STREET LAW CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020



Street Law Centre respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land as being the first peoples of this country. We acknowledge the custodians of the land on which we work, the Wadjuk (Perth region) people of the Noongar nation. We embrace the expansive Aboriginal cultural diversity though out Western Australia and pay respect to elders past, present, and emerging and recognise their continuing connection to country, water and sky.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Street Law's year was full of challenges and opportunities. Despite the obstacles, in 2019/2020, Street Law's staff, secondees, volunteers and Management Committee delivered services to Street Law's clients in new and innovative ways.

In March 2020, much like the rest of Australia and across the world, the COVID-19 pandemic caused Street Law's personnel to rapidly transition to working from home. The flexibility and willingness of all Street Law personnel to continue working in difficult circumstances is a credit to all. Street Law's unique challenge was to continue to deliver outreach legal services during pandemic-related restrictions. Videoconferencing facilities were used to meet clients and take instructions. The fact that Western Australia has not required the strictest pandemic-related restrictions due to minimal community transmission has allowed Street Law to recommence the provision of some in-person services. However, the pandemic has made Street Law personnel realise that we must remain flexible in how we think about service delivery, to ensure that Street Law's clients can continue to count on us.

In 2020, Street Law celebrated its tenth year of operation, after receiving its initial pilot funding from State and Commonwealth governments in 2010. Street Law continues to receive this generous funding from government sources, and further funding from the Law Society of Western Australia's Public Purposes Trust. Street Law's Management Committee continues to explore how to ensure the sustainability of Street Law, both financially and operationally. The key to ensuring Street Law's sustainability is our ability to show the contribution Street Law makes to achieving its vision of a compassionate community where every person has a safe place to call home. Street Law remains open to working with all partners in the community who share our vision and seek to make that vision a reality.

Personally, I would like to thank Street Law's staff, secondees, volunteers and Management Committee members for their continued efforts on behalf of Street Law's clients. Thanks must also go to Street Law's partner law firms, host agencies, funders, collaborating legal centres, and other pro-bono partners. I am proud to work with so many dedicated individuals and organisations.

I hope that through this Annual Report, you are able to appreciate the Street Law's efforts in this Financial Year. These efforts will continue as we pursue Street Law's mission - championing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, through our legal work for social justice.

DREW BROADFOOT

CHAIR OF STREET LAW CENTRE WA

WE ARE INSPIRED BY THE VISION OF A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME.

WE WORK TOWARDS OUR
VISION BY CHAMPIONING
FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
OR AT RISK OF
HOMELESSNESS, THROUGH
OUR LEGAL WORK FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE.



OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

Our team champions for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Advocating for our clients, looking for new ways to increase the reach of our service.

- **Qur team drives change**Driving change and leading legal initiatives to eliminate and prevent homelessness
- Our team makes an impact

 Making a difference through innovative and collaborative service delivery
- Our team are supported by an organisation built for purpose

Working to ensure our organisational structure is sustainable and equipped for the work that lies ahead

Our team are empowered through our workplace culture

Supporting our people through creating a collaborative and supportive culture

OUR FUNDERS

State Criminal Property Confiscation Funds and the Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program. Additionally, the Department of Justice for the Safe as Houses program and The Law Society Public Purposes Trust provide funding for our Community Legal Education Program.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON

Drew Broadfoot

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TREASURER

Mackenzie Godson Stephen Gibson*

SECRETARY

Julian Blais

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tim Langmead Leon Magistro

*resigned during the financial year

PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES FOR CLIENTS

FRANCIS BURT CHAMBERS

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ALBERT WOLFF CHAMBERS

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STEPHEN GABRIEL

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Vishan Kakara Atchamah

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Meredith Blais Alice Dolphin Aymon Liedel Frances Tomasi

SECONDEES

ASHURST

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CORRS

Louis Mitchell Tessa Richardson

DENTONS

Ebenezer Assibey-Bonsu Sigourney Drane Laura Newport

KING & WOOD MALLESONS

Olivia Harle Sharon Ho Holly Gretton Tahnee Gibson Laura Jackson Mitchell Blott Adriana Costanzo

MINTER ELLISON

Jonathon Cockroft

OUR TEAM

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Ann-Margaret Walsh

SOLICITORS

Anna Hitomi Shounok Chatterjee

OFFICE COORDINATOR

Corinne Mercer

SOLICITOR & CLE COORDINATOR

Rachael Doraisamy*

SOLICITOR & CLE PROJECT OFFICER

Stacey Price*

resigned during the financialyear

This year has been challenging for everyone. We would like to congratulate each and every present and former staff member.

