



WESTSIDE
COMMUNITY LAWYERS

ANNUAL REPORT

2024 / 2025

**WESTSIDE
COMMUNITY
LAWYERS**

1,171 COMMERCIAL ROAD
PORT ADELAIDE, SA

FLINDERS ARCADE
72 ELLEN STREET
PORT PIRIE, SA

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Purpose & History

In August 1974 a shopfront community centre called “Focus One” opened in The Parks area. It provided a legal advice service on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm, with 4 volunteer lawyers providing services on a rostered basis.

In July 1978 the Council of the recently opened Parks Community Centre wrote to the Legal Services Commission indicating that they intended to make a funding submission to establish a permanent legal service within the Centre.

The Commission met at The Parks on 2 November 1978 to consider the submission and on 19 April 1979 a grant of \$8,020.00 was made to establish The Parks Legal Service; with the service commencing operation on 1 May 1979. On 19 July 1979 the Commission approved further funding of \$33,457.00 to expand the service.

At the formal opening the then Attorney General said:

“The establishment of this Centre is a milestone in the development of legal services in South Australia because it is not only the first independent, community-based legal service to be funded by the Legal Services Commission, but is the first service of this kind in Australia.”

The legal service has always been managed by a volunteer Board of Management, comprised mostly of legal practitioners, committed to assisting those who are unable to afford private legal representation. Our current chairman is the Honourable Richard White KC (formerly a Judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia). Our capacity to truly assist our clients is largely a consequence of their shared vision that we should employ lawyers with a variety of skills, who in combination provide a complete and holistic service to clients.

In 2002 we expanded beyond Angle Park to encompass the greater western portion of Adelaide and changed our name to WestSide Lawyers. Within 18 months we were invited to run the Port Pirie legal centre during the calling of a new tender and we have been a vital part of providing access to legal justice in the region ever since.

In 2012 it was announced that The Parks would be redeveloped. Knowing that our offices would make way for new facilities, the Board decided to relocate permanently. In the 2012 Annual Report we reflected on the impending relocation and commented that ‘it will be with some regret that we leave the very pleasant surrounds of our current address, with its park-like setting, wonderful bird life and great Vietnamese cafes’. Despite that tinge of regret, we were pleased to find extremely suitable premises, surrounded by park-like areas and very close by to some new Vietnamese cafes. In January 2014 WestSide Lawyers relocated to the ‘Old Post Office’ at Hindmarsh and in May 2014 our new office was officially opened by the Honourable Chief Justice Kourakis QC. The benefits of the new office were plentiful; our location on a major arterial road had significantly increased visibility, is only minutes from the CBD and was markedly closer to the Adelaide Courts, where our lawyers spend much of their time.

In late 2023, WestSide Community Lawyers relocated from Hindmarsh to a more accessible office in Port Adelaide, strengthening our presence in the heart of the community. The move has allowed us to better serve clients, expand our outreach, and foster stronger relationships with local organisations and stakeholders.

In August 2024, WestSide announced the appointment of Andrew English as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Lawyer. Admitted to practice in 1988, Andrew brings extensive experience from roles with the Legal Services Commission, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. Before joining WestSide, he worked as a Barrister specialising in Criminal and Family Law.

Objectives

WestSide Lawyers enhances access to legal justice for people experiencing financial, social or other disadvantage by:

- Providing legal services to individuals and to community and not-for-profit organisations;
- Making referrals to appropriate government and non-government agencies for non-legal issues;
- Involving individuals and community and not-for-profit organisations in recognition, understanding and solution of their own legal and related problems;
- Supporting and empowering clients to resolve their own legal problems where possible;
- Assisting in, encouraging and fostering unusual cases; and
- Co-operating and/or affiliating with organisations in Australia and elsewhere having similar objectives and/or common clients.

Operation & Governance

Hours of Operation

WestSide Lawyers provides legal assistance by appointment during the following hours:

9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday; and

5:30pm to 7:30pm Tuesday (In person and telephone appointments offered from our Port Adelaide and Port Pirie Offices)

After-hours appointments for existing clients are available by arrangement with the solicitor responsible for the client's file.

Staff 2024 - 2025

LAWYERS

Andrew English
Sophia Moustakos
Vanessa Ho
Tim Sierp
Joel Horskins
Kaela Dore
Christine Leahy
Amelia Goldring
Pei Ling Cao
Zoe Lewis
Kristie Molloy
Carolyn Scholefield
Amanjot Singh
Jack McWhirter
Aashwina Krishnan
Ted Hui

VOLUNTEERS

Erin Mcglade
Simone Cureton
Lawrence Ben
Elisa Caruso
Mark Ferraretto
Clare Peterson
Jacob Wang
Julian Male

ADMINISTRATION

Catherine Luo
Julie Dodd
Thomas O'Connor

MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS

Melissa Downie
Caleb James

CLERKS

Milayna Zuliamis
Danielle Clemente
Roseanna Triulcio
Edward Swinden
Banen Ahmady

Management Board 2024 - 2025

Sebastian Hill, Boylan Lawyers (Chairperson)	Paul Boylan, Boylan Lawyers
Thea Birss (Secretary)	Amra Choumar, Stanley & Co Lawyers
Greg Hayes (Treasurer)	Tonia Keating, Relationships Australia SA
Gabrielle Canny	

Message from our CEO & Managing Lawyer

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present this report for the 2024-2025 financial year, a period marked by significant achievement, strategic growth, and unwavering commitment to justice for many of South Australia's most vulnerable communities.

This year, WestSide Community Lawyers successfully achieved accreditation certification from Community Legal Centres Australia, securing our compliance and operational excellence for the next five years. This milestone reflects the dedication and professionalism of our entire team and affirms our standing as a trusted provider of legal services across metropolitan and regional South Australia.

