

## Saving the Women's Family Law Court Support Service (WFLCSS)

Our campaign to save the WFLCSS resulted in election commitments from both NSW and Federal Labor and Greens. However, following their re-election both the Federal Attorney General Christian Porter and NSW Attorney General, Mark Speakman, have confirmed the service will not receive further funding. The loss of this modest but essential service after over 10 years received [coverage by ABC News](#). To sign our petition and receive updates click [here](#). Currently we are attempting to keep the service operating with a roster of volunteers while we continue to campaign for the funding to be reinstated. If you are interested in helping, please [contact us](#).



## Female Defendants Project

The Female Defendants Project has now commenced and more details can be found [here](#). If you are a service provider please consider distributing this [flyer](#) to women who may be interested in participating in this research.



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Feminist Legal Clinic Inc. has been appointed as country contact for the International [Declaration on Women's Sex Based Rights](#) which was launched in March 2019 in New York and already has thousands of signatures.

The Declaration re-affirms women's sex-based rights, including women's rights to physical and reproductive integrity, and the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls that result from the replacement of the category of sex with that of 'gender identity', and from 'surrogate' motherhood and related practices.

To be added as a signatory, please visit <https://www.womensdeclaration.com/>.

## Articles & Submissions

In May we sent a submission to the Australian Banking Association Consultation on Better Banking for Vulnerable Customers. We also had an [Opinion piece](#) printed in the Daily Telegraph about the need to hold men to account in relation to electoral misrepresentations. This also fuelled an [article](#) in that paper about the founder of The Women's Party, a story which was also picked up by [BuzzFeed](#).

In June we have also had an article published by the Australian Lawyers Alliance about how our victim's compensation systems are systemically failing victims of family violence. You can read it [here](#).

## Presentations

During April, Anna participated in panels on [NSW Sexual Consent Law](#) at the University of Sydney with fellow panellists Karen Willis, (RDVSA), Andrew Dyer (USyd Lecturer), Gayatri Nair (DV NSW) and Liz Snell (WLS NSW). This is also a topic in relation to which we attended a round table at the NSW Law Reform Commission in May.

Also during April, Anna spoke on [Women and Representation in the Legal Profession](#) as part of the [JWS Intersivity Gender & the Law Conference](#) at UNSW with fellow panellists Elizabeth Espinosa (President of the NSW Law Society), Lee May Saw (barrister), Carrie Follas (senior partner at JWS).

In May, Anna and film maker Margot Oliver (with moral support from Janet Frazer) also bravely addressed the Annual Members Meeting of the Equality Rights Alliance (ERA) on a highly contentious topic "[Diverse Women? Marginalised Women? Or Unhappy Men?](#)" and how changes in law and policy to recognise gender identity is impacting adversely on women's spaces, services and opportunities.

In May we also enjoyed attending various events as part of the Mamapalooza Festival celebrating mothers in the creative arts including an art exhibition and book launch at the Tap Gallery.

In June, as part of a series of events addressing women's safety and well-being organised in collaboration with the Older Women's



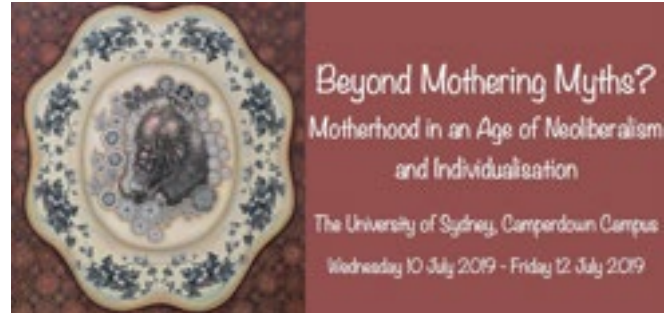
Network and The Women's Library, OWN hosted a panel on elder abuse and [Feminist Legal Clinic hosted a panel "How must the law change to stop male violence?"](#) with speakers Sam Lee from Gun Control Australia, Charmaine Weldon from Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre and Amani Haydar, from Bankstown Women's Health Centre.

The final event in the three-part series on Women's Safety and Well Being is to be hosted by The Women's Library in Newtown on Saturday 13 July 2019 at 10am. It's theme is "[Sanctuary](#)" and will feature speakers and performers Louise Steer, poet politician, SOS Choir, artist Amani Haydar, and Vee Malnar, art therapist.



## AMIRCI Motherhood Conference

We also urge you to consider attending the upcoming [AMIRCI Motherhood Conference](#) which is this year being hosted by the University of Sydney for the first time and features a diversity of matricentric feminist perspectives with key speakers including Dr Renate Klein, Dr Petra Bueskens, Prof Eva Cox and Prof Andrea O'Reilly. The full Conference Program is available [here](#).



## My Community Project

FLC submitted a grant application to the NSW Government for a community project involving the erection of a "Memorial Statue for Mothers" based on the drawing below by Mary Leunig. We are yet to hear the outcome but unfortunately obtaining the landowners consent from Council within the necessary time frame presented something of a hurdle. Let us know if you are in favour of the idea.



## Please Join!

If you support the work we are doing, please join as a member [here](#). We are all volunteers and your membership payments and donations will go to cover our operating costs such as insurance, internet, telephone and office expenses so that we are not left out of pocket. Our new appointment service on Tuesday mornings is also available to members.

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