



Unlikely alliance for a worthy cause

MAXIMUM security inmates at Laverton's Port Phillip Prison are doing time helping out an unlikely organisation – the Australian Breastfeeding Association.

The inmates, who were all part of the "Doin' Time" educational program for young offenders, hand-printed 500 tea towels with the image of a breastfeeding

mother and her child, to be sold to raise money for the association.

Association volunteer and public health nurse at Port Phillip Prison, Nyree Chung, said the inmates usually printed T-shirts but were happy turn their attention to tea towels.

"The purpose of the program is to give young men skills to reduce

the risk of reoffending," Ms Chung said.

"Trying to print and dye tea towels is tricky, but they were fabulous.

"The young men were just fantastic and they did everything they could to get us (the) product we wanted.

"It's a dying art."



Public health nurse Nyree Chung with Mataso, 5, and some of the tea towels hand-printed by prisoners at Laverton's Port Phillip Prison.

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