

Politics in the Pub

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**Public Education
beats crime
~~any day~~
every day**

Rod Brooks Memorial

The Baird government has announced that 138 of the 158 teachers working in gaols are to be made redundant and replaced by clerical staff, and for educational program content to be outsourced.

We invite an ex-prisoner and a gaol teacher to discuss the impact of this decision.

Want to do something about this? Go to this link to print, sign and collect signatures on this petition:

<https://m.nswtf.org.au/news/2016/06/30/get-petition-to-parliament.html>

Brett Collins

An ex-prisoner once classed as "intractable", Brett Collins has represented the interests of detainees for over 30 years as Co-ordinator for Justice for Action, as a spokesperson for the Prisoners' Action Group and, while in gaol, as a paralegal and on internal committees.



He's Founder and Managing Director of Breakout Media Communications, a social justice enterprise which employs and trains ex-prisoners and offers print, design and web services to many unions, community groups and corporations. Proceeds fund Justice Action and related projects.

A graduate with an Arts degree in Law and Economics from University of Queensland and a postgraduate Diploma in Criminology from Sydney University Law School the campaigns he has been involved in to support prisoners, ex-prisoners and mental health patients are too many to list here.

He is the current NSW record-holder for remaining on a prison roof - 3 days.

Stewart Burkitt

An Education Officer at Long Bay Gaol and an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher for 15 years, Stewart Burkitt is President of the Corrective Services Teachers Association (part of the NSW Teachers Federation). He is also a Delegate to Unions NSW.



Leanne Tobin

Leanne Tobin is descended from the Boorooberongal and Wumali clans of the Darug, the traditional Aboriginal people of the Greater Sydney region.

She works across the arts to tell stories of place visually and orally to evoke an environmental and empathetic conscience in others toward the land and its original people.

A primary teacher and professional artist, Leanne currently works casually with TAFE Outreach providing art and cultural education classes to Indigenous students in local correctional centres.



From 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturday, 3rd September, 2016

The Dining Room, Family Hotel, 15 Parke St, Katoomba

includes Q&A's from the audience.

FREE ADMISSION!