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***David Gallant – Sport within correctional facilities***

My research, I suppose first of all to tell you I work within the centre of sport and social impact, and basically the centre looks at a myriad of ways of how sport works within our community. And for me particularly that’s looking at how sport works within our correctional facilities across Australia.

The key outcomes we’re looking to achieve is basically when we went and looked at this research question, there are three unanswered areas. First of all is why is sport actually in prisons to start with? What is the role of sport in each correctional institution? And what are the perceived outcomes for the inmates that are actually involved in sport as well.

I think it would impact society because of the current issues we have in our correctional system within Australia, we have an increasing, and quite a large increasing rate, of incarceration which is at 30% over the last 10 years and that’s also, to put into perspective, about double the actual net growth of the Australian population. So it’s a key question that needs to be answered, and maybe sport will play a key role in this. But also the way sport may actually be able to help people pass time in prisons constructively, and help with the myriad of issues they may face in terms of their health as we know prison populations are at probably the highest risk of health issues amongst Australian people.