STREET LAW CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 / 2021



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 through out Western Australia and pay respect to elders past and present and recognise their continuing connection to country, water and sky.

Our Vision

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





Our Mission

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

Our Values



innovate



collaborate



proactive



We are compassionate



We have integrity

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.

Our 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

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Despite challenges for both Street Law and its clients, Street Law expanded its services throughout 2020/2021, and finds itself in a strong position to continue providing legal services to those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in Western Australia.

The need for Street Law's services remains ever present, and the need continues to grow. Despite the best efforts of Street Law and other likeminded Community Legal Centres and service providers, economic challenges faced by individuals in our society, exacerbated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, are daunting. As at June 2021, Perth rental vacancy rates remained at unsustainable lows (3% for houses, and 2% for units, according to REIWA), placing increasing pressure on rents, and making life more difficult for those who can least afford it. Economic instability has meant that employment is often difficult to find and maintain. Reduced income and increased expenses for vulnerable people often makes everyday life untenable.

In these circumstances, our clients may consider that resolving any outstanding legal issues is a luxury that they cannot afford. While legal advice cannot solve every problem, it can help to ensure that lingering issues do not get worse. Further, resolving seemingly minor issues, like sourcing identification documents, can assist vulnerable people to access employment, welfare benefits, housing and other benefits that the rest of us take for granted. Legal advice is not just about getting people out of trouble, but it can often remove barriers to people getting to a better place.

CHAIR OF STREET LAW CENTRE WA

Street Law believes that legal representation is a human right, and we are doing our best to ensure that our clients can exercise that right.

During the year, Street Law welcomed new staff to bolster our team of dedicated lawyers and support staff. In November 2020, Thomas Lettenmaier joined Street Law as a Solicitor. With Thomas on board, Street Law has been able to establish, in collaboration with Indigo Junction, a Street Law legal outreach clinic at the Karnany Resource Centre in Midland. Further, in March 2021, Selena McCrickard joined Street Law as its Supervising Solicitor, providing her invaluable experience to our junior solicitors, and support to our Principal Solicitor, Ann-Margaret Walsh. Selena's experience in Community Legal Centres and at the Victorian Bar have enabled Street Law to be more responsive to its clients.

Through the efforts of Street Law's superlative staff, secondees and volunteers, Street Law remains the pre-eminent provider of legal services to those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in Western Australia

Street Law remains thankful to the State and Federal Governments and the Public Purposes Trust for financial assistance. Street Law is indebted to the probono law firm partners whose secondees assist Street Law: Corrs Chambers Westgarth, King & Wood Mallesons, Ashurst, Minter Ellison and Dentons. Street Law also thanks its hosts for legal clinics, Passages, Tranby, St Patrick's Community Support Centre, Ruah Centre, and Karnany Resource Centre.

Through continued collaboration with organizations that share our mission and vision, and the continued efforts of our staff, secondees and volunteers, Street Law will continue to give our clients the legal representation they deserve.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OUR FUNDERS

PRO BONO SUPPORT



Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

KING&WOD MALLESONS





Criminal Property Confiscation Grants Program

Minter Ellison.

CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH



Government of Western Australia
Department of the Attorney General

大成 DENTONS



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON

Drew Broadfoot

SECRETARY

Matthew Keating

TREASURER

Mackenzie Godson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Julien Blais Leon Magistro



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

VOLUNTEER LAW STUDENTS & GRADUATE LAWYERS

Taylah Bell
Luella Botteon
Jovetta Johnson
Karol Jones
Jenee Peters
Lily Philp
Oliver Trupp
Angie Underwood
Anthony Worrall

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Meredith Blais Francis Tomasi







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SECONDEES

ASHURST

Tom Carmody
Phoebe Curnick
Cairo Leicester
Jordan Soresi
Joycelyn Tang
Sienna Warne

CORRES CHAMBER WESTGARTH

Liam Anderson Mia Henderson Tessa Richardson Xavier Sweeney

DENTONS

Sigourney Drane Laura Newport

KING & WOOD MALLESONS

Grace Bettridge
Mitch Blott
Adriana Costanzo
Tiffany Jiang
Stacie Starcevich

MINTER ELLISON

James Barrett Jonathan Cockcroft Dhruvi Pindolia

OUR CENTRE

At Street Law Centre we provide discrete legal services and ongoing representation services including court representation to those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Our legal services continue to be delivered by our staff attending our outreach legal clinics and through our telephone advice line.