Everyone has responded admirably by working towards our vision and responding to the legal needs of our clients. A quarter of the year was spent working remotely which required higher levels of supervision, innovation and collaboration. A big thank you to the entire team.

OUR CENTRE

Street Law has continued to deliver legal services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness for ten years. Through our exclusive outreach model and telephone advice line we have provided access to justice for our clients.

During our ten years of operation we have expanded our outreach legal clinics and the legal services are delivered. The colocation of services has enabled Street Law to develop strong relationships with service providers which includes case managers, health services and housing support services. These relationships ensure Street Law's clients have access to all the services and supports they need to deal with the legal and non-legal issues that they are confronting on a daily basis. A holistic response is key to resolution of the factors that cause homelessness.







WHAT OUR PARTNERS AT PASSAGES SAID

The Passages Hub has been extremely fortunate to have formed a working relationship with the Street Law team. Due to the transient nature of our clients that are homeless or at risk of homelessness we often notice that they are vulnerable to the law and lack support navigating through and understanding the legal system. It is extremely important for our clients to be empowered with the knowledge and advice that the Street Law team has been able to consistently provide whilst working collaboratively. Not only do our young people benefit from Street Law visiting Passages on a weekly basis but their staff are always happy to bestow our youth workers with their knowledge and information pertaining to the legal system, equipping our workers with a better understanding and empowering us to broaden our capacity and provide our young people with quality support. Passages staff have observed how well the lawyers are able to simplify legal terms and processes when walking our young people through their legal matters and challenges. When youth workers are unable to give legal advice and the Street Law worker is not present at the Hub we are always able to make a call to the Street Law team and speak with a lawyer or staff member who are always happy to go above and beyond for our young people. The Passages service prioritises providing a safe space and the Street Law staff have always embodied the same non-judgmental approach when visiting the hub



WHAT OUR PARTNERS AT ST PAT'S SAID

"We firmly believe in the power of a multi-lateral, collective impact approach to solving social problems, and we are so grateful to Street Law for their continued allyship in addressing chronic homelessness in our community."

"St Pat's Day Centre in Fremantle welcomes hundreds of people who are experiencing homelessness through its doors every week, many of whom are dealing with complex issues and trauma including familial or financial problems, addiction and domestic violence."

"It has been absolutely invaluable having Street Law representatives at St Pat's every week. They have helped our clients work through some difficult issues, from infringements to gaining ID documents to debts and discriminations, ultimately empowering them with the knowledge and tools to move forward with their lives."



WHAT OUR PARTNERS AT STREET CONNECT SAID

The work of Street Law is invaluable in providing holistic, wraparound support for the young people who access Street Connect. Street Law is accessible, available and can provide support on a broad range of matters, from criminal injuries compensation applications to assault charges to fines and infringements to referrals for specialist services such as family law. Street Law staff are non-judgmental, knowledgeable and work effectively with young people who are marginalised by broader society and experience barriers to accessing other services. It is great to have a reliable, trustworthy and professional service to connect young people to support them with legal issues.



STREET LAW ASSISTED **346** INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS OVER THE FINANCIAL YEAR AND **19** COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

71% of our clients experienced homelessness, and26% were at risk of homelessness.

ONE THIRD OF THE
CLIENTS WE
SAW THIS FINANCIAL YEAR
WERE RETURN CLIENTS

19% of our clients are street present.

- 25 % of clients indicated family or domestic violence
- 54% indicated a disability of which 34% were mental health issues
- 93% of clients were at a financial disadvantage
- 22% of our total client group were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make up 3.1% of the WA population, and 29% of the WA homeless population (ABS 2016 census).
- 22% of our client group were under 25

LEGAL SERVICES

Street Law's clients present with varied legal issues and Street Law lawyers are trained to respond. Service provision is made more complex not only due to the number of legal issues faced by our clients, but because they are marginalised and experience social exclusion.

Complexities are further compounded by the adversity and trauma our clients experience and the daily challenges they face such as trying to stay safe, gain access to safe accommodation showers, and toilets.



