



Hon Greg Smith SC MP

Attorney General
Minister for Justice

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ATTORNEY GENERAL PARDONS BAIL OUT PARTICIPANTS

The NSW Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Greg Smith SC, has today pardoned 'inmates' who took part in the Whitelion Bail Out event at Yasmar Juvenile Detention Centre.

Barristers, businessmen and an advertising executive are among 60 'inmates' who have paid at least \$1,000 each to be locked up overnight in order to help young people stay out of jail.

The 'inmates' who arrived at the former detention centre on Friday for processing included: BMF director, Warren Brown; Maurice Byers barristers Philip Strickland SC, Ertunc Ozen and Nicholas Broadbent, as well as Lend Lease director David Tucker and General Manager NSW/ACT David Paterson.

Mr Smith said he was a strong supporter of the event, which has made a real difference to young people's lives.

"Whitelion works closely with Juvenile Justice staff to provide our young offenders in NSW with a job that will help them stay on the right track.

"The businesses who have signed up with Whitelion should be congratulated and I would encourage other businesses to lend their support to this worthy cause.

"Employment provides young offenders with structure, purpose, confidence and skills.

"Young offenders should be doing something productive and not destructive, and these initiatives help make that possible," Mr Smith said.

Whitelion is a national non-profit organisation which offers young people mentoring, education, training, jobs and connection to community.