behaviours, the adverse effects of negative online experiences and any action taken after the incident. It also explores the types of cyberbullying incidents witnessed by kids and teens.

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Research Insights: Young and social online

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

February 2017

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has published its research about young people's use of social media and their attitudes towards it. Young and Social Online includes data on the top 5 social media services used, privacy settings and personal information shared on social media by young Australians. Young people's likes and dislikes about social media are also covered.

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Everything in moderation; Moderate use of screens unassociated with child behavior problems

Christopher J Ferguson

Psychiatric Quarterly, Published online 7 February 2017

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) until recently recommended a relatively restrictive screen time diet of 2 h or less for most youth. A representative correlational sample of youth were assessed for links between screen time and risky behavioural outcomes. Data collection occurred in 2013 conducted by the State of Florida. Moderate use of screens, though in excess of the AAP's historical recommendations, are not associated with problem outcomes. Excessive use of screens is only weakly associated with negative outcomes, and only those related to depression and delinquency as well as reduced grades, but not risky driving, substance use, risky sex or disordered eating.

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VIOLENCE

Social media as a catalyst and trigger for youth violence; Executive summary

Keir Irwin-Rogers and Craig Pinkney; Catch 22

January 2017

This UK report is based on a six-month period of analysis of the following social media platforms: Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram and Periscope. As well discussions were held with key stakeholders, including young people's advocates, gangs and serious youth violence workers, young people themselves, and the police and managers of local authority gangs teams. An international review of relevant literature was also conducted.

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National action plan for preventing child abuse and violence in teenage relationships

Dare 2 Care, Sarah Champion MP, UK

November 2016

An action plan for preventing child abuse and violence in teenagers' relationships before it has occurred. This was developed following research and roundtables with charities, academics, survivors of abuse, parliamentarians and statutory organisations. Looks at five areas: parenting; early years; sex and relationships education; online abuse; violence and pornography in teenage relationships. Key recommendations include: compulsory, age-appropriate resilience and relationships education should be implemented from Key Stage 1; parents and professionals need to be taught how to recognise the signs of exploitation and abuse and respond effectively.

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10 years on - global progress & delay in ending violence against children

The International NGO Council on Violence Against Children

December 2016

Great advances have been made in learning about the violence that affects children around the world and in combating some of those forms of violence. Yet for many, violence is an ever present fact of life. This 10 year report on global progress reviews the persisting nightmare of violent childhoods; The continuing legality of so many forms of violence and the work that lies ahead to end violence against children.

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Prevalent and Preventable: Conference reflections; International Conference on Practice and Policy in the Prevention of Violence against Women and their Children, Adelaide, 19-22 September, 2016

Our Watch

December 2016

The Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA) and Our Watch, supported by the Women's Service Network (WESNET), held a three day conference on violence against women in September 2016. This report explores the ideas, challenges, and opportunities that were raised at the conference and outlines ten key themes that emerged from analysis of participant feedback both within and across streams.

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The effect of lockout and last drinks laws on non-domestic assaults in Sydney: An update to September 2016

Neil Donnelly, Suzanne Poynton and Don Weatherburn; Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)

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The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has released figures showing there has been a 12 per cent increase in assaults in areas bordering the lockout zone, including The Star Casino in Pymont. Suburbs such as Newtown, Bondi and Double Bay - areas where nightlife activity has picked up since the introduction in the lockout laws in February 2014 - have experienced a 17 per cent rise in assaults. Assaults in Kings Cross are down almost 50 per cent, making the drop in assaults inside the lockout zone greater than the increase in the surrounding areas, in the 32 months since the changes came into effect.

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Forthcoming conferences and events

This list is cumulative

New events added since the last issue of What's New are highlighted in orange

MARCH 2017		
13 March	Sydney NSW	ARACY Public Seminar - Social and Emotional Learning Initiatives in Canada
14 March	Canberra ACT	ARACY Public Seminar - Ensuring young people's social & emotional fitness