500 LEGAL ADVICE SERVICES

DELIVERED

1052 LEGAL TASKS

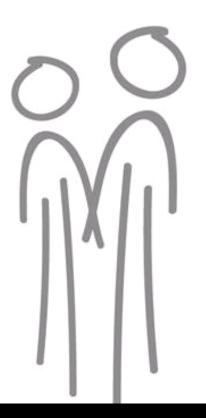
COMPLETED

135 REFERRALS TO OTHER

LEGAL SERVICES

78 LEGAL INFORMATION

SERVICES PROVIDED



LAW
TYPE ACROSS ALL
PROGRAMS AND
LEGAL SERVICES
75% CIVIL
20% CRIMINAL
5% FAMILY



CORE SERVICE DELIVERY

WE OPENED A TOTAL OF **50 ONGOING**REPRESENTATION SERVICES. THERE WERE **12**COURT/TRIBUNAL (CRIMINAL) CASES OPENED
AND **38 OTHER REPRESENTATION (CIVIL) CASES**OPENED.

TOP 5 LEGAL ISSUES

26% ID DOCUMENTS

19%
VARIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENCES

18% FINES AND INFRINGEMENTS

10%
CRIMINAL INJURIES
COMPENSATION

4%
CIVIL VIOLENCE RESTRAINING
ORDERS

OUR CORE SERVICES ARE FUNDED THROUGH STATE CRIMINAL PROPERTY CONFISCATION FUNDS AND THE COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM.

*This information excludes the SasH program

SAFE AS HOUSES PROGRAM

'WE ASSISTED 4 NEW CLIENTS AND COMPLETED ONGOING REPRESENTATION SERVICES (CASES) FOR 9 EXISTING CLIENTS THROUGH THE SASH PROGRAM. THE SASH PROGRAM IS A COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM, THE PARTNERS BEING TENANCY WA (LEAD AGENCY), STREET LAW CENTRE AND WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE.

THIS PROGRAM WAS ONLY FUNDED FOR **53**% OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

TOP 5 LEGAL ISSUES

22%
ILLICIT DRUG OFFENCES MINOR

FAMILY OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDER

20%

20%
CRIMINAL INJURIES
COMPENSATION

9%DEBT OWED BY CLIENT

4%
ACTS INTENDING TO CAUSE
INJURY

3 COURT/TRIBUNAL
(CRIMINAL) CASES RESOLVED
6 OTHER REPRESENTATION
(CIVIL) CASES RESOLVED





CASE STUDY AALIYAH'S STORY

Managing finances is challenging for everyone, but even more so when people are isolated and experiencing abuse. Aaliyah came to Street Law with mounting debt from pay day loans and utility bills. The strain was contributing to poor mental health and her risk of homelessness. Her sole income was a Disability Support Pension and Aaliyah had no family in Western Australia.

Street Law met with Aaliyah listened to her story, to understand her immediate concerns and present options for courses of action that could be taken. Aaliyah agreed for one matter to be referred to Consumer Credit Legal Service which helped to clear that debt.

Street Law then identified a number of loans from the one lender, who held an Australian Credit Licence issued by ASIC. Asliyah instructed that she was forced into taking the loans out in her name by her ex-partner on multiple occasions over 2018. She was fearful about what would happen if she didn't take out the loans.

The loans originally amounted to \$2,100. Aaliyah was defaulting in her repayments due to her low fixed income. Each default would incur additional fees in addition to monthly service fees. Sadly, even though she had been trying to pay these off for over a year, the total amount owing when she came to Street Law in 2019 had actually grown to \$2,200.

Street Law wrote to the lender concerned on behalf of our client. We highlighted that it was irresponsible to lend to Aaliyah as it should have been known from their preliminary assessment that she wouldn't have been able to comply with the financial requirements of the contract and that she would have experienced financial hardship as a result. This was potentially a violation of the unjustness provisions of the National Credit Code.

Separately, we also learned that Aaliyah was forced into paying her ex-partner's speeding fine of \$500. Street Law assisted the client in writing a statutory declaration which outlined the level of control and fear she experienced which led to Aaliyah being forced into paying for the infringement and incurring multiple demerit points.

Resolving this issue was challenging, given that liability had previously been accepted by Aaliyah.

