

COLLABORATION



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ANNUAL REPORT
2019/20

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St Kilda Legal Service acknowledges that our office and outreach locations are situated on the land of the Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation. We pay respect to their elders – past, present and emerging – and acknowledge the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play in our community.

ABOUT US

VISION

We work toward a society that provides equitable access to the law and legal system, and is committed to justice for all.

MISSION

We assist and empower individuals and groups who are disadvantaged in their access to justice, and contribute to the reform of laws and structural inequities to achieve fair and just outcomes.

GOALS

1. Deliver high quality legal services to our community, targeting individuals and groups most in need
2. Connect with our community and collaborate with other organisations to understand and respond to community legal need
3. Undertake systemic advocacy to promote and enhance access to justice, with a focus on increasing the wellbeing of communities and people experiencing disadvantage
4. Build and maintain a high performing and sustainable organisation.

INCLUSIVE SERVICE

St Kilda Legal Service is committed to providing an inclusive service and work environment where people feel safe, accepted, affirmed and celebrated. We are committed to equity, irrespective of cultural or linguistic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex status, religion or spiritual beliefs, socio-economic status, age, or abilities.

FINANCIAL RECOGNITION

St Kilda Legal Service acknowledges the primary financial support it has received from both the Commonwealth of Australia Attorney-General's Department, the Victorian State Government and Victoria Legal Aid.



VALUES



RESPECT



INTEGRITY

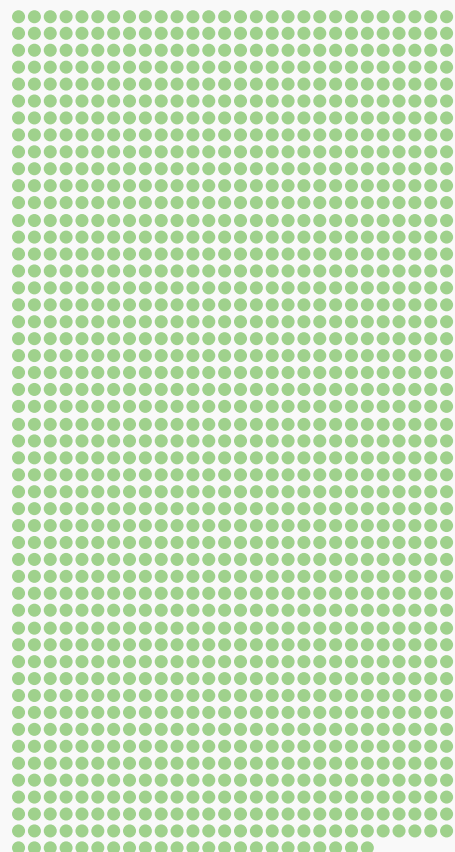


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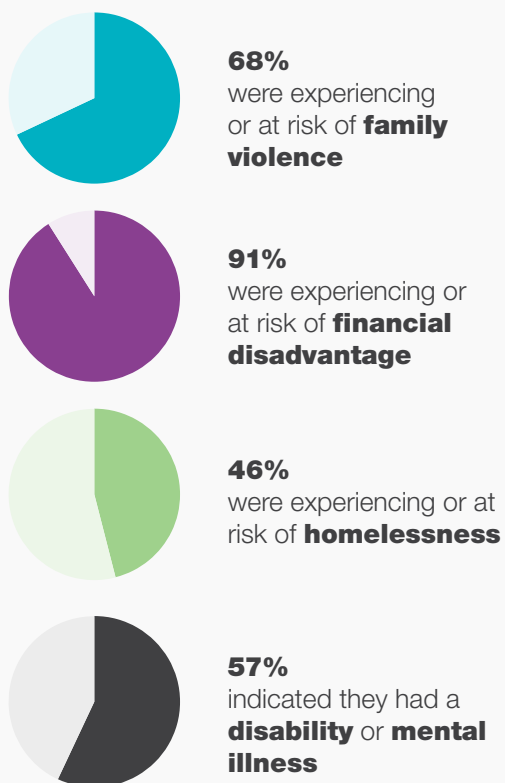
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OUR CLIENTS

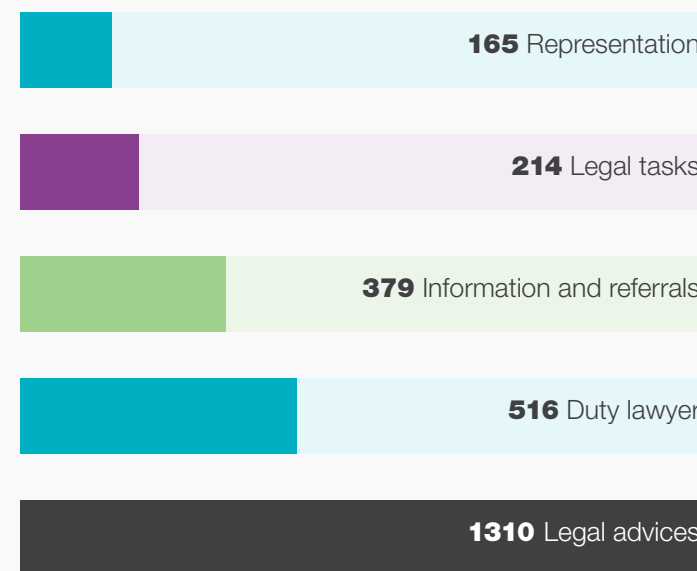


We helped **1295** clients

Of our **community outreach** clients:



We provided the following **services** to clients:



PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT

Linda Glucina — President

Mel Dye — Chief Executive Officer,
appointed in August 2020



This year, no-one has been immune from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. For our clients, the pandemic has further highlighted the inequalities that exist as well as the importance of our community partnerships in reaching our clients.

