



**VICTORIAN  
WOMEN  
LAWYERS**



# Women in Prison

## A Panel Discussion

Held in Partnership with Sisters Inside



Please join us for a panel discussion to examine and consider why Australian women may face incarceration and what they face when, and following, incarceration.

In 2017, VWL's Justice Committee has focused on issues faced by Australian women who are or who have been incarcerated.

This panel discussion will highlight the need for national attention to recognise the increasing population of Australian women in prison and the challenges they face in, and out, of the justice system.

### DATE

Thursday, 19 October 2017

### TIME

5:30pm: Registration and light refreshments

6.00pm: Panel discussion

### LOCATION

DLA Piper  
Level 21, 140 William Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

### COST

Members \$10.00

Non-members \$15.00

All money raised will be donated to the Sisters Inside Fund for Children.

### REGISTRATION

[www.vwl.asn.au/events](http://www.vwl.asn.au/events)

Do you have a question for our panel?  
Send an email to [vwl@liv.asn.au](mailto:vwl@liv.asn.au)

### PANELLISTS: DEBBIE KILROY OAM



Debbie is the Chief Executive Officer of Sisters Inside, a member of the Queensland Sentencing Council and an admitted Australian Legal Practitioner.

Debbie spent six years in prison for drug trafficking offences as a young woman. Following her release, she founded Sisters Inside, an organisation dedicated to fighting for human rights of women in the criminal justice system and addressing gaps in services available to the women and their children.

Debbie has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal, the Australian Human Rights Award, and the Churchill Fellowship for her work and advocacy.

### JILL PRIOR



Jill is the inaugural Principal Legal Officer of the Law and Advocacy Centre for Women (LACW). The LACW provides speciality and holistic assistance to women in or at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

Prior to establishing the LACW in 2016, Jill was the Principal Legal Officer at the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service and the Acting Principal Legal Officer of the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria.

Jill is a Law Institute of Victoria Accredited Criminal Law Specialist.

### SIMONE LAWRIE



Simone is the Manager of the Marmak Program, a 20 bed residential mental health program for female prisoners at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre.

Simone has extensive experience in Forensic Mental Health Nursing having spent the past 10 years working in prisons. During that time, Simone has also worked within the Victoria Court system as a Mental Health Court Liaison Nurse.

Simone offers a unique perspective on the interplay between mental health, incarceration, and the role of forensic mental health care.