Persistence paid off and the WA Police confirmed that they would withdraw the infringement, refund her \$500, and retract her demerits.

Street Law also provided Aaliyah with general advice on Family Violence Restraining Orders and Violence Restraining Orders. We were able to assist Aaliyah with addressing many of her debt issues, which resulted in her becoming more financially stable and her accommodation becoming more secure.





Jane was referred to Street Law from the Safe as Houses Program in March 2019. Jane required assistance with multiple legal issues being a criminal injuries compensation claim, outstanding fines and infringements and an error in her birth certificate (which created inconsistencies with her identity documents).

Street Law assisted Jane with each of her legal issues. Her criminal injuries compensation application related to injuries she sustained in an assault by her ex-partner. We secured documentation from Freedom of Information Applications and organised medical assessments which assisted Jane to prepare a statement outlining the effect of the assault on her life. Her criminal injuries compensation application has been submitted and is pending.

At the time Jane instructed us a warrant for her arrest had been issued due to the non-payment of her court fines. We provided advice as to her options and negotiated a payment schedule which Jane was able to afford. This resulted in the warrant for Jane's arrest being withdrawn. (This action was taken prior to the amendments to the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994 in 2020 which ensures imprisonment for non payment of fines can only occur once a Court order has been made).

Addressing the identity issues was fundamental to securing a range of services, reducing unnecessary complexity in Jane's life, and respecting her family lineage. Street Law requested documents including the Birth Information Paper from the relevant government agency, completed shortly after Jane's birth almost fifty years ago, and other documents from the hospital where Jane was born. The hospital documents had recorded the correct spelling of Jane's name. An initial application from Street Law to correct Jane's birth certificate was refused. It was suggested an application be made to change Jane's name rather than correct her Birth Certificate.

Jane again explained that her mother's family name had been spelt differently than recorded on her Birth Certificate.

We obtained a copy of her late mother's Death Certificate which contained the correct spelling of Jane's family name.

The documents obtained through the family history application contained various Department of Native Welfare forms which highlighted that Jane's mother was unable to write or sign her name. This supported the submission that a representative of the Native Welfare Department completed Jane's Birth Information Paper incorrectly and that her mother was unable to read the document and correct the error. Street Law then made a second application to correct Jane's birth certificate highlighting the error that had been made. This application was successful, and an accurate and correct Birth Certificate has now been provided to Jane and officially recorded.



CASE STUDY JONNY'S STORY

Jonny, who was staying in transitional accommodation, attended our St. Pat's legal clinic having been charged with Disorderly Conduct. He had already pleaded not guilty and the trial was listed to take place within 14 days of us first meeting with him.

The charge resulted from an incident that took place at a service station close to where Jonny was staying. Jonny was highly embarrassed as this incident occurred at a service station he frequented regularly. It was also important to Jonny that he not have a conviction as he wanted to obtain a security guard's license to increase his opportunities for employment.

Jonny advised that the incident occurred when he was in a queue with approximately five people behind him. He paid for his goods and as he turned to leave, a man from the queue stepped out in front of him and punched Jonny hard, to the side of his head.

Jonny and this person wrestled to the ground where Jonny was able to restrain him.

Both were charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Jonny's instructions were that he was not disorderly. He was only seeking to restrain the person who had just assaulted him. Street Law agreed to review the disclosure documents and the CCTV and undertake a merits assessment.

The CCTV clearly captured the incident and showed Jonny being assaulted, the struggle and Jonny successfully restraining the person. A review of the statements also showed inconsistencies between Jonny's and the man who assaulted him.

Street Law prepared a submission for the investigating officer, requesting that the charge be withdrawn. Our argument was accepted and the matter was withdrawn by the prosecutor.

The outcome was significant for Jonny. He was spared the need to go to trial, the charge was withdrawn and he was able to continue to seek qualifications for his security licence.



IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

IN EARLY 2020, STREET LAW RECIEVED DONATIONS OF **\$2000** FROM BOTH **ASHURST** AND **MINTER ELLISON** SPECIFICALLY FOR FUNDING ID EXPENSES. THE BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES WA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FEE EXEMPTION WAS ALSO SIGNED IN MARCH, VALUED AT **\$4000** OVER TWO YEARS. THIS ALLOWS STREET LAW TO INCREASE CLIENT ACCESS TO IDENTITY DOCUMENTS, A HUMAN RIGHT AND NECESSITY TO ACCESS HOUSING AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

ID CASE STUDY SNIPPET

In late 2019, 17-year-old Shannon connected with Street Law at our outreach legal clinic at Passages Youth Engagement Hub. Shannon was homeless, and not attending school. She came to us because she needed her birth certificate to apply for Centrelink and open a bank account. Shannon told us that she discovered that her birth had never been registered.

