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Asia Pacific Coroners Society Conference 2014

11 - 15 November 2014
The Langham Hotel
Melbourne, Victoria

Morning

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8.15am REGISTRATION DESK OPENS		8.15am REGISTRATION DESK OPENS		8.15am REGISTRATION DESK OPENS		8.30am REGISTRATION DESK OPENS	
9.15am Welcome to Country - <i>Aunty Joy Murphy</i> Welcome by <i>State Coroner Judge Ian Gray</i>		9.15am VICTORIAN STATISTICS: PRESCRIPTION DRUGS <i>Dr Jeremy Dwyer</i> Prescription drugs: Too much of a good thing? In Victoria, prescription drugs accounted for 82.9% of almost 400 overdose deaths in 2013. Victorian Coroners Prevention Unit researcher Dr Jeremy Dwyer will present the latest data and Coroner Audrey Jamieson will chair a panel discussion on emerging trends in prescription medication deaths including benzodiazepines, opioids and takeaway methadone.		9.15am SUICIDE: WHO'S REALLY AT RISK? Beyondblue's role in suicide prevention and its program of work for men aged 34-54 <i>Ms Georgie Harman, CEO beyondblue</i>		9.15am SUICIDE: WHO'S REALLY AT RISK? Beyondblue's role in suicide prevention and its program of work for men aged 34-54 <i>Ms Georgie Harman, CEO beyondblue</i>	
9.45am KEYNOTE ADDRESS End of life planning and decision making: The involvement of families and doctors, and the questions Coroners should be asking <i>Associate Professor Charlie Corke</i>		9.40am PANEL DISCUSSION: DRUG DEATH ISSUES <i>Assoc. Professor Morris O'Dell, VIFM</i> <i>Mr Sam Biondo, Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association</i> <i>Dr Malcolm Dobbin, Department of Health</i> <i>Mr Irvine Newton OAM, Pharmaceutical Association</i> Recommendations and outcomes <i>Dr Jeremy Dwyer</i>		9.30am Development of the Victorian Suicide Register to advance suicide prevention <i>Dr Lyndal Bugeja</i>		9.30am Development of the Victorian Suicide Register to advance suicide prevention <i>Dr Lyndal Bugeja</i>	
10.45am MORNING TEA		11.15am MORNING TEA		10.45am MORNING TEA		10.00am What strategies are in place and/or required to address risk factors for middle-aged men? What further avenues for prevention recommendations are there for coroners? What are the barriers in the mental health system to further advancing prevention in this cohort? <i>Assoc. Prof Richard Newton</i>	
11.15am COLD CASE INVESTIGATION: THE DISAPPEARANCE OF LINDA STILWELL <i>Detective Senior Sergeant Wayne Newman</i> Unsolved Murder: Who took Linda? Linda Stilwell was a cheerful, happy-go-lucky 7 year old when she disappeared in St Kilda in 1968. A leading Victoria Police Homicide Squad detective will provide an analysis of the forensic investigation into her disappearance and presumed death. The presentation includes an account of the hospital bedside coronial hearing with infamous child killer Derek Percy, conducted during the days before his death in a bid to identify Linda's abductor.		11.45am TRIGGER POINT: What is the cost of upholding the law? <i>Mr John Silvester</i> Renowned Melbourne journalist and crime writer John Silvester provides a rare, behind the scenes insight into his documentary <i>Trigger Point</i> , which examines deaths in police custody. More than 25 interviews with victims' families, police officers involved and high ranking officials examine the human cost involved when upholding the law results in loss of life.		11.15am THE COMEDY OF CRIME When crime pays <i>Professor Sue Turnbull</i>		12.00noon MH17 <i>Dr David Ranson,</i> <i>Deputy State Coroner Iain West</i>	
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Afternoon

1.30pm **BELIER TASKFORCE: LONG TERM MISSING PERSONS AND UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS**
Senior Sergeant Dave Butler and Dr Soren Blau
Why weren't they found?
In 2007, Victoria Police created the Belier Taskforce, a specialist team of investigators whose task was to reconcile more than 600 long-term missing person reports, some dating back to the 1950s, with unidentified human remains. A presentation by a leading Belier Taskforce detective will outline how the Victorian coronial process assisted police in their investigations and answer the question as to why so many remained on the missing persons list long after their remains were found.

2.30pm **CORONER REFORM IN ENGLAND AND WALES**
Chief Coroner HH Judge Peter Thornton
A major programme of coroner reform is underway in England and Wales. HHJ Peter Thornton QC will introduce and explain the reforms, discuss their relevance in the international context and discuss the plans for the future.

1.30pm **AORTIC DISSECTION INVESTIGATION:**
Coroner Paresa Spanos, Dr Sandra Neate, Dr George Jelinek
A split diagnosis: How difficult is it to identify aortic dissection?
In Victoria, more than 40 deaths a year are caused by aortic dissection - yet a diagnosis is often not made until after the fatal event. Victorian Coroner Paresa Spanos examines the phenomenon and the clinical expertise required to make a timely diagnosis in the context of recent coronial investigation.

2.15pm **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PATHOLOGY AND FORENSICS**
Unsafe sleep environments: More than just co-sleeping
Dr Yeliena Baber
Molecular autopsy: Its uses and ethical issues
Dr Sarah Parsons
Bedside testing in forensic medicine
Assoc. Professor David Ranson

1.30pm Conference concludes



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The Langham Hotel
Podium level,
Clarendon Ballroom Foyer
The Langham Hotel, Melbourne
1 Southgate Avenue,
Southbank, Melbourne

3.45pm - 5.00pm **THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION UNDER AUSTRALIAN CORONIAL LAW**
Dr Ian Freckelton
Do you swear to tell the truth?
When the search for truth paves a road to self-incrimination, Coroners can find their investigations on rocky ground. Highly regarded Melbourne barrister and expert in coronial law, Dr Ian Freckelton, provides an astute account of issues surrounding privilege against self-incrimination in the Australian coronial context.

3.30pm - 4.30pm Tour:
Coroners Court of Victoria and Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine



5.30pm Welcome Reception,
- 7.30pm Government House

8.15pm Evening at leisure / Dinner at **Colonial Tramcar Restaurant**
Tramstop #125 Normanby Road

6.30pm **Gala Dinner in the Melbourne Museum Birrarung Room**