The colocation of our outreach legal clinics with various community services allows Street Law to deliver collaborative and holistic legal services and respond to the varied legal issues with which our clients present.

In addition, through our comprehensive community legal education program we empower our clients and the community service workers who support our clients. We do that by providing them with knowledge, information and tools necessary to identify legal issues and the various referral pathways available.

THE STREET LAW CREW

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Ann-Margaret Walsh

SOLICITORS

Tom Lettenmaier Shounok Chatterjee*

SUPERVISING SOLICITOR

Selena McCrickard

CLE PROJECT SUPPORT

Luella Botteon

OFFICE COORDINATOR

Corinne Mercer*

*resigned during the financial year

CENTRE COORDINATOR

Nina Lafferty

SOLICITOR & CLE COORDINATOR

Anna Hitomi



OUR LEGAL SERVICES

408 clients assisted

501 legal advices delivered

108 legal advices by telephone delivered

497 legal tasks completed

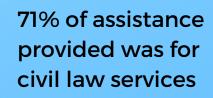
ongoing representation and court/tribunal matters opened



of our client's legal issues were criminal law matters

TOP 5 LEGAL ISSUES

- 1. ID Documents
- 2. Criminal matters
- **3.** Fines & Infringements
- 4. Criminal Injuries Compensation
- 5. Violence Restraining Orders



OUR CLIENTS

CLIENT OVERVIEW



Our clients present with complex legal issues that our lawyers are trained to respond to with compassion and empathy. Our service provision is holistic, we work in conjunction with services and support workers to provide wrap around support to reduce marginalisation, social exclusion and the barriers to housing.

STREET LAW'S CLIENTS PRESENTED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 3.5 SEPARATE LEGAL ISSUES

28%

IDENTIFIED AS FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE 99%

EXPERIENCE FINANCIAL DISADVANTAGE 22.5%

ARE STREET
PRESENT

25%

INDICATED FAMILY VIOLENCE ISSUES

21.5%

ARE BETWEEN 15-24 YEARS OLD



OUTREACH LEGAL CLINICS

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TRANBY CLINIC - FRIDAY 8.30AM - 10.30AM

- <u>Uniting</u>
- 6 Court/Tribunal matters
- 81 Legal advices
- 73 Legal tasks
- 9 Ongoing representation matters

Clients @ Tranby:
30% street present
27% First Nations people
29% family violence issues

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ST PAT'S - TUESDAY FORTNIGHT 9.00AM -11.00AM

- 1 Court/Tribunal
- 33 Legal advices
- 31 Legal Tasks
- 5 Ongoing representation matters



Clients @ St Pats:
16% street present
22% First Nations people
13% family violence issues



PASSAGES - WEDNESDAY 10.00AM-12.00PM

- 5 Court/Tribunal
- 99 Legal advices
- 62 Legal tasks
- 14 Ongoing representation matters



Clients @ Passages: 21.5% street present 8% First Nations people 25% family violence issues

OUTREACH CLINICS

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RUAH - TUESDAY FORTNIGHT 10.00AM-12.00PM

- 1 Court/Tribunal
- 33 Legal advices
- 31 Legal tasks
- 5 Ongoing representation matters



Clients @ Ruah: 21% street present 15% First Nations people 24% family violence issues

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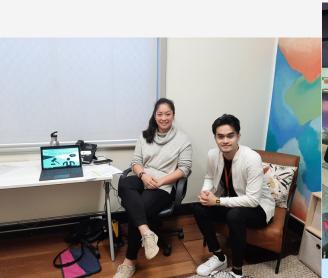
KARNANY - TUESDAY 9.00AM - 12.00PM

- 12 Court/Tribunal matters
- 35 Legal advices
- 13 Legal tasks
- 8 Ongoing representation matters



Clients @ Karnany: 22.5% street present 54% First Nations people 31% family violence issues







Court Appearances

Street Law Centre's solicitors **represented 17 clients** at court this year across a range of matters including traffic offences, violence restraining orders, and various criminal charges.