The global pandemic has also challenged the way we operate. Together with the Board, we sincerely thank the staff and volunteers for their agility and resilience. The way we work may have changed but our deep commitment to our vibrant and diverse community remains unaffected.

REFORM AGENDA

Over the past year, the St Kilda Legal Service (SKLS) Board and staff have continued its important transformation work, following implementation of Phase 1 of the Strategic Reform Project. During 2019-2020, the Board focused on Phase 2 of the Strategic Reform Project; ensuring SKLS is best placed to provide targeted services to clients experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability and to guarantee a successful and sustainable future.

STAFF

During the past year, there have been a few changes in our staffing. In 2018-2019, we established the role of Executive Officer/Principal Lawyer, a new key role created as part of the Strategic Reform Project. Agata Wierzbowski was the inaugural appointee to that role. Agata was instrumental in leading and implementing the initial stages of the Strategic Reform Project. Agata resigned from the role in June 2020 to take up a new leadership position with Tenants Victoria. The Board wholeheartedly thanks Agata for all her hard work and wishes her every success in the future.

Annie Davis was appointed as acting Executive Officer/ Principal Lawyer and has proven to be a valuable addition to SKLS. Annie implemented many of the strategic reform operational changes, whilst managing the legal practice, which is a huge achievement. We look forward to welcoming Annie back to the Principal Lawyer role post her parental leave.

This year we welcomed the following new staff members:

- Alexandra Partington — LGBTIQ & Community Lawyer
- Brooke Collins — LGBTIQ Project Support and Community Engagement Officer
- Jess Richter — Community Lawyer
- Nathan Duong — LGBTIQ & Community Lawyer
- Sarah-Jo Watt-Linnett — LGBTIQ Project Support and Community Engagement Officer
- Will McKeand — Community Lawyer
- Hannah Sycamore — co-authored the LGBTIQ Legal Needs Analysis Report.

We acknowledge and thank staff who have left SKLS this year, Hannah Lewis (Community Lawyer), [Anthea Teakle](#) (Volunteer & Night Service Coordinator) and [Sam Elkin](#) (LGBTIQ Community Lawyer & Coordinator).

OUR LEGAL SERVICES

The night service at SKLS has a long history and we acknowledge that it has been an important avenue to deliver legal services to the community. As part of our Strategic Reform Project, we reviewed and restructured the night service, however the implementation of the revised model was impeded by the coronavirus. We hope to launch the revamped night service in the coming year and welcoming volunteers back into the fold.

The way we work best is in partnership with others; the pandemic has only reinforced the importance of these relationships. We thank each of our outreach partners — Anglican Church—101 Engagement Hub, Launch Housing, Sacred Heart Mission, Salvation Army, St Kilda Gatehouse, Star Health and Thorne Harbour Health — for working in collaboration with us to meet the significant legal and other needs of our shared clients.

Responding to those affected by family violence continues to be a core and important part of our work. In March 2020, the Specialist Family Violence Court (SFVC) at Moorabbin officially opened; but its full operation reduced due to social distancing restrictions. We entered a partnership with Peninsula Community Legal Centre to deliver

client-centred legal services to people experiencing family violence and in need of an intervention order at the SFVC.

During the past year, the LGBTIQ Legal Service has expanded its services, under the leadership of Sam Elkin. Launched as a Health Justice Partnership with Thorne Harbour Health, it now assists LGBTIQ clients across Victoria. Thanks to a social innovation grant from the City of Melbourne, we launched the Roberta Perkins Legal Project in partnership with Transgender Victoria. In the spirit of launches, we also unveiled the new LGBTIQ website, LGBTIQ+ Inclusive Practice Toolkit and LGBTIQ Legal Needs Analysis Report.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our talented and dedicated staff, past and present. Your collective thoughtfulness, and care is deeply appreciated.

Thank you to our volunteers, without whom, the ability to meet the huge demand on our services, would not be met. The pandemic has curtailed our ability to fully work with you all this year and we look forward to recommencing our volunteer programmes in 2021.

Thank you, to our fellow volunteer Board members: Adam Meyer (Vice President), Diane Preston (Secretary),

Elliot Anderson (Treasurer) Stephanie Tonkin, Brendan Lacota and Stephen Somerville. Also, many thanks to Peter Dikranis who has assisted SKLS with our financial obligations; your many hours spent ensuring the financial success of SKLS is much appreciated.

Thank you to the Port Phillip Community Group, with whom the Legal Service is co-located at the St Kilda Community Centre. This year we particularly thank Karen Sait and staff for providing additional operational support during the coronavirus restrictions.



We thank our funders for their on-going support and for specific grants received during 2019-2020, in particular:

GENERALIST AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FUNDING

- Victorian Legal Aid (State and Federal Governments)
- Department of Justice and Community Safety
- Deakin University

LGBTIQ LEGAL SERVICE

- Philanthropic donation
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Victorian Law Foundation
- City of Melbourne

OTHER DONOR

- Slater + Gordon

The challenges we face because of the coronavirus pandemic have the potential to cause serious and long-lasting problems, especially for our clients. We are alert to these challenges and will continue to work with others to address and mitigate the risks for our clients in the coming year.

Importantly, the coronavirus environment also offers us the opportunity for development, change and further transformation. We are open to these opportunities and look forward to responding to emerging legal need in new and creative ways.

