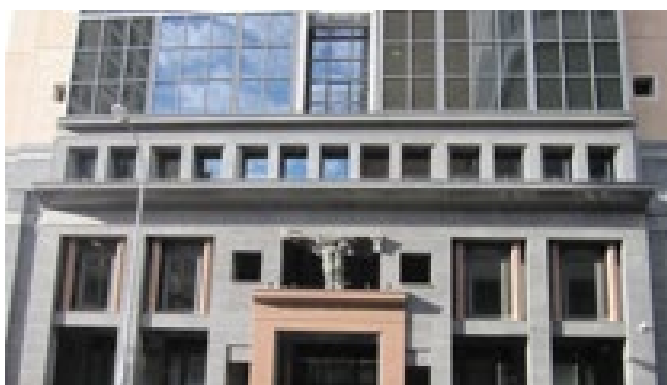


This quarter we were busy preparing our [Annual Report](#) for our AGM on 11 December 2019.



At the AGM our existing management committee was re-elected unopposed and joined by new committee member, Fiona Gayler. The changes to our constitution were also passed and we are now in the process of taking steps to obtain Deductible Gift Recipient status. We have resolved our insurance issues for the time being but a lot needs to be done to secure our future. We have also submitted several grant applications.

Women's Court Support Service



We have renamed the “Women’s Family Law Court Support Service” (WFLCSS) to the more succinct “Women’s Court Support Service”(WCSS) Our database system has recorded 101 entries for women assisted by this volunteer service since it began operating in July and another 146 for those assisted by the main FLC service. We are grateful for our large team of volunteers, including a group of USyd law students, who make it all possible.

Media Mentions

[How you will soon be able to sue prostitutes for poor performance and why brothels could be built in ‘every suburb’ under dramatic changes to sex laws](#), Daily Mail, 27 November 2019

[Unhappy NT sex worker clients can sue](#), The Australian, 27 November 2019

[I am woman – hear me roar](#), Gudrun Wilcocks, Justinian, 19 October 2019

[Beyond Reasonable Doubt – A three part podcast investigating the laws and issues surrounding sexual assault in the criminal justice system in NSW](#), Oliviana Smith Lathouris, 17 October 2019

Submissions

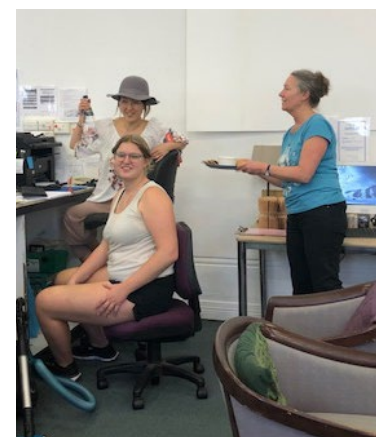
Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Family Law System, Parliament of Australia, 18 December 2019

[Submission to the Joint Committee of Public Account & Audit on The Efficiency and Effectiveness: with specific reference to Coordination and Targeting of Domestic Violence Funding and Action](#), 24 October 2019

Working Bee at The Women’s Library



Left: FLC Volunteers, Ann and Bronwyn (with screwdriver) with new shelving they helped construct



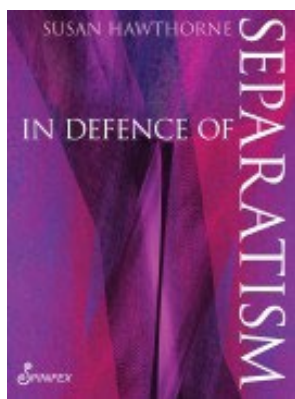
Right: TWL Volunteer, Hyo and TWL Chair, Denise with FLC Volunteer Rachel (seated). Rachel is one of three UTS students who completed a placement with FLC during the last quarter.

Workshops, Consultations & Events

Anna attended a round table on DV at Parliament House hosted by Trish Doyle MP, a WDV CAS tender consultation and a DV workshop at UTS and learnt more about how women's DV court support services are being compromised by their close relationship with police and other government agencies. Anna has written raising her concerns with Legal Aid and members of parliament. Anna also attended a briefing by Redfern Legal Centre in relation to the excessive and unlawful use of strip searching by NSW Police and together with Fiona and Ann attended the Sydney Peace Prize honouring the founders of the #MeToo movement.

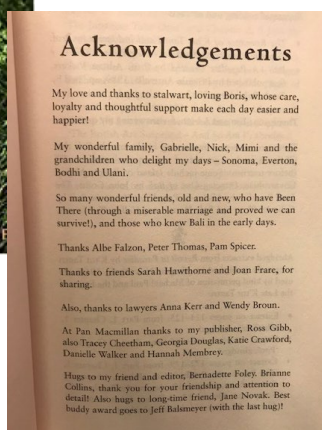
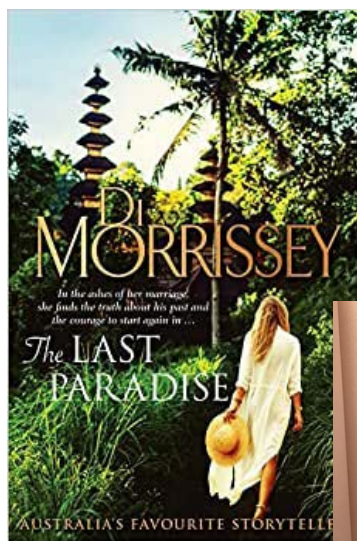
Recommended Summer Reading

For your radfem fix this summer we recommend this meticulously argued treatise by Susan Hawthorne, available from [Spinifex Press](#).



Or this impressive 200,000 word tome by Denise Thompson on [Masculinity & the Ruling of the World](#) available free on the internet.

For something lighter, we note Anna received an acknowledgement from Di Morrissey in her latest book about a woman who discovers her marriage and her husband are a fraud.



Radical Womyn Film Festival

Don't miss out on tickets to the Radical Womyn Film Festival coming to the Dendy Cinema in Newtown on 5 February 2019. Book [here](#).



Women's Human Rights Campaign

Visit the new Australian website we have created for the [Women's Human Rights Campaign](#) (WHRC) which is a group of volunteer women from across the globe dedicated to protecting women's sex-based rights. Our volunteers include academics, writers, organisers, activists, and health practitioners, and aim to represent the total breadth of the human female experience across races and boundaries.



Women Defendants Project

The Women Defendants Project is ongoing and more details can be found [here](#). Please distribute this [flyer](#) to women who may be interested in participating in this research.



Please Join as an FLC Member!

If you support the work we are doing and have not already joined, the link to do so [here](#).



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