



## **New Governor congratulates Corrective Services NSW recruits**

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The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, has today attended an attestation parade of correctional-officer recruits as they joined the ranks of Corrective Services NSW.

One week after being sworn-in as the state's 39th Governor, Her Excellency congratulated the 71 custodial and Community Corrections recruits at the Brush Farm Academy, in Sydney's north, and welcomed them into their new roles.

"To all of you, be proud of the skills you have learned. Through your dedication you extol the values of rehabilitation and community safety," the Governor said.

"On behalf of the community, I thank you for your service and wish you all the best as you grow in your career."

Eighteen Community Corrections officers attained a Certificate IV in Correctional Practice after undertaking training and a 10-month placement.

Fifty-three custodial recruits completed 10 weeks of training and will now spend 12 months on-the-job to attain their Certificate III in Correctional Practice.

CSNSW Commissioner Peter Severin said the recruits would embark on a rewarding career in corrections and play a vital role in keeping our community safe.

"Our experienced training-staff have done a good job sharing their expertise and giving our new recruits the exposure they need to be ready for the role," Mr Severin said.

Former construction worker Alison Chymiak had always been interested in a job in corrections and finally signed up after speaking with a prison officer friend.

"The support from the trainers and scenario-based activities, such as cell search operations, have given me a confidence-boost heading into the job," Ms Chymiak said.

"I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to pursue a secure and fulfilling career."

Former paramedic Amy Clansey said as an Aboriginal woman she was looking forward to assisting Aboriginal female inmates.

"I want to be able to share my story, provide hope, help others and give back to the community," Ms Clansey said.

"The training really opened my eyes to just how many vital areas there are in a prison, including programs and industries."