— Linda Glucina & Mel Dye

OUR PEOPLE

STAFF

Alexandra Partington
Community & LGBTIQ
Lawyer

Amber Schmidt
Family Violence
Administrative Officer

Annie Davis
Executive Officer &
Principal Lawyer

Anthea Teakle
Volunteer & Night
Service Coordinator

Brooke Collins
LGBTIQ Legal Service
Project Support
& Community
Engagement Officer

**Courtney
Winters-Peters**
Community Legal
Education & Law
Reform Lawyer

Hannah Lewis
Community Lawyer

Hannah Sycamore
LGBTIQ Project Support
and Community
Engagement Officer

Jess Richter
Community Lawyer

Julie Ashe
Family Lawyer

Nat Barnes
Office Manager

Nathan Duong
Community & LGBTIQ
Lawyer

Noha Ghobrial
Finance Officer

Sam Elkin
LGBTIQ Coordinator
& Lawyer

**Sarah-Jo
Watt-Linnett**
LGBTIQ Project
Support & Community
Engagement Officer

Victoria Mullings
Family Violence Lawyer

Will McKeand
Community Lawyer

BOARD

Linda Glucina
President

Adam Meyer
Vice President

Diane Preston
Secretary

Elliot Anderson
Treasurer

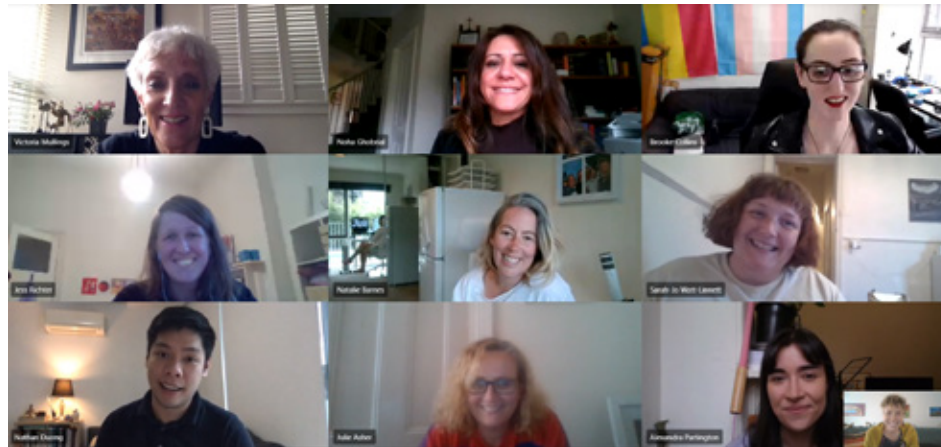
Stephanie Tonkin

Brendan Lacota

Stephen Somerville



ABOVE: Team gathering pre-COVID times.

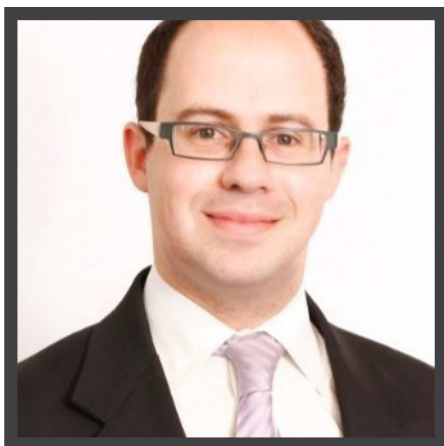


ABOVE: Team gathering during COVID times.

JEWEL IN ST KILDA'S CROWN

ADAM MEYER

Adam has provided outstanding service to the SKLS and the community of St Kilda for 20 years. Adam commenced volunteering on Thursday nights as a law student in 1999, joined the Board in 2006 and became Chair in 2009.



The legal service as a co-operative was central to Adam's leadership; he led by consensus with the members of the co-operative which included staff and volunteers. Adam continued the tradition of SKLS to encourage lawyers, (some of whom were very senior) to volunteer their knowledge and experience for the benefit of the community. Law students and social work students were drawn to SKLS for both volunteering and mentoring opportunities.

Adam worked very closely with past administration manager Suzy Fox and past volunteer co-ordinator Anthea Teakle to drive the service. Under Adam's leadership, there were on average 60 volunteers working each week providing legal advice, conducting research, and giving administrative support.

There were many celebrations of the achievements of the co-operative, the largest under Adam's tenure was at the St Kilda Town Hall in 2013, marking SKLS' 40th anniversary, where almost all the staff, volunteers and most of the stakeholders of the co-operative were present along with a few politicians!



Board meetings of the co-operative were long and detailed because, at that time, with a flat managerial structure, the Board was responsible for almost all aspects of governance and management of SKLS. The same went for Annual General Meetings; they were always very lively with everyone putting in their two bobs!

It became clear to Adam and the Board that it was not sustainable for it to be involved in the operational business of the service and the Board initiated the Strategic Reform Project, resulting in the significant change from a co-operative to an Incorporated Association and other governance and operational reforms designed to guarantee the future success of SKLS.

Adam is known by the whole community of the SKLS as a gentle, kind, and considerate leader who gladly gave of his time to help others. He is a jewel in St Kilda's crown.

"Adam has provided outstanding service to our community as a volunteer lawyer and chairperson. He assisted countless clients, imparting his legal expertise calmly and compassionately. Adam's contribution to the service is immeasurable and he will always be remembered as a pillar of the SKLS."