300%

increase in court/tribunal matters opened since FV19/20

'Court rooms can be intimidating places and even the most confident lay person can lose their voice when they enter. We are proud to have been able to advocate on behalf of our clients and ensure that they were heard and their perspective considered by the court.'

-Karnany outreach solicitor, Tom Lettenmaier

Tom Lettenmaier and Luella Botteon at the Midland Magistrates Court.





Street Law has long recognised **criminal injuries compensation (CIC) recoveries as an unmet area of legal need.** We were able to assist our client, Matthew*.

Matthew is a young first nations man who experienced significant intergenerational trauma as a child. In 2020, his former partner applied for a CIC claim and the Assessor made an order for compensation in her favour. Matthew was ordered to repay \$15,000 to the State.

While Matthew remained remorseful for his actions, he was unable to make the payment. Matthew's need to address his complex mental health issues and his lack of work skills made it

more difficult for him to secure full time employment. Matthew was at a critical point in this life, but was supported by the staff at the Beacon who offered him temporary accommodation. At the Beacon Matthew was enrolled in five weekly Restorative Lifestyle Programmes.

When Matthew engaged with Street Law, he was under significant pressure, was openly remorseful, and clearly committed to his rehabilitation. His only concern was that he was unable to repay the State. We drafted submissions which addressed the causes of the offending behaviour, Matthew's personal circumstances and his inability to repay the amount the State was seeking to recover.

The matter was listed for hearing and Street Law's Supervising Solicitor, Sel McCrickard, provided court representation for Matthew. The assessor accepted the submissions made on his behalf and the order to repay the State was dismissed. The successful outcome did not affect the Criminal Injuries award made to the victim in anyway and for Matthew a barrier to exiting homelessness was removed.

IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

When a person has no permanent or secure accommodation you can imagine how difficult it is to keep important identity documents safe. Without fundamental identity documents, such as a birth certificate, photo card or a Medicare card, it is challenging to participate in the community, gain access to essential services, obtain accommodation, open a bank account and to apply for Centrelink benefits.

Over the last financial year, we have attended **four ID clinics** in collaboration with St Pat's and Ruah. Through these ID clinics **we assisted 22 clients who were either born interstate or overseas and experiencing homelessness obtain their primary identity documents.**

ID CASE STUDY SNIPPET

Aiden* has been an inpatient in hospital for over a year and is living with advanced cancer. After holding a bank account for many years, Aiden was suddenly asked to provide photo ID or his account will be closed. Aiden had experienced homelessness since he was 10 years old and has not had photo ID in twenty years. As Aiden's bank account was frozen, he had no means to pay for documents that showed his identity or obtain photo ID.

Street Law was contacted by Aiden's social worker to assist in obtaining identity documents for him. We contacted the bank and successfully advocated for Aiden to gain temporary access to his bank account while we assisted him to obtain photo ID. We then applied for his Victorian birth certificate.

Applying for a Victorian birth certificate can be a challenging process, as a higher standard of identity documents is required. We provided a statutory declaration outlining Aiden's circumstances and why he could not provide ID for the application. Aiden was successful in obtaining his birth certificate and was able to subsequently obtain a photo card.

Aiden could now prove his identity for the first time in over twenty years! As a result, Aiden had long term access to his bank account and could also look for supported accommodation with the use of his identity documents. By assisting our client group with obtaining their identity documents it breaks down the barriers people face when trying to exit homelessness.

Midland Project

Funded by the Public Purposes Trust Fund

In November 2020, we launched our Midland project and partnered with Indigo Junction to bring a new outreach legal clinic at Karnany Resource Centre. We strongly believe that through delivering legal services in conjunction with other highly relevant non-legal services, such as those provided by Karnany Resource Centre, the causes of homelessness can be addressed. Together, we are providing a holistic approach to remove the barrier's people face to exit homelessness and find stability in their lives.

What our partners at Indigo Junction said about the Midland project:

Indigo Junction entered into a partnership with Street Law in December 2020. During this time the partnership has achieved outstanding results for a highly vulnerable cohort of people who would not have been able to access mainstream or mobile legal services. Street Law meets a current service gap in the Midland and surrounding community. The partnership and current inreach service arrangement with Street Law is highly valued by Indigo Junction. Indigo Junction look forward to the continued partnership and ongoing positive outcomes for the local community.



