

FOR SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS GENEROUSLY  
WITH OTHER WOMEN

## A MENTORING AWARD

Bronwyn Culling holds qualifications in Science, Genetic Counselling and Business Administration, and is a volunteer mentor at WIPAN – the Women in Prison Advocacy Network.

WIPAN works with women who face significant challenges such as mental health issues, drug and/or alcohol addiction, homelessness and trauma. Through her mentoring Bronwyn has offered role modelling and practical help to women with challenging histories at a time of transition from custody into the community.

Since May 2012 she has been matched with a woman who had spent 10 years in prison. Bronwyn's mentee reported that Bronwyn listened to her for hours, helped her navigate the public housing bureaucracy, and provided emotional and practical support. Without Bronwyn she would have suicided or reoffended.

*I would probably be dead, she said.*

Such is the impact of Bronwyn's mentoring at WIPAN.

She has truly made a feminist difference, building social capital with her female-oriented guidance.



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