— Diane Preston, Secretary

"Adam cares deeply and is instrumental to SKLS's success. You are an inspiration Adam, thank you for all the valuable personal time you have invested in SKLS."

— Linda Glucina, President

ANTHEA TEAKLE

Anthea is known and loved by generations of lawyers in the St Kilda community, having recruited and trained so many of them between 1993 and 2020. Anthea was instrumental in maintaining the commitment and loyalty of volunteers each week, some of whom served for decades.



Anthea's calm and decisive nature helped guide volunteers through the busy night appointment schedules. When clients were upset or a challenge arose at the night service, Anthea knew exactly what to do and the volunteers took her lead. If the appointments made for clients exceeded the volunteers present, she would hit the phones to her army of volunteers and in they would come!

Anthea commenced as a volunteer receptionist for the Wednesday night service before being appointed to the role as Volunteer and Night Service Coordinator. She also went onto to take up several roles with the Port Phillip Community Group. When she arrived, the SKLS and the then St Kilda Community Group formed a collective. There was a flat structure where each employee was paid the same, something rarely heard of today. The SKLS was initially a program of the St Kilda Community Group but became a separate organisation and held its first AGM in August 1973. Anthea worked hard to meet the challenges of the many CLC reviews and cutbacks over successive governments.

As a co-operative, it was important that the staff and Board of SKLS delivered consensus. Anthea is naturally gifted in the art of consensus; her contribution is respected, and her views delivered without judgement. She had excellent relationships with volunteers as well as with staff and she had a deep bond with the past administrative manager, Suzy Fox. They worked seamlessly together and supported each other for the benefit of SKLS. Anthea also participated as a staff representative on the Board and had a trusted professional engagement with long term Board chair, Adam Meyer.

Anthea was active in several SKLS Law Reform campaigns. The most memorable for her are the 'Save the Prahran Court' campaign and helping a client's release from custody. Being a sentimental soul, she still has the sticker, "Save Prahran Court". On the request of Neville Kenyon, volunteer barrister, Anthea communicated with prison authorities about the release of a client from custody following the execution of an infringement warrant. This case sparked changes to the way infringement warrants were handled by the Courts.

Central to Anthea's service is the care and assistance she has provided to so many clients over the years. Clients have trust and confidence in Anthea; they seek her out in times of need. Anthea's encyclopaedic knowledge of the support services available in the St Kilda and Port Phillip area is second to none and she provided warm referrals to ensure clients received a wraparound service.

Being the lifeblood of the volunteer night service there was no better role for Anthea than master of ceremonies at SKLS' 40th anniversary. Anthea invited former volunteer and long-time host of Radio National's Law Report, Damien Carrick, to be the guest speaker. Everyone in the room had some connection with Anthea, many spanning over a decade.

The SKLS was part of Anthea's family. And Anthea's family was part of SKLS, with Anthea's husband, Kon, a long-term volunteer lawyer and their dog, Rocky, providing oodles of joy to both volunteers and clients alike.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

As well as providing advice through our night service, we provide targeted legal help through our community partnerships.

This financial year, we partnered with the Anglican Church–101 Engagement Hub, Launch Housing, Sacred Heart Mission, Salvation Army, St Kilda Gatehouse and Star Health. We also continued our Health Justice Partnership with Thorne Harbour Health.

We acutely understand that for many of our clients, a lawyer is not always the first person they turn to for legal help.

We know from the research that people facing disadvantage are more likely to experience legal problems and often experience multiple legal problems at the same time.

We also know from our experience that targeted and integrated legal help, delivered at the right time and the earliest possible opportunity, can help resolve problems that can otherwise escalate, leading to more problems, greater disadvantage and higher costs.

That is why we embed our lawyers within our community outreaches, and how we meet people like Jenny.



WORKING IN COLLABORATION

JENNY'S STORY

We first met Jenny at our weekly St Kilda Gatehouse outreach. Like many of our outreach clients, Jenny had experienced years of homelessness.

Over time, we learned that Jenny had survived a serious assault while homeless in St Kilda. We provided advice to Jenny regarding a victims of crime (VOCAT) claim.

As Jenny had no working phone, the only way we could communicate with her was during our weekly Gatehouse outreach.

We referred Jenny to a counsellor and worked together with her social worker from Star Health to prepare the VOCAT application.

During the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic, we remained connected with Jenny via her Star Health worker.

Together with Launch Housing, Star Health secured a transitional public housing property for Jenny and her partner, their first home in many years.

We now continue to engage with Jenny through our community partnership with Launch Housing, and collectively, hope Jenny's VOCAT matter is resolved favourably in the coming months.

“Working with our community partners is one of the most rewarding parts of my role. This collaborative approach promotes greater understanding of the interconnected health, social and legal issues that can lead to and entrench disadvantage. Consequently, we’re better placed to meet the complex and compounding issues facing our clients.”

— Jess, Community Lawyer

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: FAMILY LAW AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Our family law and family violence programs have gone from strength to strength this year, despite the trials of the pandemic throughout the second quarter of 2020.

The complexity of our family law practice has been further complicated by engaging with our vulnerable clients remotely and appearing in numerous family law hearings electronically.

During the year, we expanded our duty lawyer service and partnered with Peninsula Community Legal Centre to ensure clients have daily access to legal representation at the Specialist Family Violence Court at

Moorabbin. Like our family law practice, our family violence lawyers pivoted to appearing via WebEx.

Collectively, the program has helped 551 clients, many of these as part of our duty lawyer service as well as through our community partnerships with the Salvation Army, Sacred Heart Mission and Star Health.