Our Impact at Midland Taylor's Story

Meet Taylor*, a street present indigenous man with a long history within the criminal justice system.

Taylor was at significant risk of immediate imprisonment. Thankfully, through our advocacy, Taylor was not sentenced to an immediate term of imprisonment and was able to access much needed psychological and medical support in the community. The matter was a complex sentencing and involved significant work over a period of months.

Taylor had suffered acute trauma throughout his life, including family violence and sexual abuse as a child. Taylor reported few, if any, positive influences from his early life. Along with this Taylor, was in a road traffic accident in his early 20's which caused an acquired brain injury (ABI) and had no additional support (such as a disability support pension) or specialist medical care since the ABI. This further entrenched his disadvantage. Taylor also had untreated alcohol dependence which had been a catalyst for his offending.

The existence of the ABI diagnosis was uncovered in a report prepared by the Department of Corrective Services which had recommended Taylor for an immediate term of imprisonment. After discovering this diagnosis, a psychiatric report was requested on behalf of Taylor, and this confirmed that the absence of treatment for the ABI and support had likely contributed to Taylor's circumstances. As the court process slowly unfolded, Taylor sought assistance for alcohol abuse and successfully participated in residential rehabilitation program.

Street Law prepared written submissions and provided court representation for Taylor, and a suspended term of imprisonment was ordered. This was a great outcome for Taylor, and he disclosed to us that it had been a positive experience for him, and it was one of the few times in his life he had heard people saying good things about him and supporting him.

Client Feedback

Of the clients who completed our service evaluation questionaire:

TOO% SAID THEY WERE TREATED VERY WELL
BY STREET LAW

70%

SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD THE ADVICE THEY WERE GIVEN <u>VERY WELL</u>, WITH THE REMAINING 30% STATING THEY UNDERSTOOD THE ADVICE

70%

SAID THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THEM WAS <u>VERY USEFUL</u>, WITH THE REMAINING 30% STATING THE ASSISTANCE WAS USEFUL

What our client's like about Street Law:

"Very approachable, kind and caring nature" - Client

"Their dedication & hard work" - Client [I liked] their ability to comprehend people in hardship and living below the poverty line and want to help them with a way forward" - Client

"Ann-Margaret from Street Law worked with me till I achieved a solid outcome. Very happy" - Client "Friendly, straight forward advice" -Client

"That my lawyer worked closely with my case manager making it easier for me" - Client

WHAT OUR PRO BONO PARTNERS SAID

'KWM is grateful for its long-standing partnership with Street Law. The majority of KWM's junior lawyers have completed a secondment at Street Law and we have no doubt that both the individual lawyers and the firm as a whole has benefited from the experience. Our secondees have commented that their experience has broadened and developed their skills, informed them about areas of the law that they were unaware of and provided them with valuable experience working directly with clients. Additionally, being able to contribute to Street Law's cause has provided our secondees with a sense of fulfilment and increased confidence in their ability to make a difference, wherever they may be. We look forward to maintaining our partnership with Street Law for many years to come'



'Ashurst has provided pro bono assistance to Street Law since 2013. We currently provide secondees to Street Law to assist with the outreach programme at the Passages Youth Engagement Hub in Perth. As a law firm, we take seriously our responsibility to work towards ensuring that legal advice and representation is available to communities regardless of their means, and the most effective contribution we can make is to use our knowledge and expertise to assist community organisations and individuals through the provision of probono legal services.

The most important aspect of Ashurst's relationship with Street Law is to provide Street Law with support and resources so that it can continue to provide young people in the community with legal assistance regardless of their means.

The Street Law secondment also provides benefits to our junior commercial lawyers, through frontline experience of legal service delivery. Our junior lawyers help young people who have often had very difficult experiences and through this work gain an understanding of the social and legal challenges faced by others in the community'



Pro Bono Impact

This year Street Law Centre continued to receive overwhelming pro bono and volunteer legal and non-legal support to expand the much needed services to our clients.

SECONDEE SUPPORT

Dentons, Minter Ellison, Ashurst,
Corrs Chambers Westgarth and King
and Wood Mallesons **7676**hours.

Secondee support increased

25% since last financial year.