Through careful strategic planning, WestSide has continued to deliver high-quality legal support via legal clinics, duty solicitor services, and casework to communities across our vast catchment area. From the western suburbs of Adelaide to the Mid-North, Yorke Peninsula, West Coast, and far northern outback areas, our reach has expanded despite the challenges posed by limited financial and human resources.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our team of lawyers, administrative staff, volunteers, and support personnel who have gone above and beyond to serve clients in both urban and remote regions. The work undertaken in our regional country and outback areas has required significant travel – often for several days at a time – and I commend our staff for their resilience, compassion, and professionalism.

Special recognition is due to our staff who have assisted with our Port Pirie office operations. Throughout the year our staff have built strong local partnerships, participated in interagency groups, and delivered impactful legal education and outreach. Their work has been instrumental in strengthening our presence and service delivery in the region.

WestSide has continued to work collaboratively with other community legal centres, including the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) and the Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service, to ensure culturally appropriate and accessible legal support. We have also partnered with a wide range of allied service providers in the areas of mental health, housing, and domestic violence intervention, recognising that legal issues often intersect with broader social challenges.

Our Wellbeing Support Officer, Melissa Downie, has played a vital role in supporting clients with special needs and vulnerabilities, ensuring that their legal journey is met with empathy and care. Her work has been central to our trauma-informed and client-centred approach.

I also wish to extend special thanks to our Executive Solicitor, Sophia Moustakos, and Finance Officer, Catherine Luo. Their tireless efforts have ensured that WestSide's operations remain coordinated, compliant, and responsive to community needs. Their leadership and dedication have been invaluable.

As we move into the next year, WestSide aspires to increase our coverage of regional areas through careful strategic planning and resourcing. We are committed to expanding our outreach to more communities, including Ceduna, Coober Pedy, and the APY Lands, ensuring that we play our part in securing access to justice for all South Australians irrespective of geography or circumstance.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the Board of WestSide, led by the Honourable Richard White KC (2024) and Mr Sebastian Hill (2025). Their efforts have been instrumental in guiding the strong governance and strategic direction of our Centre. Indeed, our volunteer Board members' time, energy and expertise has enabled us to remain agile, accountable, and community-focused in the face of many challenges.

This year has reaffirmed the strength, compassion, and capability of our organisation. WestSide Community Lawyers continues to be a legal practice that strives to provide justice for those who need it most. It has been a great privilege to have led such a dedicated team, and we look forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Services Provided

Providing Initial Legal Assessment, Advice and Referral

Every individual and community or not-for-profit organisation is entitled to a free legal advice interview on most areas of law.

At WestSide Lawyers, every individual, community member and not-for-profit organisation is entitled to a free legal advice interview across a broad range of legal matters. Our aim is to help clients understand their legal rights and options so they can make well-informed decisions about their circumstances.

Common areas of legal advice include:

- Criminal law and police matters
- Family law issues, including parenting and property settlement
- Employment disputes
- Neighbour disputes
- A wide range of civil disputes addressed in the Magistrates, District, and Supreme Courts

During the initial interview we provide clear, guidance tailored to each client's unique situation. While general online resources can be useful, they rarely address the specific facts of an individual case. Our lawyers interpret how the law applies to the client's matter, outlining their rights, obligations and the possible courses of action.

Where issues are partly or wholly non-legal, we connect clients with appropriate support services. For example, many clients at our Port Adelaide office who are experiencing financial hardship are referred to financial counselling services such as AnglicareSA or Uniting Care Wesley Bowden.

To ensure accessibility, WestSide Lawyers provides free interpreter services through the Commonwealth Government's Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS), available on-site or via telephone conference. We also arrange Auslan interpretation through Deaf Connect for clients who require sign-language support.

After-Hours Advice Clinic

WestSide Lawyers receives State and Commonwealth government funding to provide services to clients after-hours



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ADDITIONAL AFTER-HOURS APPOINTMENTS

WestSide Community Lawyers continues to support clients through its after-hours advice clinic, providing accessible legal services outside standard business hours.

During the 2024-25 financial year, a total of 208 appointments were delivered through the clinic. Half of these were conducted by our dedicated volunteer lawyers, who continue to generously contribute their time and expertise for the benefit of our community. The other half were carried out by WestSide staff, with all staff members now engaged in some way in supporting the clinic.

Clients sought advice on a wide range of matters, including employment disputes such as unfair dismissal, neighbour disagreements like fencing issues, family law and family violence concerns, as well as minor criminal matters.

The after-hours format remains especially valuable for clients who are unable to attend appointments during the day due to caring responsibilities, work, or study commitments.

The involvement of our volunteer lawyers is central to the clinic's success, as they provide half of the weekly appointments. They offer immediate advice, information, and referrals, and when further assistance is needed, WestSide staff step in to provide ongoing support. In many cases, initial clinic appointments have led to continuing representation through WestSide, ensuring clients receive accessible, compassionate, and high-quality legal services free of charge.

Generalist Practice

WestSide Lawyers receives funding from the South Australian government to provide services to clients across a broad range of legal disputes.



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GENERALIST SERVICES 2024/2025

The Generalist Practice funding grant allows WestSide Lawyers to provide advice and representation to clients across the criminal and civil (incorporating private disputes, employment disputes and administrative appeals) practice areas.

Civil Law Report

The Civil Law team at WestSide Community Lawyers has had a strong year delivering legal assistance and advocacy to individuals and communities facing a wide range of civil law issues. Demand for our services remains high, and our focus continues to be on ensuring access to justice for people who might otherwise be unable to afford legal representation.

