

# Alcohol Causes Violence

## *An historic conference*

**Te Papa, Wellington, Tuesday 23 March 2010**

**8.30am – 5.00pm**

**Registration: [www.alcoholaction.co.nz](http://www.alcoholaction.co.nz) (fee optional)**

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- \* *We've been barking up the wrong tree in our efforts to reduce violent crime*
  - \* *So much violence is committed by people drinking heavily and not thinking properly*
  - \* *The 5+ Solution to alcohol-related violence is staring us in the face*
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### **Why this conference?**

A seismic shift of national thinking is urgently needed on violent crime in New Zealand. To date the issue has been dominated by punitive policies that largely do not work. Years of popularist "solutions" have given us longer sentences, overflowing prisons but no reduction in violence. We have been looking in the wrong place, while New Zealand becomes increasingly unsafe.

### **Who is involved?**

This historic meeting is hosted by the University of Otago, Wellington School of Medicine. It brings together two main streams of people; those who are concerned about law and order, and those who are concerned about public health. The bridge is the damage being caused by the excessive commercialisation of alcohol. The lack of sufficient regulations controlling the supply and sale of alcohol maximizes heavy drinking.

Participants will be those who care about the health, safety and well-being of New Zealanders and who understand the impact that alcohol is having, not just on an "irresponsible" few, but on a large heavy-drinking sector of society. It will include the full range of health and social agency workers, including those at the front line who pick up the pieces left by alcohol on a daily basis. But everyone interested in solutions to the violence, personal harm and despair caused by the commercially-driven heavy drinking culture is welcome. **NB: Numbers limited to the first 200 registrants.**

### **Who are the speakers?**

Mr Howard Broad	New Zealand Commissioner of Police, Wellington
Mr Tuari Potiki	Manager Strategic Operations, Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand
Prof Kathryn Graham	Head, Social and Community Prevention Research, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, University of Western Ontario, Canada
Prof Jennie Connor	Head, Dept of Preventive and Social Medicine, University of Otago, Dunedin
Judge Andrew Becroft	Principal Youth Court Judge of New Zealand
Mrs Rāhui Kātene	MP for Te Tai Tonga, Māori Party of Aotearoa New Zealand
Prof John Pratt	Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington
Hon Jim Anderton	Associate Minister of Health, responsible for Drug Prevention 2002-2008 MP for Wigram, Leader, Progressive Party of New Zealand
Prof Doug Sellman	Director, National Addiction Centre, University of Otago, Christchurch

# Alcohol is a Law & Order Issue