VOLUNTEERS

support with grant writing, policy writing and administration.

VOLUNTEER LAW STUDENTS & GRADUATES

930

hours of legal support.

Street Law also engaged with
The Piddington Society's
Practical Legal Training program
to have two legal graduates
placed with our centre.



The total of <u>2,846 pro bono hours of legal and non legal support</u> has been valued conservatively at \$250 per hour. This results in a pro bono contribution of \$711,500!

Thank you to all of our volunteers and pro bono partners for your consistent work, effort and support.

Secondee & Volunteer Feedback

"The team works tirelessly to assist with real-time, and life changing, issues for their clients, and it was an honour to be able to contribute to that and develop my own skills through the process."

"To have seen the tireless work of Street Law to make positive change to these people's lives was to see the very best parts of the profession. I'm grateful for the team, especially Anna, whose patience and empathy are two skills which I hope to embody throughout my career."

"The legal system is often confusing and confronting, but for those who are homeless or facing homelessness, it can be another major strain in already difficult circumstances. It was an honour to work with Anna and the team to assist the most vulnerable members of the community, that would otherwise be forced to navigate the system alone. Street Law does such amazing and much needed work for our community, and I truly feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to be part of such a fantastic team."

"Witnessing the way Ann-Margaret engages with clients was incredibly inspiring."



"Street Law's work providing high quality, free legal assistance for some of WA's most vulnerable people is a testament to their tireless and passionate team of lawyers, support staff and secondees. My time at Street Law gave me invaluable skills and an understanding of justice that I carry forward with me in my legal career."

COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION PROJECT

Funded by the Public Purposes Trust Fund



STREET LAW PROVIDED DIRECT TRAINING TO:

104 CLIENTS

130 COMMUNITY WORKERS

Client's Feedback

"They go above and beyond with their knowledge and support" "I liked learning what your rights are and finding where people can help you"

Our Community Legal Education program is focused on providing legal education to community service workers, our client group, and extensive training to our own volunteers and staff.

Education eliminates barriers and is key to preventing many of the legal issues our client group face. Our Community Legal Education program prepares our client group for interactions they may have with the law, by giving them an overview of different areas of law, informing them of their rights and responsibilities, and options on how to manage their legal issues.

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LEGAL
EDUCATION



We continued to be part of the Beacon's Restorative Lifestyle Program, by delivering education sessions to our client group throughout the year. Luella Botteon, our CLE project support, delivering our going to court education session at the Beacon.

Regional CLE Trips

We travelled to Port Hedland and Broome throughout the year and provided:

- 4 sessions to clients
- 4 sessions to community workers and
- 2 sessions to the Clontarf program school students.



Social Media & Communications

Street Law has sought to increase awareness of homelessness itself with the broader community and promote awareness of the legal issues affecting people experiencing homelessness. A key focus of our social media presence is to highlight the areas of injustice and disadvantage our client group faces.

5 newsletters created
2 videos created
79.7% increase in Linkedin
followers
14.5% increase in Facebook likes

Street Law Centre WA Incorporated ABN 19 763 280 871 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	365,903	216,299
Other assets	3	7,610	33,763
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		373,513	250,062
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	4	0	1,254
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		0	1,254
TOTAL ASSETS		373,513	251,316
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	19,691	4,105
Provisions	6	64,852	45,022
Tax liabilities	7	22,616	9,869
Other liabilities	8	126,983	70,666
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		234,141	129,662
TOTAL LIABILITIES		234,141	129,662
NET ASSETS		139,372	121,654
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated funds		100,466	82,748
Capital reserves		38,906	38,906
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		139,372	121,654