Our civil law work typically includes:

- General disputes between individuals and corporations, including contract and debt recovery matters
- Consumer law disputes, such as issues with second-hand car dealerships
- Motor vehicle accident claims on behalf of uninsured motorists in dispute with insurance companies or other uninsured motorists
- Employment matters, including unfair dismissal, underpayment of wages and workplace discrimination
- Tenancy advice and disputes, including eviction notices, bond issues and repairs
- Representation in appeals of administrative decisions, such as public housing matters or Working with Children Checks

Beyond providing direct legal support, the team remains committed to empowering the community and improving access to justice. While challenges persist, the Civil Law team continues to expand services, advocate for systemic legal reform and enhance the quality of support offered to vulnerable and low-income members of our community.



Client Feedback

"We couldn't have asked for a better outcome - thank you, Westside Community Lawyers!! [Staff's name] and [Staff's name] expertise and incredible support throughout the process made such a difference. We felt informed, supported, and confident every step of the way. We're so grateful for the care and expertise they brought to our case - especially my dad, who really appreciated their dedication. Highly recommend!!!"



Criminal Law & Duty Solicitor Service Report

Bridging Legal and Social Gaps in the Western Suburbs and Regional South Australia

Expanding Access to Justice

WestSide Community Lawyers receives funding from both the South Australian and the Commonwealth Governments to provide legal services across a broad range of criminal matters. This support enables WestSide to assist clients in metropolitan and regional Magistrates Courts, including appearances for assault, theft, fraud, road traffic offences, bail applications, drug and weapon-related offences, and property damage charges.

While most clients are charged with less serious offences, WestSide also provides representation in more serious matters before the District and Supreme Courts, including trials and appeals. Where appropriate, WestSide negotiates with prosecution to withdraw or downgrade charges and makes sentencing submissions on behalf of clients who plead guilty. However, where appropriate Westside will provide representation for criminal trials and Appeals.

Our criminal law team also provides invaluable assistance in domestic violence intervention order matters, representing both victims and defendants where this is appropriate.

Supporting Vulnerable People and Communities with Duty Solicitor Services

Many of the individuals who appear unrepresented before the courts are vulnerable and disadvantaged. When seen by our duty solicitors, they often disclose a range of other legal and social issues, including family breakdown, drug dependence, gambling addiction, debt, housing instability, mental health challenges, and social security problems. WestSide is uniquely positioned to assist with these issues through referrals to our in-house civil and family law teams, or to external agencies equipped to provide specialised support. Our Wellbeing Support Officer also plays a vital role in helping clients manage these challenges holistically.

The WestSide duty solicitor service is integral to assisting clients who face a multiplicity of legal and social problems, ensuring they are not left to navigate the justice system alone.

Enhancing Court Efficiency

Duty solicitor services are not only essential for assisting unrepresented individuals – they also play a critical role in supporting the efficient operation of the courts. When a person is represented, matters can often be resolved on the day, reducing the need for adjournments and helping to alleviate congested court lists. Moreover, valuable court time is saved when Magistrates are not required to explain legal processes to unrepresented litigants, allowing proceedings to run more smoothly and effectively.

Integrated Legal Support in Country Courts

WestSide Lawyers provides a Duty Solicitor service to the people of the Upper Spencer Gulf region, particularly at the Port Pirie, Kadina, Peterborough, and now Maitland Magistrates Courts. WestSide has established a strong criminal law practice in the mid-north, with regular in-person duty solicitor services at Port Pirie, Kadina, and Maitland. Additional appearances are made via AVL or telephone in other regional courts.

In 2025, WestSide has also provided duty solicitor services on several occasions to Whyalla, Coober Pedy, and Port Lincoln, further extending its reach. With additional funding, WestSide aspires to deliver these services more regularly and expand into Ceduna and the APY Lands, where access to legal representation remains limited.

WestSide remains committed to bridging the justice gap for regional and remote communities, and continues to build strong relationships with the judiciary, court staff, police, and fellow practitioners through its professional and impartial service.

Family Law & Family Violence

In addition to the Generalist Practice, WestSide Lawyers is funded to provide specific services to clients involved in family law disputes as well as clients where family violence is a core feature in the matter.



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**FAMILY LAW AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES
2024/2025 (INC. FAMILY LAW PILOT PROGRAM)**



We are pleased to report the continued success and impact of our Family Law Legal Services through our funding streams. Our team has continued to provide essential legal advice and representation to clients navigating a wide range of family law matters.

Our services this year have included:

- Parenting Arrangements:
 - Assisting families to resolve disputes and establish safe, fair, and sustainable parenting plans that prioritise the best interests and welfare of children.
- Property Settlements:
 - Supporting clients to finalise financial matters following separation through property division and settlement processes, and facilitating mediations and providing referrals where further support is required.
- Child Support:
 - Advising clients on their rights and responsibilities under child support laws, and providing appropriate referrals and advocacy where necessary.
- Spousal Maintenance:
 - Providing advice and assistance to clients seeking clarity or resolution in relation to spousal maintenance obligations.
- Family Violence:
 - Continuing to prioritise the safety and well-being of clients affected by family violence by providing legal advice, support, and representation, including raising these issues with relevant service providers and, where applicable, the Courts.

We have maintained our partnership with Women's Safety Services SA, operating the Domestic Violence Legal Advice Clinic. This collaboration continues to provide vital, free legal consultations to individuals experiencing family violence and has proven invaluable in improving access to immediate legal support.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to delivering, accessible family law services and strengthening our role in community education, advocacy, and early intervention. Our focus remains on ensuring that every client receives compassionate, professional, and practical legal assistance to help them navigate complex family circumstances with confidence.

