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WIPAN Christmas Party

WIPAN mentors, mentees, supporters and staff celebrated the end of the year with a dinner in the city. It was lovely to catch up and meet a lot of new faces! We've put some photos up on our [Facebook page](#).

WIPAN Extends Mentoring Program to Western Sydney

Having secured a grant from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation **WIPAN** is now in a position to extend the mentoring program to Western Sydney. We are currently recruiting a part-time mentoring coordinator to be based in Parramatta 3 days per week, and hope to be matching women in the coming months. Applications for the position close 2 February – please share the [job ad](#) with your networks.

Human Rights Award Finalist

The work and advocacy of **WIPAN** Director Kat Armstrong has been recognised by the Australian Human Rights Commission. Kat was a finalist for the Human Rights Community Award, announced at a dinner at the Museum of Contemporary Art on 10 December 2014. The nomination recognised Kat's contribution and commitment to the promotion and protection of the human rights of woman affected by the criminal justice system.

Mentor Training

WIPAN is set to train the next 25 volunteer mentors to take part in the mentoring program. With the help of TAFE NSW, the training will occur over two Saturdays in February. Thanks also to Optus for their contribution to the training and catering costs through their Community Grants scheme.

Client Relationship Management System

WIPAN began 2015 with some much-needed new technology. The introduction of the client relationship management system, Salesforce, ensures that our files are organised and secure! All **WIPAN** staff received training from Salesforce and the new system is now up and running.

eS4W Membership

WIPAN has become a member of the economic Security4Women (eS4W) alliance, a group of organisations which work together towards securing lifelong economic wellbeing for women. **WIPAN** will advocate for the rights of women affected by the criminal justice system, and

improvements to education and employment opportunities for women in prison.

Service of the Month: MAX Solutions

WIPAN thanks [MAX Solutions](#) for their generous donation of office space in Parramatta, where our new Western Sydney mentoring coordinator will be based. Aside from generously giving to **WIPAN**, MAX Solutions assists people looking for work. We look forward to working closely with them to help women leaving prison find meaningful employment.

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