Street Law advocated for Shannon and contacted the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages as her circumstances created significant barriers for her to navigate the situation herself. We obtained details from Shannon about her family and submitted them to the Registry, and asked them to consider Shannon's extenuating circumstances.

Within two weeks of making this request, Shannon's birth was registered, and we were sent her birth certificate. Now, Shannon can open a bank account, apply for Centrelink, and even apply for her Learner's Permit.

Unfortunately, Shannon's situation is not an isolated one. Helping clients get basic forms of ID is one of the greater areas of assistance that Street Law provides. Not only is it needed for legal and financial reasons, possessing adequate identification is a fundamental human right.

SECONDEE SUPPORT

THIS YEAR SAW TWO NEW PRO BONO LAW FIRM PARTNERSHIPS - MINTER ELLISON AND DENTONS, WHO JOIN OUR LONG-STANDING PARTNERS; ASHURST, CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH AND KING AND WOOD MALLESONS. IN TOTAL THEY CONTRIBUTED A RECORD **1295 PRO BONO HOURS.**

VOLUNTEER LAW STUDENTS

IN ADDITION, OUR VOLUNTEER

LAW STUDENTS CONTRIBUTED **1562** HOURS

TO STREET LAW OVER THE FINANCIAL YEAR. THESE VOLUNTEERS ARE USUALLY
FINAL-YEAR LAW STUDENTS WHO GO THROUGH OUR RECRUITMENT PROCESS

AND VOLUNTEER WITH STREET LAW FOR AT LEAST 3

MONTHS.

LASTLY, STREET LAW RECIEVED THE BENEFIT OF **640** HOURS FROM A VOLUNTEER RESTRICTED PRACTIONER, SHOUNOK CHATTERJEE, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AS A SOLICITOR LATER IN THE YEAR.

PRO BONO IMPACT

THE VALUE OF OUR PRO BONO AND LEGAL VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION MORE THAN TRIPLES OUR CORE FUNDING. SECONDEE LAW GRADUATES, LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS PROVIDED CLOSE TO **3,500** HOURS TO STREET LAW VALUED AT **\$875,000**.

THIS FIGURE HAS BEEN CALCULATED USING **\$250 PER HOUR A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE** OF THE TRUE VALUE OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED.

Our volunteers ensure Street Law can continue to deliver high quality legal services.

Street Law prides itself on quality supervision, support, and mentoring of our volunteer staff. We are proud to contribute to the development of our volunteers legal skills, professionalism, and how to conduct themselves with empathy and compassion. It is an immense privilege to work with the future of the legal profession.

"ADVOCATING FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT **WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE DIFFICULTIES ACCESSING LEGAL SERVICES** AND SEEING THE IMPACT THAT THE SERVICES STREET LAW CAN HAVE ON THEIR **LIVES HAS BEEN FANTASTIC. THE SUCCESSES WE ACHIEVE** FOR CLIENTS ARE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND **PERSONALLY REWARDING."**

PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES

EXPERT ADVICE AND REPRESENTATION PROVIDED PRO BONO TO STREET LAW'S CLIENTS AND TO THE STREET LAW SERVICE IS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$10,000.

PRO BONO LEGAL ASSISTANCE INCREASES OUR CAPACITY TO PROVIDE QUALITY ASSISTANCE TO OUR CLIENTS

ASSISTANCE TO STREET LAW CLIENTS

We have a longstanding relationship with law firms and the WA Bar Association. The generosity of these lawyers provides our clients with legal representation in Court and legal advice on complex matters.

ASSISTANCE TO STREET LAW

This year, Street Law received assistance from Herbert Smith Freehills, Clayton Utz, and Moore Stephens, who have once again provided us with a pro bono financial audit.



COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

THE CLE PROGRAM FOCUSED ON PROVIDING BOTH COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS, OUR CLIENT GROUP AND EXTENSIVE TRAINING TO OUR OWN VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF.

