

Justice Action Report

Monday 17/10/11 – Friday 04/11/11

The team at Justice Action will now send out a regular report to ensure that all of our supporters are kept up to date with our latest news and projects. Please let us know if you can provide any assistance or advice, as it would be greatly appreciated.

'COMPUTERS IN CELLS' PROPOSAL

- Andrea worked on a letter and an online submission proposing the 'Computers in Cells' project to Simon Crean (Australian Labour Party MP) following the National Cultural Policy Forum.
- The team worked on an 'Implementation Strategy' for the '[Computers in Cells](http://tinyurl.com/3wzfgay)' project. <http://tinyurl.com/3wzfgay>
- Rosie created a paper '[Establishing Security Standards for Computers in Cells](http://tinyurl.com/79e6x84)'. <http://tinyurl.com/79e6x84>
- Brett took part in radio interviews discussing the 'Computers in Cells' project on 2GB and 2UE radio after the matter was brought up in parliament at the Senate Estimates Hearing.
- Justine looked into finding donors of computers for the project.
- The team sent out a media release '[NSW Blocks Prisoners' Computers](http://tinyurl.com/3kyvyof)' concerning Prisons Commissioner Woodham's misleading statements at the Parliamentary Estimates Hearing on Wednesday 26/10/2011. <http://tinyurl.com/3kyvyof>

'NEEDLES AND SYRINGES PROGRAM' PROPOSAL

- The team is in the process of negotiating a consultation with the prisoners of the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) in the ACT regarding the implementation of a '[Needles and Syringes Program](http://tinyurl.com/6de4tef)' <http://tinyurl.com/6de4tef>. The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) was engaged by the ACT Government in May 2011 to investigate and report on models for the implementation of a Needles and Syringes Program in the AMC. The emphasis of the project has been on seeking to develop a model that ensures optimal health and safety outcomes for everyone impacted upon by a custodial sentence. This includes not only the person being detained in custody but all prison staff and the broader community.

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- The team sent out a media release '[Mental Hospital blocked 'Celebration Day' visits](http://tinyurl.com/6d923ty)' <http://tinyurl.com/6d923ty> regarding the refused access of seven visitors to the hospital on Friday 14/10/11 despite an official invitation to the Forensic Hospital Celebration Day at the start of Mental Health Month.
- Dani compiled a [report](http://tinyurl.com/6b4egsg) <http://tinyurl.com/6b4egsg> on the blocked visit to Saeed.
- An official complaint letter was sent to Adrian Keller (Clinical Director) and Julie Babineau (Justice Health Chief Executive) regarding the denial of entry of visitors on the Forensic Hospital celebration day.
- Dani wrote a letter to Kevin Humphries (Minister for Mental Health) regarding the visitation issue.
- Krystie worked with Saeed's lawyer regarding his education discrimination complaint to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal and forthcoming three day hearing on 30/11/2011.

PRISONER HISTORY PROJECT

- Dave continued working on the Australian Prisoner History Project and examined feedback provided on the draft project.
- A 'Wiki' in draft version has been formed and historical images to be included are still being received. You can view the [Prisoner History Project](http://tinyurl.com/6b4egsg) <http://tinyurl.com/6b4egsg> on our website.

- Lizzie also continued research on the project focusing on prisoner activism and resistance during the 1970's.

DEATHS IN/AFTER CUSTODY

- The ABC's '7.30' interviewed Brett regarding the death of Ian Klum whilst in custody in Grafton prison in 2010. You can watch the segment [here http://tinyurl.com/3jixzos](http://tinyurl.com/3jixzos) .
 - A letter was sent to Greg Smith (Attorney General) and David Clarke (Liberal Member of the Legislative Council Parliamentary Secretary for Justice) concerning the issue of deaths in and after custody proposing ongoing video surveillance of the public area of prisoners with the right of community viewing. Also proposed was the right of family access and overnight stay.

PAROLE

- Ken and Geoff have continued negotiating with the Parole Board and SORC regarding requirements of course completion before considered for release with a subject case.

SEX OFFENCES

- We defended the right of people to complete their sentence and fit back into the community, focussing on people convicted of sex offences. Brett appeared on a segment of the Sunrise program on Chanel 7. You can watch the segment [here. http://tinyurl.com/3gv9ley](http://tinyurl.com/3gv9ley)