As a result of the pandemic, we have witnessed a spike in the incidents and severity of family violence. An increase in economic abuse has been a notable feature, as well as safety issues around child contact. Shira's story highlights the challenges many of our clients face and how with support they can overcome great adversity.



THE BENEFITS OF A SPECIALISED AND COORDINATED SERVICE

SHIRA'S STORY

After enduring many years of family violence, Shira left Tom and attempted to start a new life with their two children. Despite their physical separation, Tom still exerted control over many aspects of Shira's life.

When Shira sold her home, Tom coerced her into transferring the proceeds of the sale to him. In return, Tom offered Shira (and their children) a rent-free arrangement in a house that he purchased from the sale of Shira's home.

At short notice, Shira had to travel abroad to visit her ill mother. Tom refused to allow their children to travel overseas to see their grandmother. Whilst away, Tom disposed of Shira's belongings and unilaterally ended the 'tenancy' arrangement.

Arriving back in Australia, Tom refused to return the children to Shira's care. Eventually, Shira managed to navigate the children's return and moved back into Tom's property. Tom called the police in an attempt to evict Shira and the children, and after that failed, he commenced eviction proceedings in VCAT.

Fortunately, Shira engaged the help of the Family Violence Service at the Salvation Army. We saw Shira in our weekly clinic and helped her apply for an intervention order and defend proceedings in VCAT, the Family Court and the Supreme Court.

Together with the Salvation Army, we continue to support Shira and help her achieve financial independence and a life free of violence.

"As a direct result of this partnership, women are aware of their legal rights and options, and are empowered to make informed choices when planning for their future free from violence."

— Rosie, Program Manager, Salvation Army

LGBTIQ LEGAL SERVICE

The last year has seen the LGBTIQ Legal Service* grow from one lawyer, Sam Elkin, and a team of committed volunteers into a small, dedicated and passionate group of staff and volunteers.

New staff positions were created as part of successful funding grant applications aimed at capacity building, legal assistance for Victoria's trans and gender diverse community in Victoria, and most recently to support the Service and the community deal with the impact of the global coronavirus pandemic. The additional funding has allowed the development of a standalone website for the LGBTIQ Legal Service, and a new partnership between SKLS and Transgender Victoria: the Roberta Perkins Law Project.

In addition to providing legal advice and representation to a vulnerable and disadvantaged client base within LGBTIQ+ community across Victoria, the team organised and participated in numerous advocacy campaigns, events and media for the LGBTIQ+ community and community legal sector.

The LGBTIQ Legal Service was also nominated for the 'Protecting Our Community' award at the 2019 GLOBE Awards. In addition, volunteer Nathan Duong (now staff) was nominated as one of the three finalists in the Volunteer of the Year award category.

* A Health Justice Partnership with Thorne Harbour Health.



ABOVE: Photo courtesy of Paper Giant.

DISCRIMINATION BY A BAR:

WADE'S STORY

LGBTIQ Legal Service client, 'Wade', is a cisgender gay male who has cerebral palsy. Wade was refused entry to a venue by security guards who initially believed he was intoxicated. When Wade explained that he has cerebral palsy using a communication device, the security guards laughed at him, and told him to go home. We helped Wade lodge a disability discrimination complaint. Through negotiation during VCAT proceedings, we were able to obtain a financial settlement, and a commitment for all staff at the venue to undergo disability discrimination training.

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CATALYST FOR SUCCESS

SAM ELKIN

Sam became Victoria's first dedicated LGBTIQ outreach lawyer, working in our Health Justice Partnership with Thorne Harbour Health.

Sam has been instrumental in developing and growing the LGBTIQ Legal Service by using his expertise, knowledge and connections.

Sam has been the driving force behind many initiatives over the last couple of years including the Roberta Perkins Law Project with Transgender Victoria, the LGBTIQ inclusive practice toolkit and the LGBTIQ Legal Needs Analysis.

In 2019, Sam won the Community Lawyer of the Year Award at the 15th Victorian Legal Awards.

The Board and staff are extremely grateful for Sam's everlasting contributions to the LGBTIQ Legal Service.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

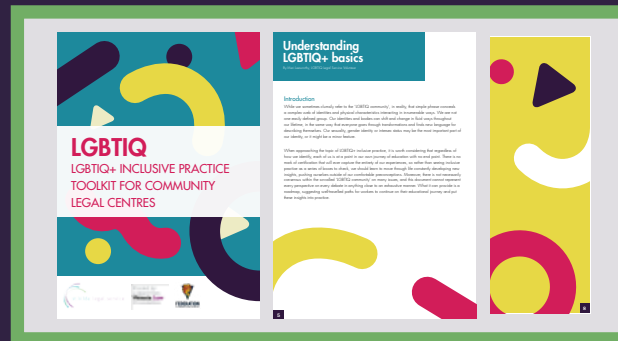


DEVELOPMENT OF WEBSITE AND BRAND

The LGBTQI Legal Service worked with PaperGiant to develop a website and brand that reflected the diversity of both the work of the service and community it serves. Collaborative workshops with stakeholders and community on the content and 'feel' of the website highlighted the need for accessibility, safety, and legitimacy. For more information you can [read about the design process](#) and [visit the site](#).

LEGAL NEEDS ANALYSIS

Marking the end of the two-year pilot project that created the LGBTQI Legal Service, the team launched the report *LGBTIQ Legal Needs Analysis: Reflections on legal need and future planning from our two-year pilot program*. Minister for Health Martin Foley opened the event with the announcement that the Service will continue to provide vital legal services to LGBTQI people across Victoria, thanks to additional funding provided by the Victorian state government. [Visit the website](#) for further information and to access the report and event recording.



