WestSide Lawyers

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022

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PURPOSE AND 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 6.00pm to 8.00pm, with four 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 John Sulan 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 are plentiful; our location on a major arterial road has significantly increased visibility, is only minutes from the CBD and is markedly closer to the Adelaide Courts, where our lawyers spend much of their time.

Since this time we have endured significant changes to the landscape of community legal services in South Australia. WestSide Lawyers continues to thrive and provide exceptional services to our clients in the metropolitan western suburbs and Port Pirie and the mid-north regions.

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 test cases and class action litigation.
- Co-operating with educational authorities in the provision of legal education in the community.
- Participating in law reform.
- Co-operating and/or affiliating with organisations in Australia and elsewhere having similar objectives.
- Undertaking such other activities which contribute to the resolution of the legal and related needs of individuals and families.

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

- 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday; and
- 6:00pm to 8:00pm Thursdays (Hindmarsh Office only)

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

STAFF 2021 - 2022

LAWYERS
Michelle Ford
Vanessa Ho
Tim Sierp
Joel Horskins
Evenia Kouvaris
George Panayotopoulos
Italia Block
Yen Du
Elizabeth Densley
So Ji
Michael Bayne
Stephanie Forde

ADMINISTRATION
Julie Dodd
Islam Muhammad
Samantha White

CLERKS
India Petrucco
Sophia Moustakos
Daniella De Vonte

MANAGEMENT BOARD 2021 - 2022

John Sulan KC, Bar Chambers (Chairperson)
Amra Sabou, Stanley & Co Lawyers
Alisa Willis, Department of Human Services
Greg Hayes, Treasurer & Public Officer
Paul Boylan, Boylan Lawyers
Sebastian Hill, Boylan Lawyers
Thea Birss, Varden Lawyers
Virginia Leeuwenburg, Relationships Australia SA

SERVICES PROVIDED

1. 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. Areas most commonly advised on include:

- Criminal law and police matters;
- Family law matters including parenting and property settlement;
- Civil law matters such as employment disputes, neighbour disputes, debt matters

At the initial advice interview the primary aim is to add professional value to the client's own online or other investigation (e.g. a friend's direct experience). While online fact sheets about the law can be a useful starting point, an objective legal opinion about the specific application of the law to the particular set of facts is nearly always necessary.

The initial advice session outlines the full extent of the client's legal obligations, rights and remedies, as well as their available options for action. These considerations only follow a professional judgment made by the interviewing solicitor that the presenting issue is amenable to a legal solution.

If it becomes clear that the client's problem is not legal in nature, or is accompanied by a non-legal problem, suitable referrals are made. For example, many clients of the Hindmarsh office face financial difficulties, and are routinely referred for financial counselling to AnglicareSA and Uniting Care Wesley Bowden.

When required, WestSide Lawyers arranges a free interpreter for clients through the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) operated by the Commonwealth Government, either on-site or by telephone conference.

2. Providing ongoing casework assistance

When a client presents with a legal dispute that is contested by the other parties involved, ongoing assistance is offered, provided the client satisfies the eligibility criteria. Eligible clients are those who are engaged in a legal dispute of some significance and assessed to be disadvantaged and vulnerable to further losses, in accordance with the priority client categorisations set by the Commonwealth government.

Casework assistance often includes representation in court if the dispute cannot be resolved without court proceedings. Consistent with the long-standing policy of WestSide Lawyers, all eligible clients are represented at all court attendances, as failure to act is highly likely to compound disadvantage if the client is unrepresented in an adversarial judicial setting. All proceedings are issued in the firm name and letters on behalf of clients are sent on the firm letterhead. WestSide Lawyers conducts complex litigation, including appeals to superior courts.

Sidelines assistance is offered to clients in jurisdictions where lawyers are barred from acting for clients; for example, disputes in the Minor Civil jurisdiction of the Magistrates Court where lawyers are excluded except in limited circumstances. Sidelines assistance includes the drafting of court documents and letters in the client's name and assisting with negotiations with the other parties to the dispute. WestSide Lawyers applies its professional skills and experience to assist and empower the client to conduct and manage their own dispute.

3. Providing Duty Solicitor services from Port Pirie

WestSide Lawyers' Port Pirie office conducts a duty solicitor service in the Port Pirie Magistrates Court, Kadina Magistrates Court and Peterborough Magistrates Court. The service ensures access to appropriate legal advice and representation for otherwise unrepresented defendants. Defendants receive free legal services from a lawyer in court during circuit weeks, or legal advice and representation in relation to bail applications at any time if the person is in custody and has been refused police bail.