We thank our staff, partners, and clients for their continued trust and support.

Mental Health & Wellness Support

We have also received funding to employ a wellbeing support officer, whose role it is to assist clients who might need some emotional or non-legal practical support.



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MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING SERVICES 2024/2025



At WestSide Community Lawyers, we continue to recognise that many of our clients have faced significant trauma, particularly those affected by domestic and family violence. We understand that engaging with the legal system and recounting their experiences can be deeply distressing, and we remain committed to providing a safe, compassionate, and trauma-informed environment for all clients.

Our Wellbeing Support Officer plays a vital role in this approach, offering clients the opportunity to speak with someone who is trauma-informed and can provide a supportive and empathetic space to share their experiences. This service is grounded in a strengths-based framework, designed to empower clients by enhancing their self-determination, resilience, and confidence as they navigate their legal matters.

In addition to emotional support, the Wellbeing Support Officer assists clients with practical needs such as completing forms, preparing non-legal applications, and connecting with relevant local support services. Referrals are made based on the client's self-identified needs and circumstances, ensuring that each person receives tailored, client-led assistance. While WestSide does not provide ongoing internal case management or counselling, our Wellbeing Support Officer ensures that clients are connected promptly with appropriate external agencies and community supports across both Western Adelaide and the Yorke/Mid-North Regions.

Over the past year, the Wellbeing Support Officer has supported individual clients, with most requiring two to three appointments for assessment, referral, and follow-up. This role continues to make a significant contribution to improving client outcomes and reducing barriers to accessing justice.

We also continue our partnership with UnitingCare Wesley Bowden (UCWB), through which clients can access financial counselling. Peter Gantley, UCWB's financial counsellor, attends our Port Adelaide office on a fortnightly basis, ensuring clients have convenient access to financial support and advice as part of our holistic, wrap-around service delivery model.

Looking forward, WestSide remains committed to strengthening trauma-informed practices and expanding collaborative partnerships to ensure our clients receive the compassionate, integrated, and empowering support they deserve.



Client Feedback

"Best lawyers ever, [Staff's name] has been very helpful over the years. They provided assistance and guidance through my divorce and custody journey highly recommended they are amazing team"

"Dear [Staff's name], sincere thanks for all you and the Westside team have done for me. Your professional and caring approach was really valued by us, and I am very thankful not only for your representation but also your guidance throughout the proceedings. Wishing you the very best in your career."

Port Pirie

Community Engagement and Legal Services Development in Port Pirie

The Port Pirie team has continued to strengthen relationships with local solicitors, law firms, and courts across Port Pirie and Kadina. Our focus this year has been on fostering mutual referral pathways, enabling WestSide to assist clients who may fall outside the practice areas of local firms, while referring clients with matters better suited to private practitioners. This collaboration ensures seamless access to legal support across the Region. Ongoing discussions have also explored the types of cases local firms prefer to manage, further enhancing coordination and efficiency.

WestSide has become an integral part of the local community through active participation in interagency networks, including the Port Pirie and Copper Coast groups, the 4Rs group and local job networks. Our Port Pirie solicitors attend and contribute to these forums regularly, fostering collaboration, sharing insights, and strengthening community connections.

In addition to committee involvement, our Port Pirie lawyers have taken part in a range of community activities across the Copper Coast, helping to identify service gaps and local needs. This understanding enables WestSide to provide more targeted support and make informed referrals, ensuring clients receive comprehensive and responsive assistance.

Legal Case Studies

GH, an elderly client, approached WestSide Community Lawyers after self-representing in her family law property matter for a lengthy period. She was feeling defeated and ready to accept an extremely poor settlement offer that would have left her with almost nothing.

Through an initial advice session, our solicitor provided clear legal guidance and practical negotiation strategies, which helped GH understand her entitlements and regain confidence. She has since successfully obtained Legal Aid funding to pursue mediation – an outcome that is expected to lead to a fair settlement and enable her to secure her own rental property.

SP was charged before the District Court with three counts of Acts Endangering Life. She had grabbed the steering wheel of a motor vehicle during a heated argument with the driver. At the time, her two children, were seated in the rear passenger seats. The act caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle, and he hit a tree at high speed. Fortunately, none of the occupants sustained serious injuries.

SP pleaded guilty to lesser charges before the District Court after negotiations. However, the prosecution sought an immediate term of imprisonment given the gravity of the offending. With the assistance of a psychological report, the court accepted that SP suffered from acute post-traumatic stress disorder, the result of years of severe domestic violence at the hands of a former partner that included rape, serious assaults, and coercive control. The court accepted that there was a psychological nexus between the condition of PTSD and the offending action because her PTSD manifested itself in outbursts of sudden anger during periods of extreme stress. As a result, the court imposed a suspended sentence of imprisonment because of her diminished responsibility.

“ Client Feedback

“I had an outstanding experience with Westside. The service was professional, efficient, and truly top-notch from start to finish. A special thank you to my lawyer, [Staff’s name], whose expertise, dedication, and clear communication made a complex process feel smooth and manageable. She went above and beyond to ensure everything was handled thoroughly and with care. Highly recommended – best service I’ve encountered!”

Legal Case Studies



TN is an elderly person who approached Westside Community Lawyers for assistance after receiving a Claim for \$29,140 from her former employer. It was alleged that she had not performed any services for the company during her employment, which lasted for approximately nine years before she resigned in 2021, an allegation TN denied.

In addition to being elderly, TN comes from a culturally and linguistically diverse background, has limited English proficiency, is a pensioner, and possesses minimal wealth and assets. Given her circumstances, TN was unable to afford private legal assistance or representation without facing significant financial hardship.