STREET LAW PROVIDED DIRECT TRAINING TO:

55 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness

5 regional community legal centre staff and volunteers

60 community workers

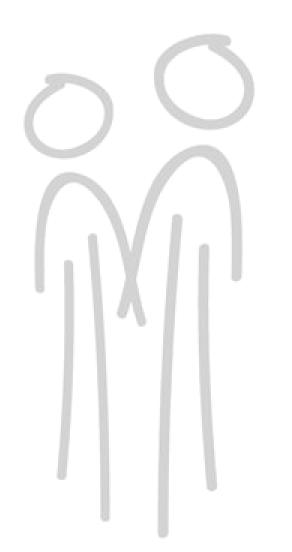
46 Street Law staff and volunteers

STREET LAW DEVELOPED:

49 discrete resources for CLE delivery

LAW REFORM & CAPACITY BUILDING

THIS YEAR WE CONTRIBUTED TO LAW REFORM. WE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN DIFFERENT FORUMS TO HIGHLIGHT THE LEGAL ISSUES FACED BY OUR CLIENTS AND TO RAISE AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY OF THESE ISSUES AND OUR SERVICES.



LAW REFORM

CONTRIBUTION
TO CRIMINALISATION OF
HOMELESSNESS RESEARCH
(UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND)

HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE 2019-20

RESPONSE
TO FINES, PENALTIES AND
INFRINGEMENTS NOTICES
ENFORCEMENT ACT 1994
AMENDMENT BILL 2019
CONSULTATION

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

LEGAL PUBLIC INSURANCE INDEMNITY SUBCOMMITTEE

SHELTER WA MEMBER

WA ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS (WAAEH)





10 YEARS OF STREET LAW CENTRE!

HIGHLIGHTS

2010

- Street Law secures funding and becomes operational
- Outreach Clinics at Ruah
- Sreet Law attends Homeless Connect for the first time
- 1800 free telephone advice line established

2011

- Officialy launched on 15 March by Chief Justice Wayne Martin
- Outreach clinics at Tranby and Passages open
- First Community Legal Education session held
- Law students commence volunteering

2012

- Secondment model from Law Firms commences
- Free advice line opened to increase accessibility for clients

2013

- Outreach clinic at St Patrick's opens
- Contributes to Shelter WA Law Reform submission on homelessness legislation

2014

- Nominated as a finalist in WACOSS Community Services Excellence Awards
- Law Reform and Advocacy on why begging should not be a crime including a guest spot on "The Project"
- Achieves Quality Assurance Accreditation Level 2 as a Community Legal Centre

STREETLAW CENTRE WA INC. Homeless Persons' Free Legal Advice Clinic

ABN 19 763 280 871

10 YEARS OF STREET LAW CENTRE!

HIGHLIGHTS

2015

- "Wallet Card" Community Legal Education project highly visible and successful in helping clients to identify legal issues and find appropriate services
- Law Reform work and submission on the "Enforcement of Infringement Notices and Fines"

2016

 Law Reform and advocacy on the Boarder and Lodging Working Group and Criminal Code Infringement Notices

2017

- Street Law collaborates with Women's Law Centre and Tenancy WA to create and launch the Safe as Houses Program
- Legal volunteers provide 1904 hours of service

2018

- In one year, Safe as Houses program assists 118 women fleeing domestic violence situations with immediate, practical assistance combined with legal advice
- Nominated as a finalist in WACOSS Community Services Excellence Awards

2019

- Chief Justice Peter Quinlan launches Street Law ID app
- Street Law wins Attorney General's Community Service Law award

2020

- Street Law lawyers have provided legal services to over 2000 people since inception
- Street Law contributes to major legislative reform with critical amendments to the Fines, Penalties and Infingement Notices Enforcement Act 1994 Homeless Persons' Free Legal Advice Clinic Which included the Work & Development Permit Scheme and prison becoming the option of last resort for unpaid fines

STREETLAW CENTRE WA INC.



Street Law Centre WA Incorporated

FINANCIAL REPORT

2019-2020

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OFFICEHOLDERS' DECLARATION

The Officeholders have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The Officeholders have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Officeholders of the Association declare that:

- (a) The financial statements and notes attached present fairly the Association's financial position as at 30/06/2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
- (b) In the Officeholders' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Regulation 2013 (Cth).

