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National Crime Prevention Fund - WIPAN's Youth Mentoring Program (YMP)

A significant addition to WIPAN's future focus will be the introduction of the WIPAN Youth Mentoring Program (YMP), a pilot program. With the best news of all, WIPAN have just been awarded a 2 year grant from the Hon. Jason Clare, the current Federal Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, which will enable this pilot project to be developed and implemented for the next 2 years. This funding comes from the [National Crime Prevention Fund](#). A very big thank you to Minister Clare, for believing in us and allowing WIPAN this opportunity to develop a program for our young women. WIPAN aim to create a mentoring project that mentors female youth, to reduce and prevent female youth returning to the Juvenile Justice system and/or entering the adult criminal justice system. Supporting and working with youth is a very specialised area and WIPAN have spent considerable time and energy over the past 12 months acquiring, developing and implementing the necessary guidelines, frameworks, training and procedures.

WIPAN - Recruitment to the WIPAN Board

Over the last 3 months WIPAN have been busy reviewing, updating and adopting formal and sound governance principles and procedures. As a small, not-for profit charity, it is essential that WIPAN be accountable, transparent and effective to and for the community we aim to serve. Additionally WIPAN have advertised to recruit new board members to the WIPAN Management Committee. Much to WIPAN's delight we had an over whelming response to the ad and were able to short list 9 amazing women and have just completed the interviews. WIPAN's current board will be making the final decision by the last week of August and then we will invite up to 2 or 3 new women to become a part of WIPAN's board. This is very exciting for us and a chance to fill a certain skill set. WIPAN concentrated on selecting applicants who had corporate, media or fundraising skills, as these areas will hopefully enable WIPAN to become a sustainable organisation. A special thank you to all the women who submitted applications, all were of such outstanding quality and made it very difficult to short-list. All applications, both successful and unsuccessful will be contacted by the end of August 2013.

Vodafone - World of Difference/Paid Charity Leave 2013 Program

Every year the Vodafone Foundation funds 4 applicants to do a years paid work for a charity of their choice. This happens through the [Vodafone's World of Difference](#) program. This year Kat Armstrong, the volunteer Director of WIPAN applied for this opportunity, and at first was not successful. Although now due to a participant having to withdraw because of health reasons, Kat being the next runner up was given the fantastic news late June, that she now makes up the 4th participant of this years 2013 World of Difference program. Kat now joins the other 3 participants, Juliette Wright, Loren O'Keefe and Jackie Ruddock who were chosen by Vodafone and all are outstanding and worthy participants. On behalf of WIPAN's members, volunteers and supporters, we would like to say a very special thank you to all the people who voted for Kat via the Face book social media campaign via Vodafone. This opportunity will greatly assist WIPAN's future for another year. Again WIPAN thanks you for your support throughout the Vodafone

campaign. Kat has hit the ground running, starting her position as of 15 July 2013 and hopes to achieve some great things for WIPAN for the next 12 months.

Thank you to runners in the City2Surf 2013

On 11 August, WIPAN had several people run in the 2013 City2Surf to help raise much needed funds for our programs. A very special thank you to Brenda, Robert, Mark, Ka Ki and Helen, who all became the team members for WIPAN. Their efforts raised approximately \$2,334 for WIPAN this year. Brenda even beat her last year's time by 4 minutes. Congratulations Brenda!! Women affected by the criminal justice system face many challenges in order to create change in their lives and WIPAN aims to support. Thanks to these runners WIPAN can now further support some of these women. There is still an opportunity to donate, its not too late, and will assist us to reach the needed target of \$6,300. Please click [here](#) to donate so we can raise the much needed funds to go towards the insurance and servicing costs for the WIPAN vehicle. Again thank you to the runners and your support of WIPAN.

Service of the Month - Stepping Out Housing Program

[Stepping Out Housing Program](#) provides intensive supportive service and housing for women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The organisation began in 1981. Three years later, the famous face of childhood sexual abuse, Oprah Winfrey, birthed her most watched talk show of all time on television. Turning her wounds into wisdom, she stepped out to help millions of women just like her.

Stepping out from the trauma of childhood sexual abuse is not easy but you don't need to be Oprah to finally take the leap. At Stepping Out, they provide a compassionate and strengths-based model in empowering survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

The program is holistic for women by women. Stepping Out provide 6 to 12 months intensive Case Management, Group Programs and Housing for survivors to transition from homelessness and distress to independence, stability and empowered living.

An ethical and collaborative approach is applied to ensure programs recognise the social, environmental, emotional, physical, economic and cultural factors that influence the wellbeing of each individual.

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Membership for WIPAN (New or Renewals)

WIPAN memberships were due for renewal in June/July this year, 2013. WIPAN still need to increase our membership base for the remainder of 2013. This will assist in raising the profile of WIPAN, and also increase our networking and partnership opportunities. If you are already a WIPAN member, please remember to renew your membership annually (this is usually June/July each year). This way you can stay on the mailing lists and be a part of the change to make NSW a more compassionate place for women and the community as a whole. If you need a reminder for your WIPAN membership, please [email Helen Dewar](#) (WIPAN's administrative assistant). To become or join WIPAN's membership please go to [our website](#) and complete the [membership form](#).

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