Westside was able to assist TN in lodging an interlocutory application seeking to strike out the Claim on the basis that it was frivolous, an abuse of court process, and lacked any supporting documentation in the affidavit. PPP subsequently engaged a lawyer, and after several correspondences between Westside and PPP's legal representative, PPP filed a Notice of Discontinuance.

TN expressed her gratitude for the assistance provided by Westside, which helped her avoid the potential outcome of having to pay a significant debt she could not afford, an outcome that may have occurred if she had not been legally represented.

DT was charged with one count of Drive Unregistered MV on Road and one count of Drive Uninsured MV on Road. DT instructed that her mother passed away unexpectedly from metastatic cancer.

DT's mother was the owner of the vehicle and left the vehicle to the client who had found her mother's last will and testament in her bedside drawer. DT attempted to call West Australian Transport to see if the vehicle was registered, however, as ownership of the vehicle had not yet been transferred into the DT's name, she was unauthorised to receive this information.

DT instructed that her mother was a highly organised woman and so she believed her mother would have registered the vehicle for 12 months, as she usually did.

Negotiations were written to the above effect and ultimately all charges were withdrawn against the DT.

PB had been charged with one count of Stalk a Person (allegations of 56 emails being sent to the complainant). PB instructed that on 4 January 2025, police attended her residence and advised her that she had been reported for stalking. The stalking allegations were in the form of multiple emails to the complainant. When interviewed by the officers, PB could not recall the incident.

PB instructed that the complainant had admitted to her a few weeks after her police interview that he had sent the emails from their joint email account out of spite. He admitted that his allegation of stalking was in fact false. A Statutory Declaration was prepared by our office to this effect and was executed by the complainant, who fortunately accepted responsibility for his actions. At the time of the alleged offending, PB had suffered a miscarriage and was struggling with mental health problems and physical healing. Our office forwarded the Statutory Declaration to the prosecution and successfully negotiated a withdrawal of the charge.

“ Client Feedback

“I couldn't be more grateful to [Staff's name], [Staff's name] and the team at Westside community lawyers and couldn't recommend them more. I could not have gotten through the process without the support and advice you gave me. Thank you to the team for allowing this support and the work you do to support the community!”

“Westside Community Lawyers were wonderful and dedicated. [Staff's Name] was exceptional with her extensive knowledge and experience. She guided us step by step through the whole process. We were very satisfied with the outcome. Thank you and I highly recommend [Staff's Name] and Westside Community Lawyers.”

Wellbeing Support – Case Studies



Supporting Jess through Family Law Proceedings

Jess is an Aboriginal client seeking time with her two children, who currently reside with another family member. She has experienced challenges understanding the requirements outlined in her court orders, often feeling confused and frustrated when tasks are not completed on time.

To support Jess, the wellbeing worker provided face-to-face assistance while she completed an online course required by the court. Over several sessions, the worker explained key concepts in a way Jess could understand, ensuring she felt confident and supported throughout the process. Regular check-ins via phone and in-person appointments helped maintain engagement and provide ongoing emotional and practical support.

Following a positive drug test result, Jess's lawyer recommended she engage in drug and alcohol counselling. The wellbeing worker compiled a list of appropriate services, including culturally safe options tailored for Aboriginal clients. Jess selected her preferred provider and, with guidance from the wellbeing worker, successfully self-referred.

Jess gave consent for her lawyer and the wellbeing worker to communicate about her case, allowing for a collaborative approach. This partnership ensured Jess remained informed and supported, and that she understood her legal obligations and the steps required to progress her case.

Since the beginning of her family court matter, Jess has had three different lawyers. The consistent support provided by the wellbeing worker has helped maintain continuity in service, contributing to Jess's ability to stay engaged and navigate the legal system more effectively.

Supporting Andy through Legal and Academic Challenges

Andy is an international student who sought legal advice and representation from the service. During his appointment, he shared with the lawyer that the legal matter was significantly impacting his mental health and affecting his ability to focus on his studies.

Recognising the need for additional support, the lawyer referred Andy to the wellbeing worker. After speaking with Andy, the worker researched relevant support services, including local counselling options and resources available through his university. To assist Andy in accessing academic support, the worker also drafted a letter he could present to his university outlining his circumstances.

All information, including service contacts and the support letter, was emailed to Andy, ensuring he had clear and accessible pathways to both mental health and academic assistance.

Supporting Sandra in a Remote Community

Sandra is a mature-aged woman living with a mental illness on a farm in the Eyre Peninsula. She recently separated from her husband and sought legal advice regarding her separation and divorce. After her legal appointment, Sandra shared that she was feeling isolated and had difficulty accessing community services. She had attempted to engage mediation services but was informed that property mediation was not available in her region.

The wellbeing worker provided phone-based support to Sandra while researching alternative services that could meet her needs. A referral was made to a property mediation service based in Adelaide, where Sandra was also able to access a support worker to assist her through the process.

Once Sandra's support needs were being met and appropriate services were in place, the wellbeing worker was able to close the case.

Client Services Snapshot

Client Assistance Services, Legal and Non-Legal

In FY 24/25, WestSide Community Lawyers recorded 3,127 client services across funding categories and geographical service areas, including legal and non-legal advice and tasks, representation, referrals, duty solicitor and mental health support services.



3,127

Total Client
Services



2,244

Legal Advices



517

Total
Representation
Services



257

Court / Tribunal
Services



106

Duty Solicitor
Services



131

Referrals and
Information



65

Legal Tasks



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Mental Health
Support Services

Community, Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration

In 2024/2025, WestSide continued to engage with allied services and the community, participating in several key stakeholder events throughout the year, including:

Yorke Peninsula Field Days

This year, WestSide Community Lawyers attended the Yorke Peninsula Field Days independently to promote the vital services we provide. Our efforts focused on raising awareness of the range of free legal services available to vulnerable and disadvantaged South Australians, while also highlighting how our team can assist individuals facing legal or financial hardship.