INCLUSIVE PRACTICE TOOLKIT LAUNCH

Following a soft launch at the Community Legal Centres Australia's annual conference in 2019, the LGBTQI Inclusive Practice Toolkit for Community Lawyers was officially launched in 2020. Hosted by K&L Gates, the event was followed by a two-hour workshop on the provision of safe and inclusive services for LGBTQI+ community. The LGBTQI Legal Service acknowledge the support of the Victorian Law Foundation and the assistance from the Federation of Community Legal Centres.

PARTICIPATION IN MIDSUMMA 2020

The LGBTQI Legal Service participated in the Midsumma LGBTQI Festival again in 2020, joining with Fitzroy Legal Service and the Federation of Community Legal Centres at the Carnival Day and the Midsumma Pride March. Collectively we proudly marched in the Federation's Pride in Community Law t-shirts.



CHANGE YOUR ID DAY 2020

This year, Change Your ID Day went virtual in May 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Held via Zoom, the event was held as part of Law Week 2020 and International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) 2020. The special event coincided with the historic birth certificate law reform which the LGBTQI Legal Service successfully campaigned for. The importance and impact of our work was highlighted by the ABC in interviews with staff and community members. If you'd like more information, you can [watch the recorded event](#) and [read the ABC article](#).

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ROBERTA PERKINS LAW PROJECT

As part of a social innovation grant from the City of Melbourne, we partnered with Transgender Victoria to address the legal need of trans and gender diverse clients.

One year into the project, we have provided the following services to trans and gender diverse clients:

- ✕ **63 information and referrals**
- ✕ **58 legal advices**
- ✕ **28 legal cases**

As part of a community-informed approach to service delivery, a visioning day with key stakeholders from community and health organisations was held in 2019. As well as informing the delivery and goals of the project, the workshop led to the official name of the trans and gender diverse legal service. The legal service is named after Roberta Perkins (1948-2018), a trailblazing trans and sex worker rights activist, writer, and sociologist.

LAUNCHING THE PROJECT

The Roberta Perkins Law Project was officially launched in June 2020. It was a moving and enlightening event with a diverse range of speakers from around the country. The webinar format allowed people from all over the country to join and celebrate the life of Roberta Perkins.

Two close friends of Roberta Perkins, also trailblazing activists, spoke about Roberta's life and her advocacy for the rights of sex workers and trans and gender diverse people. The Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives and historian Geraldine Fela also presented a short biography accompanied by original images of Roberta Perkins, including a very fitting photo of Roberta Perkins at the opening of Australia's first trans and gender diverse housing support service that she fought so hard for.

We would like to thank the friends and family of Roberta Perkins for allowing our service to use her name, and supporting the launch of the service, particularly Deborah Barker, Eurydice Aroney and Chantel Martin. We are honoured to carry Roberta's legacy and continue the important work she set out to do.

For more information, you can [read more about the history of Roberta Perkins](#) and [view the launch event](#).

**ROBERTA
PERKINS**
Law Project

BELOW: Roberta Perkins holds aloft a cheque for the purchase of Tiresias House with Minister Frank Walker, Petersham, Sydney. Photograph by Zakaras, 12 December 1983, Sydney Morning Herald. Image provided by the Australia Lesbian and Gay Archives.



LAW REFORM & COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

LAW REFORM

Through our casework and community partnerships, we identify systematic issues and barriers to access to justice. We then use our law reform work to educate and persuade decision makers to make fairer policies and laws.

Over the past 12 months, we have contributed [submissions](#) to the following law reform inquiries:

- Submission to the Victorian review into decriminalising sex work
- Submission in response to Inquiry into Anti-Vilification Protections, jointly with Liberty Victoria
- Submission in response to the Census and Statistics Amendment 2019
- Submission in response to the Religious Discrimination Bill 2019
- Submission to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

We continue to value community legal education as an important means of improving access to justice. We aim to provide information to community members and support workers on a variety of legal issues to empower individuals and communities through greater understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities.

A few highlights from the past year include:

- Know the law — infringements to community workers
- Know the law — family law and family violence to community workers
- What we do and how we can help to community workers and TAFE institutions
- LGBTIQ Inclusion Toolkit training to community and private lawyers.



OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

DAY LEGAL SERVICE

Aaron Rielly
Beverley Ng
Billy Ellen
Billy Strintzos
Bridget Armstrong
Caroline Atkinson
Edward Gansky
Elaine Wen
Fiona Garton
Gail Ryan
Grace Davey
Helena Bromidis
Jay Ong
Jessica Davies
Jessica Xu
Joel Humphreys
Juliet Louey
Karen Menon
Manny Menake De Silva
Maria Fernanda Fierro Pulido

Matthew Weinman (PLT)
Matthew Ferrari
Matthew Ki Chun Li
Matthew Minkeun Kim
Max Ferguson
Maxwell Panek-Hudson
Nicole Stanfield
Nolan Youngkwang Lee
Paul Godfree
Rachelle Gorbachinska
Sarah Robinson
Seveni Perera
Will Simon

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Brooke Collins
Daniel Bennett-Spark
Emily Grutzner
Harrison Jones
Jayden Chew
Kirsten Congerton
Liam Elphick
Meri Leeworthy

