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Meeting with NSW Ministers

Following the state election in March WIPAN congratulated the liberal party on their reelection and welcomed the new Ministers to their roles. Over the past months and into the new few weeks, WIPAN has and will meet with several newly appointed Ministers and key Shadow Ministers from the state government, including the Police and Justice, Women, Family and Community Services, and Corrections. It is hoped that these consultations will help raise awareness and support for WIPAN as we near the end of our funding agreement with the Department of Justice and lobby for future funding.

WIPAN's Western Sydney Office, Parramatta City Council Grant

We are delighted to report that WIPAN's Western Sydney office has successfully received a 'Community Capacity Grant' from [Parramatta City Council](#). Such grants are awarded to local not-for-profit community-based groups, organisations, sport clubs and services that contribute to the strategic objectives of the Parramatta 2038 strategy. This small grant will be used to support the monthly training and catering for the Western Sydney Mentors. WIPAN representatives will be attending a presentation ceremony with the Mayor of Parramatta on the 30 June 2015.

WIPAN's Policy Work Update

WIPAN is currently completing two significant policy reports - one regarding the issues facing mothers and babies in prison, the other on the use of strip-searching

for women prisoners. Both papers should be finalised in the next few weeks and will be submitted to relevant Government departments for response. WIPAN is seeking other appropriate NGOs to review and endorse the reports upon completion and prior to submission to Government.

WIPAN's Internships

Ceri Williams from the University of NSW recently completed an internship with WIPAN. Under the direction of WIPAN's Director, Kat Armstrong Ceri researched and wrote a draft legal resource guide for women pre, during and post release imprisonment in NSW. This newly created document provides a wealth of information about all aspects of prison and the criminal justice system in NSW. WIPAN would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Ceri for her commitment and efforts supporting WIPAN's work.

This month we welcome two students from the City University of Hong Kong, who will be completing a ten-week placement in WIPAN's Sydney office as part of the university's newly launched Global Work Attachment Programme. During their time with WIPAN, Rita and Emily will work across a number of different initiatives including adapting the draft NSW legal resource guide, making it relevant for women affected by the criminal justice system in states and territories across Australia.

Grill'd Local Matters - June at World Square

Need an excuse to enjoy a burger? Come support WIPAN this June by eating at the World Square branch of gourmet burger makers Grill'd. WIPAN is currently featured alongside two other organisations as a part of the Grill'd community donation program 'Local Matters'. With every burger purchased, customers will receive a token, which they can then place into a jar representing the cause of their choice. At the end of the month, the organisation with the most tokens receives a small donation. Visit the Grill'd website for more information about the ['Local Matters'](#) scheme, as well as directions to the World Square restaurant.

Service of the Month: Dress for Success Sydney

[Dress for Success](#) is a worldwide not-for-profit program dedicated to providing free-of-charge professional clothing, career development skills and a network of support to disadvantaged women, with the aim of encouraging their economic independence. To donate your gently used professional clothing, volunteer your time, or donate to this program contact Dress for Success Sydney, located in Marrickville.

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