During the event, WestSide connected with a variety of local organisations, including SOS Yorkes, Drought Support, and several private law firms who expressed interest in understanding our eligibility criteria so they could refer clients who may not otherwise be able to afford private legal assistance.

Supporting our Farmers in Jamestown

WestSide Community Lawyers invited to offer legal support services to our farming communities across the Mid-North region.

In early June 2025, the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) brought vital support to drought-affected farmers in Jamestown - delivering 1,562 bales of hay, serving 600 hot meals, brewing countless coffees, and bringing smiles to 213 grateful farmers.

Our CEO & Managing Lawyer Andrew English, along with Solicitors Kaela Dore and Sophia Moustakos, spent the day connecting with local farmers like Trevor and Alison, and collaborating with other passionate community organisations.

A special thanks to Lifeline Connect - we had a wonderful chat with Bradley (Lifeline Coordinator) and Ann (Country SA Manager) about the community and mental health support in rural Australia.



Community, Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration

Law Week 2025

WestSide joined with the Legal Services Commission of South Australia and Women's Legal Service (SA) for a fantastic community event in Whyalla to celebrate Law Week!

Held at the Alex Ramsay Community Hub, the afternoon featured: a free community BBQ, chats with local lawyers about legal issues, an engaging info session on legal rights and support in the northern region and free drop-in legal clinic

It was a great turnout and a powerful reminder of how collaborative, accessible legal services can make a real impact. A big thank you to everyone who came along, asked questions, shared stories, and enjoyed a sausage or two!



Collaboration

WestSide continued to strengthen our relationships with service allies and collaborative partners. We remain well placed to assist clients with their non-legal needs as a result of an established and comprehensive network of support services, including:

Anglicare SA

for relationship, parenting and financial counselling, emergency assistance, housing and community programs, mental illness and disability support.

Housing SA

For assistance with public housing.

Uniting Care Wesley Bowden / Brompton

For financial counselling services.

Centacare & Centacare Country

for services where clients need additional support, including counselling for a range of reasons.

Relationships Australia SA

For family support services and counselling, including families going through separation.

Disability Rights Advocacy Service Inc.

Support for people with a disability, including protecting their rights, and their carers.

Womens Safety Services SA

Provide support and safety for women and children affected by domestic and family violence.

Legal Services Commission

For legal aid applications and many referrals received for family law property disputes, intervention order matters and civil law disputes.

Uniting Country

For family support services and counselling, including families going through separation.

Life Without Barriers

For support with alcohol and other drug dependencies.

Yarredi Services Inc.

Provide specialist domestic and family violence counselling services, homelessness services and therapeutic children's wellbeing programs.

JusticeNet SA

To assist us with the provision of experienced barristers who offer their time pro bono.

Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS)

Provide free, confidential support to older people facing issues related to aged care, home support, or abuse

Private lawyers in Adelaide and western suburbs

Referrals from these organisations where clients are experiencing financial difficulties.

A Year in Photos



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WESTSIDE
COMMUNITY LAWYERS

PART 2: ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

2024 / 2025

**WESTSIDE
COMMUNITY
LAWYERS**

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

ABN 58 010 430 612

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS
COMMISSION ACT 2012**

To the Members of Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

As lead auditor for the audit of Westside Community Lawyers Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- ☐ no contraventions of the independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- ☐ no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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**LUKE BOLLMEYER
DIRECTOR**

Adelaide, 09 October 2025

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	\$	\$
Cost recovered		933	-
Grants	4	2,381,141	1,965,046
Other income	4	22,448	38,998
Employee benefits expense	5	(1,719,983)	(1,437,170)
Depreciation	5	(218,520)	(192,976)
Other expenses		(424,575)	(405,660)
Finance expenses		(41,283)	(37,750)
Profit/(loss) for the year		161	(69,512)
Total comprehensive income for the year		161	(69,512)

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	543,979	792,141
Trade and other receivables	7	473	269
Other assets	8	15,984	16,708
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		560,436	809,118
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	302,570	377,143
Right-of-use assets	11	353,133	479,751
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		655,703	856,894
TOTAL ASSETS		1,216,139	1,666,012
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	353,774	175,721
Lease liabilities	11	141,880	125,848
Employee benefits	12	59,280	60,877
Deferred revenue	13	-	506,739
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		554,934	869,185
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	11	304,794	446,674
Employee benefits	12	33,461	15,662
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		338,255	462,336
TOTAL LIABILITIES		893,189	1,331,521
NET ASSETS		322,950	334,491
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		322,950	334,491
TOTAL EQUITY		322,950	334,491

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

2025

Balance at 1 July 2024

Adjustment to opening balance for deferred income

Profit for the year

Balance at 30 June 2025

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
	334,491	334,491
13.a	(11,702)	(11,702)
	161	161
	322,950	322,950

2024

Balance at 1 July 2023

Loss for the year

Balance at 30 June 2024

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
	404,003	404,003
	(69,512)	(69,512)
	334,491	334,491

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Grants received	1,862,700	2,075,500
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,949,400)	(1,680,987)
Sundry receipts	23,177	42,693
Net cash provided by operating activities	15 (63,523)	437,206
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	-	360
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(17,508)	(377,224)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(17,508)	(376,864)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payment of finance lease liabilities	(167,131)	(73,885)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(167,131)	(73,885)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(248,162)	(13,543)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	792,141	805,684
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6 543,979	792,141

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

The financial report covers Westside Community Lawyers Inc. as an individual entity. Westside Community Lawyers Inc. is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2025 were to assist eligible disadvantaged members of the community with priority legal needs in the areas of family law / family violence, civil law matters and certain criminal law matters.