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Officeholders.

Drew Broadfoot

Dated: 30

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Street Law Centre WA Incorporated ABN 19 763 280 871 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	216,299	154,478
Other assets	3	33,763	6,747
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		250,062	161,225
NON-CURRENT ASSETS) .		
Plant and equipment	4	1,254	3,020
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,254	3,020
TOTAL ASSETS		251,316	164,245
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	4,105	5,008
Provisions	6	45,022	42,378
Tax liabilities	7	9,869	25,546
Other liabilities	8 _	70,666	3,608
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	129,662	76,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	129,662	76,540
NET ASSETS	_	121,654	87,705
	R 		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated funds		82,748	48,799
Capital reserves	-	38,906	38,906
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	31-	121,654	87,705

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Street Law Centre WA Incorporated ABN 19 763 280 871 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 30 June 2020

For the year ended 30 June 2020	2020 \$	2019 \$
INCOME		
Commonwealth CLSP Funding	77,796	81,340
State CPC Funding	195,000	239,983
Public Purposes Trust - Triennial Grant	65,384	153,757
Safe as Houses Partnership	27,625	29,177
Emergency Relief	3,608	4,023
Lotterywest Strategic Plan Funding	0	12,000
Donations	11,500	4,731
Membership fees	27	36
Interest received	223	729
Miscellaneous income	4,430	3,918
ATO Cash Flow Boost	27,744	3,918
ATO Casiff low boost	413,337	529,694
EXPENDITURE	413,357	529,694
Advertising & Marketing	0	20
Annual Leave & Long Service Leave	4,348	12,555
Bank fees	668	1,329
Clients disbursements	9,305	4,105
Consultant Fees	6,750	14,182
Depreciation	1,766	977
Insurance	2,883	3,504
Internet	1,370	918
IT Cloud Computer Services	•	
· ·	11,379	8,105
Management committee expenses	36	363
Minor Equipment	1,174	1,227
Mobile Telephone	714	601
Postage Continue Cont	2,436	882
Practising Certificates	4,708	4,395
Printing and stationery	5,025	4,811
Recruitment expenses	130	265
Rent	29,167	28,516
Repairs and maintenance	188	767
Resource Development	2,109	7,966
Staff amenities	467	265
Staff training	2,930	2,578
Subscription & Dues	4,56 5	4,437
Superannuation	24,207	33,729
Telephone and fax	2,904	2,972
Travelling expenses	7,017	18,241
Wages & Salaries	250,502	349,451
Website design	1,234	1,798
Wellness Payment	1,180	1,691
Other Premises Costs	226	242
	379,388	510,892
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS	33,949	18,802
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss	0	0
Total other comprehensive income for the year	0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year	33,949	18,802
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Street Law Centre WA Incorporated ABN 19 763 280 871 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Accumulated Funds \$	Capital Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2018	29,997	38,906	68,903
Other Comprehensive Income	18,802	0	18,802
Balance at 30 June 2019	48,799	38,906	87,705
Other Comprehensive Income	33,949	0	33,949
Balance at 30 June 2020	82,748	38,906	121,654

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Street Law Centre WA Incorporated ABN 19 763 280 871 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 30 June 2020

For the year ended 30 June 2020	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers and employees		413,337 (351,516)	529,954 (563,007)
Net cash used in operating activities	9(b)	61,821	(33,054)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Payment for property, plant and equipment Net cash used in investing activities		0	(3,997)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net increase/decrease in cash held Cash at the beginning of year Cash at end of year	9(a)	61,821 154,478 216,299	(37,051) 191,529 154,478

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements cover Street Law Centre WA Incorporated as an individual entity and is a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 (Cth). The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements

- AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements;
- AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows;
- AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- AASB 1048: Interpretation of Standards; and
- AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures.

(a) Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of the reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised immediately in Profit and Loss. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

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The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is available for use.

(b) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

Provision is made for employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss as a part of employee benefits expense.