GENERALIST PRACTICE

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

In the criminal jurisdiction, WestSide Lawyers routinely appears in the Adelaide, suburban and regional Magistrates Courts to assist clients with:

- Assault matters, and other charges of intending to cause injury;
- Theft, fraud and related offences;
- Road traffic and other motor vehicle offences;
- Drug and weapon related offences; and
- Property damage charges.

WestSide Lawyers' work for clients in the criminal jurisdiction is broad. So as not to encroach on the work done by the Legal Services Commission, WestSide Lawyers does not act for clients who are eligible for a grant of legal aid funding. As such, the majority of clients assisted by WestSide Lawyers are charged with less serious offences, where it is generally not likely that the client would be imprisoned on a finding of guilt.

Where clients enter a guilty plea, WestSide Lawyers will make submissions on behalf of a client in mitigation of the penalty to be imposed. If it is clear that the evidence does not support the charges against the client, WestSide Lawyers endeavours to negotiate a withdrawal or downgrading of charges with prosecution. Where necessary, WestSide Lawyers will represent clients at trial.

In the civil jurisdiction, WestSide Lawyers typically assists clients in the following areas:

- Employment disputes, including unfair dismissal and underpayments;
- Tenancy disputes;
- Credit disputes, including assisting to negotiate arrangements for unpaid mortgages and credit cards, and assisting where a credit provider has made a repossession application;
- Motor vehicle accident matters on behalf of uninsured motorists in dispute with insurance companies or other uninsured motorists;
- General civil disputes between individuals and other individuals or corporations, including contract and debt matters; and
- Administrative matters, including Freedom of Information applications, government benefit disputes and appeals of government decisions.

WestSide Lawyers' working policy with respect to the civil jurisdiction is to continue to represent eligible clients and not abandon them when it is evident that a dispute cannot be resolved without going to court. To this end, WestSide Lawyers routinely conducts relatively complex litigation, where large commercial legal firms represent the other party.

FAMILY LAW & FAMILY VIOLENCE PRACTICE

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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.

In Family Law proceedings WestSide Lawyers provides assistance to clients in relation to issues arising from the breakdown of de facto or marital relationships. These issues include divorce, the division of property and care arrangements for children.

WestSide Lawyers assists clients to understand and apply the process for property division in accordance with the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth). These claims can be complex or simple, depending on the individual circumstances of each client. Generally, WestSide Lawyers will assist clients by calculating the property pool available for distribution and advising the client on the likely outcome, taking into account any additional financial or non-financial contributions to the relationship and the parties' current and future financial needs.

WestSide Lawyers assists clients to endeavour to reach a negotiated outcome with the other party to the relationship. Where those negotiations are unsuccessful, WestSide Lawyers will assist clients to file a claim in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and represent clients through those proceedings.

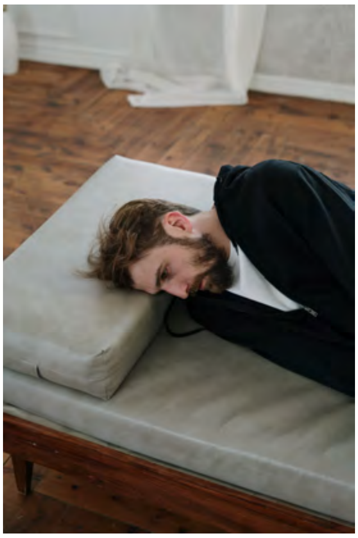
In matters relating to the care and custody of children, WestSide Lawyers advises clients in relation to their entitlements and responsibilities in accordance with the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) and assists clients to resolve parenting issues through negotiation with the other parent or through family dispute resolution services. For clients unable to reach an agreement as to the care arrangements for children through these means, WestSide Lawyers will prepare and file an application for orders from the Federal Circuit and Family Court as to the care arrangements. WestSide Lawyers will also represent clients through this process.

Family Violence related services are designed to assist clients to deal with issues arising from or connected with family violence. This is not simply a victim support service, but a service intended to assist clients to deal with a variety of legal issues across areas such as: family law, intervention orders, child protection matters, housing, credit and/or debt, social security, mental health and employment. By providing advice and representation to victims of family violence, WestSide Lawyers endeavours to reduce the emotional and mental stresses that accompany those people involved in legal disputes that are often a contributing factor in family violence.