The functional and presentation currency of Westside Community Lawyers Inc. is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of those charged with Governance, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the **Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012**.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, 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** and AASB 1054 **Australian Additional Disclosures**.

The financial report complies with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, except for the following;

AASB 119 **employee benefits** because the provision for long service leave is measured at nominal value rather than at present value, refer to note 2 (e)

2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

2 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

(a) Revenue and other income (continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Association are:

Donations and Legacies

Monies received from donations and legacies are recognised as income when received. It is not practical to establish accounting control over receipts as they pertain to donations and bequests. All other income, including client contribution fees, are recognised on an accrual basis.

Commonwealth and State Grant Revenue

External government funding is recognised as income when received. Unexpended portions of external funding is accounted for as a deferred provision due to the association's liability to refund any such unexpended portion. Where external funding is over expended that portion is accounted for as a prepayment against future year's funding to be received from the Commonwealth funding body, subject to the funding continuing.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the **Income Tax Assessment Act 1997**.

The Association is also endorsed as a deductible gift recipient under subdivision 30-B of the same act.

(c) 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.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for significantly less than fair value have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

2 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

(c) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a reducing balance basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Useful life
Furniture and Equipment	3-20 years
Motor Vehicles	4 years
Computer Equipment	2-5 years
Website	2.5 years
Office Fitout	5 years

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(d) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Association determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

(e) 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 arising from wages and salaries, annual leave, superannuation and long service leave, are measured at the nominal value.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

2 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

(f) Economic dependence

Westside Community Lawyers Inc. is dependent on the Commonwealth Government for the majority of its revenue used to continue its operations. At the date of this report the Board has no reason to believe the Commonwealth Government will not continue to support Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

The financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis.

3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board makes estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key judgement - revenue

The Association derives revenue from a range of activities and sources, including revenue from operating grants. In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Association is required to determine whether it is appropriate to recognise revenue in the financial year in which cash or non cash-assets are received or to defer the recognition of revenue until associated obligations and/or conditions (if any) are satisfied. In making this judgement, the Association considers the guidance outlined in AASB 15 **Revenue from Contracts with Customers** and AASB 1058 **Income for Not-for-Profit Entities** and, in particular, whether the arrangement contains enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations.

Key estimates - provisions

As described in the accounting policies, provisions are measured at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. These estimates are made taking into account a range of possible outcomes and will vary as further information is obtained.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

4 Revenue and Other Income

Grant Income

- Commonwealth grant
- State grant
- Family law / family violence grant
- Mental health program
- Revenue recognised from deferred income

Total grant income

2025	2024
\$	\$
1,020,730	878,520
187,826	197,636
482,302	371,951
171,840	166,731
518,443	350,208
2,381,141	1,965,046

Other Income

- Bank interest
- Disbursements recovered
- Sundry
- Profit on sale of fixed assets
- Rent received

Total other income

2025	2024
\$	\$
13,478	16,107
343	559
8,360	21,867
-	255
267	210
22,448	38,998

5 Result for the Year

The result for the year includes the following specific expenses:

Employee benefit expenses

- Salaries and wages
- Superannuation contributions
- Employee salary sacrifice
- Staff Fringe benefits
- Workers compensation
- Annual leave expense
- Long service leave expense

Depreciation expense

- Depreciation - RoU assets
- Depreciation

2025	2024
\$	\$
1,295,495	1,058,378
162,634	136,358
35,000	26,000
203,785	183,755
6,867	5,736
(1,597)	14,775
17,799	12,168
1,719,983	1,437,170
126,619	118,595
91,901	74,381
218,520	192,976

6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand

Total cash and cash equivalents

543,979	792,141
543,979	792,141

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

7 Trade and other receivables

CURRENT

Trade receivables

Total trade receivables

2025	2024
\$	\$
473	269
473	269

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

8 Other Assets

CURRENT

Prepayments

Deposit

Total other assets

2025	2024
\$	\$
14,984	16,708
1,000	-
15,984	16,708

9 Property, plant and equipment

Furniture and equipment

At cost

Accumulated depreciation

Total furniture and equipment

Motor vehicles

At cost

Accumulated depreciation

Total motor vehicles

Computer equipment

At cost

Accumulated depreciation

Total computer equipment

Website

At cost

Accumulated depreciation

Total website

2025	2024
\$	\$
36,923	37,531
(7,621)	(6,078)
29,302	31,453
76,735	76,735
(30,905)	(15,628)
45,830	61,107
89,423	101,635
(65,996)	(75,778)
23,427	25,857
7,750	7,750
(7,750)	(7,750)
-	-

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

9 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Office fitout		
At cost	326,418	322,587
Accumulated amortisation	(122,407)	(63,861)
Total office fitout	204,011	258,726
Total property, plant and equipment	302,570	377,143

10 Trade and Other Payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	18,601	35,639
Deposits	1,000	-
GST payable	33,668	54,498
Employee benefits	39,010	49,281
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	61,877	36,303
Payable to Attorney-General's Department ("AGD")	199,618	-
	13.a	
Total trade and other payables	353,774	175,721

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

11 Leases

Association as a lessee

The Association has a lease over premises at 171 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide and Shop 18/72 Ellen Street, Flinders Arcade, Port Pirie.

Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions are provided below.

Terms and conditions of leases

i. 171 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide

Westside Lawyers has entered into a lease agreement with Muralo Markets Pty Ltd for the use of the office 1,171 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide SA 5015 ("Port Adelaide"). The lease agreement commenced on 1 October 2023 and expires on 30 September 2028, with an option to renew the lease for additional terms of three years each.