		- lessons from Canada and the USA
17 March	Sydney NSW	Generation Next - Student Wellbeing and Leadership Program
17 March	Melbourne, Vic	ARACY AGM and Fiona Stanley Forum (details to come)
17 March	National	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
17 March	National	National Close the Gap Day
21 March	National	Harmony Day 2017
21-23 March	Canberra ACT	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) National Indigenous Research Conference 2017
23 March	National	Supporting young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds: Good practice and measuring settlement outcomes [AIFS Webinar]
29-31 March	Sydney NSW	Refugee Trauma Recovery in Resettlement Conference – Facing the challenges
31 March	Brisbane Qld	Homelessness and housing solutions
31 March – 9 April	National	Youth Week 2017
APRIL 2017		
3-7 April	Melbourne Vic	15th World Congress on Public Health
6-8 April	Sydney NSW	Second International Conference on Non-Adversarial Justice: Integrating Theory and Practice
26-29 April	Cairns Qld	14th National Rural Health Conference; A world of rural health
MAY 2017		
2-5 May	Wellington, NZ	8th Australasian Drug and Alcohol Strategy Conference 2017
3-4 May	Sydney NSW	Improving Outcomes in Out of Home Care: Breaking cycles of disadvantage through child-focused support
5 May	Melbourne, Vic	Australian Council on Children and the Media (ACCM) Conference: Tots and Tech: growing up well with media and technology
5-6 May	Gold Coast Qld	Early Childhood Australia reconciliation symposium
7-8 May	Gold Coast Qld	Australian and New Zealand Eating Disorders and Obesity Conference
9-10 May	Sydney NSW	Think Outcomes 2017; presented by Centre for Social Impact, ARACY and Social Impact Measurement Network of Australia
11-12 May	Wodonga Vic	Building Bridges Conferences; a Regional Early Years Conference
15-16 May	Brisbane Qld	Child Aware Approaches Conference; Driving national action on child safety and wellbeing

15-17 May	Gold Coast, Qld	Australian and New Zealand Addiction Conference 2017: Prevention, treatment and recovery
16-17 May	Sydney, NSW	ACMA: Australian content conversation 2017
21-22 May	Berlin, Germany	ICMH 2017: 19th International Conference on Mental Health
JUNE 2017		
6-8 June	Melbourne Vic	Parent Engagement Conference : maximising Every Child's Potential - Keynote Speaker announced: Professor Bill Lucas, Director of the Centre for Real-World Learning (CRL) at the University of Winchester
16-17 June	Hobart, Tas	Education and Care Leadership Conference: Destination Tasmania 2017
19-23 June	Canberra ACT	10th National Policy Officers' Evidence-based Policy Development Conference 2017
20 June	Sydney NSW	Reshaping justice: client-centred service delivery, technology and innovation (Law and Justice research symposium)
26-27 June	Brisbane Qld	No More Harm National Conference; bullying, harassing and discriminating behaviour solutions
28-30 June	Montreal Canada	Conference of the International Society of Child Indicators
JULY 2017		
1-2 July	Perth WA	Aboriginal Health Conference 2017
5-7 July	Hobart, Tas	26th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills'
5-11 July	Perth WA	UN Youth Australia National Conference 2017 : Innovation Revolution
6-7 July	Sydney NSW	Youth Health Conference 2017; Biennial conference of the Australian Association for Adolescent Health (AAAH Ltd)
12 July	Brisbane Qld	Safe Cities Conference
AUGUST 2017		
4 August	Sydney NSW	Generation Next Conference; The Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People
7-8 August	Gold Coast Qld	4th National Eating Disorders and Obesity Conference
10-11 August	Gold Coast Qld	FUTUREgen17 Conference - Youth Engagement, Education, Employment & Entrepreneurship: Collaborating for Impact & Innovation
10-12 August	Sydney NSW	CREATE Foundation Conference; Voices in Action: Empowering young people for positive change – Call for abstracts by 10 February 2017

SEPTEMBER 2017		
12-14 September	Canberra, ACT	7th SNAICC National Conference
15-16 September	Melbourne Vic	2017 National foster and kinship care conference
25-27 September	Kensington NSW	Australian Social Policy Conference
NOVEMBER 2017		
23-24 November	Melbourne Vic	MYAN National Multicultural Youth Conference
29 November-1 December	Sydney NSW	National Housing Conference 2017 - Building for better lives. AHURI and NSW Department of Family and Community Services
DECEMBER 2017		
TBA	TBA	2017 National Employment Solutions Conference: Finding Solutions (details to be available shortly)
4-5 December	Melbourne Vic	Australian Stop Domestic Violence Conference: Providing the Skills for Change

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