Naomi Sloan
Nathan Duong
Rebecca Leighton
Sebastian Withers
Tegan Evans

MONDAY NIGHT

Alex Fildes
Aylah Lohman
Catherine Bowes
Celia Laragy
Celil Kardaslar
Frank Sanna
Georgina Wu
Gigi Hancock
Harriet Geddes
Harry Higgs
Jaclyn Artoso
Jessica Crawford
Joanna Murdoch
John Mapleston
John Herron
John Wertheimer

Kingsley Davis OAM
Kylie Trinh
Laura Sanderson
Lucinda Elsner
Lydia Strohfeldt
Mark Shenken
Millie Wheeler
Peter Fogarty
Roger Volk
Sarah Schaefer Rivilla
Shai Sommer
Sophia Liu
Stephanie Hope
Tomas Acutt
Victoria Muravchenkov
Violet de Lyons-Rowley
Ying Wong

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Alanna Harrigan
Angela Avgerinos
Charlotte Geddes
Chelsea Ives

Chris Khouri
David Barda
Duncan McLean
Evelyn Zeglinas
Faviola Martinez-Figueroa
Helen Moreland
Ian Diaz
India Mauritzen
Kon Tringas
Larissa Goldberg
Lou Lauren Roycroft
Lucy Nihill
Meg Davies
Mitchell Moody
Niva Sivakumar
Peter Cavanagh
Renee Wilson
Ronni Murphy
Ruby Kesselschmidt
Samuel Jackson
Sarah Baird
Will Scheidlinger

THURSDAY NIGHT

Abbie Singh
Carl Wilson
Courtney White
Eliza Murphy
Gary Mrocki
Georgia Daniel
Georgie Carson
Jenny Wilson
Jesse Tsiodras
Jordie Nirens
Kingsley Davis OAM
Maddi Coleman
Monique Tarrant
Pat Fabris
Tiana Sylvia
Tony Lopes
Will McKeand
William Suhr

OUR THANKS

We are grateful for the support and pro bono contributions of many individuals and organisations this year.



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Star Health
St Kilda Gatehouse
Tenants Victoria
The Local Taphouse
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Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)
Victoria Law Foundation
Victoria Legal Aid
Victoria Police
Vixen Collective
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.

ABN 83 519 420 198

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
BOARD'S REPORT

Your board members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Board of Management Members

The names of board of management members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Chairperson	Linda Glucina	
Treasurer	Elliot Anderson	
Secretary	Diane Preston	
Member	Adam Meyer	
Member	Brendan Lacota	
Member	Stephanie Tonkin	
Member	Stephen Somerville	Appointed November 2019
Member	Denis Nelthorpe	Appointed August 2020
Member	David Pargeter	Retired November 2019

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the entity during the financial year were:

To provide free and accessible access to justice for people experiencing vulnerability or disadvantage, and people otherwise unable to afford legal services, on the key legal issues affecting them, through the delivery of high quality, evidence based services delivered as part of an integrated and coordinated service system.

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating Results

The surplus for the year attributable to the entity amounted to \$149,249 (2019: \$58,442).

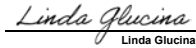
After Balance Date Events

A matter has continue to evolve since 30 June 2020 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the entity's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

The COVID19 pandemic is likely to induce significant changes in the state of affairs of the association during the financial period ended 30 June 2021. The committee members will take all necessary measures to preserve capital and shepherd the association through this uncertain period.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the board.

Chairperson 
Linda Glucina

Treasurer 
Elliot Anderson

Dated this 13 day of October 2020

ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
INCOME		
CLC Recurrent Grants - State	551,809	430,428
CLC Recurrent Grants - Commonwealth	143,191	138,851
Other Grants	84,000	46,026
Philanthropic Grant	93,098	20,000
Reduced Revenue - Grants (Carried)/Brought forward	155,240	160,126
Costs Recovered and Retained	299	5,080
Fundraising/Donations	-	787
Interest Received	7,456	6,709
Membership Subscription	-	45
COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments	122,500	-
Other Income	31,803	8,565
TOTAL INCOME	1,189,396	816,617
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and Wages	835,735	534,139
Superannuation	70,113	46,688
Salary On costs	(13,526)	12,325
Travel	368	2,737
Rent and Refurbishment Contribution	57,605	28,159
Other Premises Costs	1,888	11,038
Staff Training	7,826	1,899
Staff Recruitment	4,630	2,453
Communications	3,144	8,422
Office Overheads	9,914	12,118
Insurance	3,589	4,730
Finance, Audit and Accounting	2,760	4,710
Library, Resources and Subscriptions	8,417	5,383
Programming and Planning	33,481	56,497
Depreciation	13,778	5,925
Minor Equipment	425	823
Projects (Non CLC Recurrent)	-	20,129
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,040,147	758,175
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	149,249	58,442

The Income and Expenditure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the independent audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	202,511	334,760
Trade and Other Receivables	3	348,688	5,146
Financial Assets	4	200,000	200,000
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		751,199	539,906
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Furniture and Equipment	5	46,219	14,608
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		46,219	14,608
TOTAL ASSETS		797,418	554,514
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payable	6	86,331	44,947
Income Received in Advance	7	338,476	258,444
Employment Entitlement Provisions	8	43,118	82,797
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		467,925	386,188
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employment Entitlement Provisions	8	26,372	14,454
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		26,372	14,454
TOTAL LIABILITIES		494,297	400,642
NET ASSETS		303,121	153,872
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		303,121	153,872
		303,121	153,872

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the independent audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Accumulated funds \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2018	95,430	95,430
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	58,442	58,442
Balance as at 30 June 2019	<u>153,872</u>	<u>153,872</u>
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	149,249	149,249
Balance as at 30 June 2020	<u>303,121</u>	<u>303,121</u>

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the independent audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from grants		762,499	779,974
Receipts from other sources		154,602	19,077
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,011,417)	(826,609)
Interest received		7,456	6,709
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	9	<u>(86,860)</u>	<u>(20,849)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(45,389)	(2,442)
Investments in financial assets		-	(200,000)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(45,389)</u>	<u>(202,442)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(132,249)	(223,291)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		334,760	558,051
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	2	<u>202,511</u>	<u>334,760</u>

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the independent audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of St Kilda Legal Service Inc., an incorporated association, which is incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria). The board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the general purpose financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

a. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the board commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The asset's residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

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 included in the income statement.

ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

b. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

c. Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

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

The mandatory date of adoption for AASB 15 and AASB 1058 was 1 January 2019. The Association has elected to apply the modified retrospective approach allowable under the Standard, reflecting the cumulative impact arising from adoption (if any) as an adjustment to opening accumulated surplus at 1 January 2019. As a result, comparative financial information has not been restated.

AASB 15 involves the use of a five-step recognition model for recognising revenue, the steps are:

- Step 1 – Identify the contract with the customer
- Step 2 – Identify the sufficiently specific performance obligations to be satisfied
- Step 3 – Measure the expected consideration
- Step 4 – Allocate that consideration to each of the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 5 – Recognise revenue

AASB 1058 measures income by reference to the fair value of the asset received. The asset received, which could be a financial or non-financial asset, is initially measured at fair value when the consideration paid for the asset is significantly less than fair value, and that difference is principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. Otherwise, assets acquired are recognised at cost.

Where the asset has been measured at fair value, AASB 1058 requires that elements of other Accounting Standards are identified before accounting for the residual component. These standards are:

- AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- AASB 16 Leases
- AASB 1004 Contributions
- AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities & Contingent Assets
- AASB 9 Financial Instruments

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

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

d. Income Tax

By virtue of its aims as set out in the constitution, the Association qualifies as an Association specifically exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

e. 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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

f. Employment Entitlements

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Contributions are made by the Association to employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

g. 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.

h. New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The Association has adopted all of the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are mandatory for the current reporting period. The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the Association.

New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the Association. The Board of Committee Members has elected not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements.

ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank	202,482	334,731
Petty Cash	29	29
	<u>202,511</u>	<u>334,760</u>
Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	202,511	334,760
	<u>202,511</u>	<u>334,760</u>
Note 3. Trade and Other Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	311,250	2,400
Other Receivables	36,021	-
Prepayments	1,417	2,746
	<u>348,688</u>	<u>5,146</u>
Note 4. Financial Assets		
Term Deposit	200,000	200,000
	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Note 5. Furniture and Equipment		
Furniture and Equipment		
At cost	104,077	58,688
Accumulated depreciation	(57,858)	(44,080)
	<u>46,219</u>	<u>14,608</u>
Note 6. Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities		
Current - unsecured		
Accounts payable	486	179
Accrued expenses	29,714	15,779
GST liability/(asset)	44,382	15,617
PAYG Withholding payable	11,749	8,395
Superannuation payable	-	4,977
	<u>86,331</u>	<u>44,947</u>
Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other		
Trade and other payables		
- Total current	86,331	44,947
- Total non-current	-	-
	<u>86,331</u>	<u>44,947</u>

ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Note 7. Income Received in Advance

Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) grant in advance	305,500	83,014
Legal Services Board grant in advance	-	80,000
Victoria Law Foundation grant in advance	-	40,279
Philanthropic grants	32,976	55,151
	<u>338,476</u>	<u>258,444</u>

Note 8. Employment Entitlement Provisions

Current		
Provision for annual leave	42,813	30,151
Provision for long service leave	305	52,646
	<u>43,118</u>	<u>82,797</u>
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	26,372	14,454
	<u>26,372</u>	<u>14,454</u>

Note 9. Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income

Operating surplus/(deficit)	149,249	58,442
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Non-cash flows in profit

Depreciation of non-current assets	13,778	5,925
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Changes in assets and liabilities

(Increase)/decrease in trade debtors and other debtors	(344,871)	4,600
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	1,329	(785)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payables and accruals	41,384	(7,809)
Increase/(decrease) in grants in advance	80,032	(15,457)
Increase/(decrease) in employee entitlements	(27,761)	(65,766)

Cash flow from operations	<u>(86,860)</u>	<u>(20,850)</u>
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ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
ABN 83 519 420 198
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

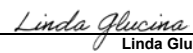
The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 10:

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the St Kilda Legal Service Inc. as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that St Kilda Legal Service Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

Chairperson


Linda Glucina

Treasurer


Elliot Anderson

Dated this

13 day of October 2020

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TOWARDS A VISION SHARED



**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
A.B.N. 83 519 420 198**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. No contravention of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'FRE', followed by a horizontal line.

Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen CA
ASIC Auditor Registration Number 421448

Collins & Co Audit Pty Ltd
127 Paisley Street
FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Dated this 14th day of October 2020

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**ST KILDA LEGAL SERVICE INC.
A.B.N. 83 519 420 198
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of St Kilda Legal Service Inc. (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2020, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Association is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, 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 year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1, the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with 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 my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist St Kilda Legal Service Inc. to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is 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 management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My 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 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 the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

Auditor: Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen **ASIC Registration Number:** 421448

Address: Collins & Co Audit Pty Ltd, 127 Paisley Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Signature:

Date: 14 October 2020

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