The Port Adelaide Office lease fee comprise of;

An Annual base rent of \$132,900 plus GST (subject to a CPI rent increase capped at 3.5% at the end of each year) is payable in equal instalments monthly, in advance.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

11 Leases (continued)

ii. Flinders Arcade, Port Pirie

Westside Lawyers has a lease with Patricia Anne Dabrowski for the use of the Shops 2/3 and part shop 18/72 Ellen Street, Flinders Arcade, Port Pirie ("Flinders Arcade"). A new lease extension was signed in July 2021, the new term now being 24 August 2021 to 23 August 2026.

The Flinders Arcade lease fee is comprised of:

An Annual base rent of \$27,059 plus GST (subject to CPI Rent Review at the end of each year) payable in equal instalments quarterly in advance.

Right-of-use assets

	Flinders Arcade	Commercial Road	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 30 June 2025			
Balance at beginning of year	129,729	503,364	633,093
Depreciation charge	(103,783)	(176,177)	(279,960)
Balance at end of year	25,946	327,187	353,133

Lease liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	< 1 year	1 - 5 years	> 5 years	Total undiscounted lease liabilities	Lease liabilities included in this Statement Of Financial Position
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2025					
Lease liabilities	173,134	335,446	-	508,580	446,674
2024					
Lease liabilities	167,131	508,580	-	675,711	572,522

Lease liabilities included in this Statement of Financial Position

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current	141,880	125,848
Non-current	304,794	446,674
Total	446,674	572,522

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

11 Leases (continued)

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the Association is a lessee are shown below:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Amortisation - 212 Port Road	-	11,026
Amortisation - 212a Port Road	-	6,119
Amortisation - Flinders Arcade	25,946	25,946
Amortisation - Port Adelaide	91,901	75,505
Total amortisation expenses	117,847	118,596
Interest expense - 212 Port Road	-	105
Interest expense - 212a Port Road	-	1,845
Interest expense - Flinders Arcade	2,445	3,781
Interest expense - Port Adelaide	38,838	32,019
Total interest expense	41,283	37,750
Total amortisation and interest expense	159,130	156,346

12 Employee Benefits

CURRENT		
Annual leave	59,280	60,877
Total current employee benefits	59,280	60,877
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave	33,461	15,662
Total non-current employee benefits	33,461	15,662

13 Deferred Revenue

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CURRENT Region 3 – Generalist		
Region 3 – Family Law / Family Violence	-	4,274
Region 6 – Generalist	-	3,974
Region 6 – Family Law / Family Violence	-	3,065
Region 3 Mental Health Program	-	4,763
Region 6 Mental Health Program	-	5,842
Region 3 - Family Law Pilot	-	1,713
Region 6 - Family Law Pilot	-	81,720
Quarantined Briefing Out Fee	-	11,623
	-	389,765
Total deferred revenue	-	506,739

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

13.a Deferred Revenue Movement

Opening Balance at 1 July

Adjustment to opening balance for deferred income *

Grant income received from AGD

Income recognised during the year

Amount payable to AGD **

Closing Balance at 30 June

2025	2024
\$	\$
506,739	562,547
11,702	-
2,062,318	1,909,238
(2,381,141)	(1,965,046)
(199,618)	-
-	506,739

* Per the discussion had with AGD the total grant carryover relating to 2020-2024 financial year has been updated to \$518,441. Accordingly, the opening deferred income balance has not been restated, instead, an adjustment has been made directly to opening retained earnings as at 1 July 2024 to reflect the updated carryover amount.

** Based on the 2020-2025 funding agreement, the unspent surplus funding has been recorded as a payable. The AGD has issued an invoice requesting the return of these funds, and the liability has been recognised accordingly in the financial statements.

14 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2025 (30 June 2024:None).

15 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Profit/(loss) for the year

Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities

Non-cash flows in profit:

- depreciation - AASB 16

- depreciation

- interest on lease liabilities

- loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment

- write-off of property, plant and equipment

- (gain) on termination of RoU assets

Changes in assets and liabilities:

- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables

- (increase)/decrease in prepayments

- (increase)/decrease in unexpended grants

- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables

- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits

Cashflows from operations

2025	2024
\$	\$
161	(69,512)
126,619	118,596
91,901	74,381
41,283	37,750
178	(255)
-	94,592
-	(9,784)
(204)	170,214
723	(2,354)
(518,441)	(55,808)
178,055	52,443
16,202	26,943
(63,523)	437,206

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

16 Auditors' Remuneration

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor [AHO Audit Pty Ltd], for:)		
- auditing or reviewing the financial statements	11,200	10,200
Total	11,200	10,200

17 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:
Westside Community Lawyers Inc.
1/171 Commercial Road
Port Adelaide
South Australia 5015

Statement by Members of the Management Board

The members of the management board declare that in their opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.

Chairman

Sebastian Hill

Treasurer

Greg Hayes

Dated

9 OCTOBER 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WESTSIDE COMMUNITY LAWYERS INC.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion We have audited the financial report of Westside Community Lawyers Inc. which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the statement by members of the management board.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Westside Community Lawyers Inc, is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025, and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.

Basis for opinion We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit

of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the registered entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of the Responsible Entities for the Financial Report The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so. The responsible entities are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our 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 responsible entities.
- ☐ Conclude on the appropriateness of 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 we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our [my] auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our 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.

We communicate with responsible entities regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Independence

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the ACNC Act, which has been given to the responsible entities of Westside Community Lawyers Inc., would be in the same terms if given to the responsible entities as at the time of this auditor's report.

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Adelaide, 14 October 2025



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