

Our office in Glebe and our Women’s Court Support Service have closed till further notice because of the COVID-19 crisis. However, before the pandemic hit we had a busy start to the year.

Women’s Human Rights Campaign

On behalf of the Women’s Human Rights Campaign in Australia FLC [launched the Declaration on Women’s Sex-Based Rights](#) at events in Sydney and Brisbane. The Sydney event, Seeking Feminist Future: an Evening of Feminist Ideas, was held at Sydney University on Friday 21 February 2020. The event was initially marred by aggressive protest by misguided students who entered the auditorium by force and took the microphone from the speakers. They left when they realised the police had been called.



Seeking Feminist Future event. Speakers (from left) Dani Tauni and Renee Gerlich with Chair Prof Bronwyn Winters. Additional speaker, Fraser (not in frame) spoke about her experience of detransitioning and chose not to be photographed.



Anna launching Declaration at IWD Brisbane Meanjin Conference

On 7 March 2020 Anna attended an excellent conference in Brisbane organised by Anna McCormack of IWD Brisbane Meanjin. Aside from launching the Declaration, Anna also gave a presentation on [Transactivism – the State of Play](#). The following day we also attended the rally for IWD and listened to many inspiring speakers including the three pictured below:



From left, Ally Marie Diamond, Betty Taylor, Janet Fraser and her daughter holding the Women’s Guild NSW banner at IWD Brisbane Meanjin Rally.



IWD Brisbane Meanjin Rally

Radical Womyn Film Festival

The inaugural Radical Womyn Film Festival at the Dendy Cinema in Newtown on 5 February 2020 sold out and was a great success. We look forward to this event being an annual fixture in every Rad Fem calendar. Thanks go to Claire Couson for all her amazing hard work making it happen!

RADICAL WOMYN



FILM FESTIVAL 2020

Women Write Wiki



WikiCiteANZ participants, (from left) Margaret, Ann, Keren, Nicole and Siobhan

The Women Write Wiki groups headed by Ann Reynolds is going from strength to strength. Ann and Margaret attended WikiCiteANZ in Melbourne on 14 February. It was held in the Queen Victoria Women's Centre, the home of Emily's List. Then, for IWD, Wikimedia Australia and the National Gallery of Australia coordinated Australia-wide edit-a-thons for a #KnowMyName project to increase awareness of Australian women artists. 72 new Wikipedia articles were created, including contributions by WWW members Margaret, Chloe, Carlotta, Irma and Ann.



Sydney Know My Name edit-a-thon participants, (from left) Carlotta, Irma and others at the State Library of NSW



Members of the Women Write Wiki Group from left: Hillary, Margaret, Chloe, Anna, Jay (visiting), Ann and Carlotta.

WWW meetings are now taking place online.

TWL Mardi Gras Stall



Freddie and Anna at Mardi Gras Stall for The Women's Library

Articles & Submissions

We made the following submissions during the first quarter of the year:

[Submission to the Australian Government, Attorney General's Department on Religious Freedom Bill - Second Exposure Drafts, 31 January 2020.](#)

[Submission to the Queensland Law Reform Commission for Consent and Mistake of Fact Review, 31 January 2020.](#)

[Submission to the Queensland Parliament in relation to the Health Legislation Amendment Bill with focus on its Conversion Therapy amendments, January 2020.](#) This submission received a mention in the coverage by The Australian newspaper on 28 January 2020.

We also had the following article published: [Why must women go unprotected from violent male neighbours?](#), Opinion, Australian Lawyers Alliance, 30 January 2020.

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

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