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 2021

For the year ended 30 June 2021	2021	2020
INCOME	\$	\$
	119,496	77,796
Commonwealth CLSP Funding State CPC Funding	195,000	195,000
Public Purposes Trust - Triennial Grant	100,000	65,384
Public Purposes Trust - Midland	100,000	03,364
COVID-19 and ICT	94,037	-
Safe as Houses Partnership	16,217	27,625
Lotterywest ER	10,217	3,608
Community Volunteer Grant	4,700	5,006
Funding b/f from FY 2020	59,966	_
Funding c/f to FY 2022	(126,983)	_
Donations	14,484	11,500
Membership fees	14,404	27
Interest received	125	223
Miscellaneous income	1,940	4,430
ATO Cash Flow Boost	9,248	27,744
ATO CUSTITION BOOSE	588,244	413,337
EXPENDITURE	300,244	413,337
Advertising & Marketing	_	_
Annual Leave & Long Service Leave	20,359	4,348
Bank fees	1,110	668
Clients disbursements	4,016	9,305
Consultant Fees	-	6,750
Depreciation	1,253	1,766
Insurance	3,046	2,883
Internet	1,936	1,370
IT Cloud Computer Services	10,843	11,379
Management committee expenses	329	36
Minor Equipment	14,620	1,174
Mobile Telephone	664	714
Postage	1,408	2,436
Practising Certificates	4,708	4,708
Printing and stationery	4,841	5,025
Recruitment expenses	130	130
Rent	32,094	29,167
Repairs and maintenance	, 375	188
Resource Development	603	2,109
Staff amenities .	427	467
Staff training	1,197	2,930
Subscription & Dues	5,573	4,565
Superannuation	39,309	24,207
Telephone and fax	3,034	2,904
Travelling expenses	9,797	7,017
Wages & Salaries	403,691	250,502
Website design	3,318	1,234
Wellness Payment	1,475	1,180
Other Premises Costs	372	226
	570,526	379,388
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS	17,718	33,949
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss	_	
Items that will reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific		-
conditions are met		-
Total other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	17,718	33,949
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Street Law Centre WA Incorporated ABN 19 763 280 871 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Accumulated Funds	Capital Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	48,799	38,906	87,705
Surplus for the year	33,949	-	33,949
Balance at 30 June 2020	82,748	38,906	121,654
Surplus for the year	17,718	-	17,718
Balance at 30 June 2021	100,466	38,906	139,372

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Street Law Centre WA Incorporated ABN 19763280871 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers and employees		715,227 (565,622)	413,338 (351,517)
Net cash used in operating activities	9(b)	149,605	61,821
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Payment for property, plant and equipment Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net increase/decrease in cash held Cash at the beginning of year	o/ \ _	149,605 216,299	61,821 154,478
Cash at end of year	9(a) <u> </u>	365,903	216,299

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 of:-

- 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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Depreciation

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.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(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.

(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 or payables in the statement of financial position.

(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.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

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 agreement
- 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 the related amount.

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.

Capital Grant

When the association receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The association recognises income in profit or loss when or as the association satisfies its obligations under the terms of the grant.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(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.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(j) 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 2022.

(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

There were no new or amended standards that had any significant impact on the Association during the period.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	25	129
Westpac - Cheque accounts	39,330	90,697
Westpac - Business Cash Reserve account	321,822	123,440
Westpac - Debit Card Community Solutions account	4,727	2,033
	365,903	216,299
NOTE 3: OTHER ASSETS		
Prepayments	7,610	33,763
ATO Cash Flow Boost	-	27,744
	7,610	61,507
NOTE 4: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment at cost	23,705	23,705
Less accumulated depreciation	(23,705)	(22,451)
	<u> </u>	1,254
NOTE 5: PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	1,197	2,343
Accruals and other payables	18,494	1,760
	19,691	4,103
NOTE 6: PROVISIONS		
Provision for annual leave	35,360	19,001
Provision for long service leave	23,866	22,115
Provision for super on annual & long service leave	5,626	3,906
	64,852	45,023
NOTE 7: TAX LIABILITIES		
GST payable	4,144	1,263
PAYG withholding payable	18,472	8,606
	22,616	9,869
NOTE 8: OTHER LIABILITIES		
Unspent grants	126,983	70,666
	126,983	70,666

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 of financial position as follows:	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	365,903	216,299
	365,903	216,299
 b. Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operations with current year deficit/surplus Current year Surplus 	17,718	33,949
Depreciation	1,253	1,766
Increase in other assets	26,153	(27,015)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	84,651	50,476
Increase in provisions	19,830	2,645
Cash flows from/(used in) operations	149,605	61,821

NOTE 10: LEASING COMMITMENTS

The association does not have any significant leasing commitments as at 30 June 2021.

NOTE 11: POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

There are no subsequent events after balance sheet date.