(c) Accounts receivable and other debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

(d) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables

(g) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue. The Association has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities using the cumulative effective method of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 at the date of initial application on 1 July 2019. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be presented under AASB 118: Revenue and AASB 1004: Contributions. The details of accounting policies under AASB 118 and AASB 1004 are disclosed separately since they are different from those under AASB 15 and AASB 1058, and the impact

In the current year

Operating Grants and Donations

When the Association receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138)
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer)
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and
 If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the association recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

The Association recognises income in profit or loss when or as the association satisfies its obligations under the terms of Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

In the comparative period

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(i) Accounts payable and other payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(i) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(k) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth).

(I) Economic Dependence

Street Law is dependent on the Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program (CCLSP) and State Community Legal Services Program (SCLSP) for the majority of its revenue used to operate the centre. The grant funding has been extended to 30 June 2021.

(m) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(n) New and Amended Accounting Policies Adopted the Association

Initial application of AASB 16 - Leases

The Association has adopted AASB 16: Leases with a date of initial application of 1 July 2019. As a result, the Association has changed its accounting policy (see note f).

The directors assessed that there is no material difference in the result of the Association between applying AASB 117 and AASB 16 as the Association only has short term leases.

Initial Application of AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

The Association has adopted AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities using the cumulative effect method of applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058. Therefore the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be presented under AASB 118: Revenue and AASB 1004: Contributions.

The adoption of AASB 15 and AASB 1058 did not have a significant impact on the revenue recognition of the Association.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	129	43
Westpac - Cheque accounts	90,697	4,206
Westpac - Business Cash Reserve account	123,440	147,808
Westpac - Debit Card Community Solutions account	2,033	2,421
	216,299	154,478
NOTE 3: OTHER ASSETS		
Prepayments	6,019	6,747
ATO Cash Flow Boost	27,744	0
	33,763	6,747
NOTE 4: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment at cost	23,705	23,705
Less accumulated depreciation	(22,451)	(20,685)
	1,254	3,020
NOTE 5: PAYABLES		•
Trade Creditors	2,345	0
Accruals and other payables	1,760	5,008
	4,105	5,008
NOTE 6: PROVISIONS		
Provision for annual leave	19,001	18,446
Provision for long service leave	22,115	20,494
Provision for super on annual & long service leave	3,906	3,438
	45,022	42,378
NOTE 7: TAX LIABILITIES		
GST payable	1,263	5,718
PAYG withholding payable	8,606	19,828
	9,869	25,546
NOTE 8: OTHER LIABILITIES		2 600
Unspent grants	70,666	3,608
	70,666	3,608

NOTE 9: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions.

 a. Reconciliation of Cash Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement offinancial position as follows: 	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	216,299	154,478
	216,299	154,478
b. Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operations with current year deficit/surplus	22.040	40.000
Current year deficit	33,949	18,802
Depreciation	1,766	977
Increase in other assets	(27,016)	260
Increase/(decrease) in payables	50,478	(62,819)
Increase in provisions	2,644	9,726
Cash flows from/(used in) operations	61,821	(33,054)

NOTE 10: LEASING COMMITMENTS

The association does not have any leasing commitments as at 30 June 2020

NOTE 11: POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

There are no subsequent events after balance sheet date.



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 AND SECTION 80 OF THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 2015 (WA)

TO THE OFFICEHOLDERS OF STREET LAW CENTRE WA INCORPORATED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020, there have

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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MOORE AUSTRALIA AUDIT (WA) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Signed at Perth this 30th day of November 2020.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE OFFICEHOLDERS OF STREET LAW CENTRE WA INCORPORATED

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Street Law Centre WA Incorporated (the "Association") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Street Law Centre WA Incorporated is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the period ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to extent described in Note 1, the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Notfor-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of Section 80 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), Section 60-40 of the ACNC Act and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Australian Charities and Not- for-profits Commission Act 2012, Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code*), which has been given to the officeholders of the Association, would be in the same terms if given to the officeholders as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE OFFICEHOLDERS OF STREET LAW CENTRE WA INCORPORATED (CONTINUED)

Responsibility of Officeholders for the Financial Report

The officeholders are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and *ACNC Act* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the officeholders. The officeholders' responsibility also includes such internal control as the officeholders determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the officeholders are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the officeholders either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of Section 60-45(3)(b) of the ACNC Act, in our opinion there are no deficiency, failure or shortcoming in respect of the matters referred to in Section 60-30(3)(b),(c) or (d) of the ACNC Act.

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MOURE AUSTRALIA AUDIT (WA) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Signed at Perth this 30th day of November 2020.