We are fortunate to be in receipt of additional government funding for family law matters that has enabled us to provide representation to clients who would not normally be eligible for representation, but who would suffer a significant injustice if not legally represented because they cannot afford to pay a private lawyer.

The funding has also enabled us to pay barristers a nominal fee where the matter is particularly complex.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS SUPPORT



We have also received funding to employ a wellness support officer (Sam White) whose role it is to assist clients who might need some emotional or non-legal practical support.

Many legal problems that clients experience can be very traumatic and having to recount the facts of the matter can often re-traumatise them. The is particularly the case where the has been domestic of family violence. Sam can provide emotional support through the legal process.

Referrals are made to relevant organisations that can provide appropriate care and services for the client – we do not offer ongoing case management. Our objective is to provide the client with immediate support and refer them on to specialist services as quickly as possible.

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A very happy client!

Mrs X has been caring for her two grandchildren for at least 7 years since their mother (her daughter) passed away as the result of a motor vehicle accident caused by the father of the children driving under the influence of methamphetamine – for which he was jailed, leaving two very young children with no parent to care for them.

It is always challenging for grandparents to take on the role of parent for their grandchildren, but in this case it is particularly so for two reasons: (1) The granddaughter is a quadriplegic because of the motor vehicle accident; and (2) Mrs X is the main carer for her husband who has early stage dementia.

Mrs X came to WestSide with a legal problem which we are helping her with, and the solicitor referred her to Sam for wellness support.

Mrs X disclosed to Sam that she has been unable to take a holiday for years due to the high cost of having to pay for two carers to travel with them. Home care services only cover the cost of carers' time – Mrs X would still have to find the money to pay travel and accommodation costs for the carers which she cannot afford. She is absolutely exhausted with no break in sight.

Sam took the initiative to make some enquiries with different travel companies to see if they could provide a free holiday for the family given the circumstances – in particular a cruise which Sam felt would be perfect for the family. She received a beautiful email from Carnival Australia offering the family a free cruise:

> *Dear Sam,*
>
> *Thank you for your email. The situation of this family has touched us, and we would very much like to help.*
>
> *We'd like to work with you to find the right ship and right itinerary to accommodate the family. P&O are actually sailing 'mini seasons' from Adelaide and if it would help, particularly to minimise the difficulty of air travel for the granddaughter, perhaps we could look at those voyages initially to see if one of them might work? There are a series of voyages commencing end of this month but for reasons I'd be happy to discuss with you, I suggest we look early in the new year if you think that would work?*

Perhaps the best way to progress is for me to give you a call - I'm travelling tomorrow but perhaps I can try to catch you later in the week?

Thank you for trusting us to assist this family find some fun and have a holiday they can look forward to.

Kind regards,

Teresa

Teresa Lloyd

Chief Strategy and External Affairs Officer

Carnival Australia

We congratulate Sam on showing such passion and initiative, and we thank Carnival Australia for their generosity and kindness in helping this family.

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WESTSIDE LAWYERS AFTER HOURS LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

WestSide Lawyers previously ran a successful After-Hours Legal Advice Clinic every Thursday evening for those people who were not able to attend during business hours.

The After-Hours Legal Advice Clinic provided appointments for new clients in a range of areas, including criminal, civil, employment, administrative and estate law. WestSide Lawyers has long had the benefit of excellent relationships with practitioners from a broad cross-section of the private profession. This resulted in many solicitors regularly volunteering their time to attend the After-Hours Legal Advice Clinic and conduct appointments with members of the public.

At each appointment, volunteer solicitors took initial instructions, provided advice, assessed clients for ongoing representation, and provided referrals where clients are not eligible for assistance.

In 2020/21 unfortunately the impact of COVID-19 forced the After-Hours Legal Advice Clinic to cease operation following government guidelines as to social distancing.

We are keen to resume this valuable service as soon as possible, however the After-Hours Legal Advice Clinic is not possible without the private practitioners who generously volunteer their time and expertise. We look forward to working in conjunction with private practitioners once again in the near future.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

WestSide Lawyers is well placed to assist clients with their non-legal needs as a result of an established and comprehensive network of support services that we regularly collaborate with. WestSide Lawyers regularly receives referrals from, and refers clients to, the following organisations:

- **AnglicareSA** – 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. A financial counsellor from the Bowden/Brompton office is co-located fortnightly at WestSide Lawyers' Hindmarsh office to provide financial counselling services;

- **Centacare & Centacare Country** – for services where clients need additional support, including counselling for a range of reasons.

- **Relationships Australia** – 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.

- **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.

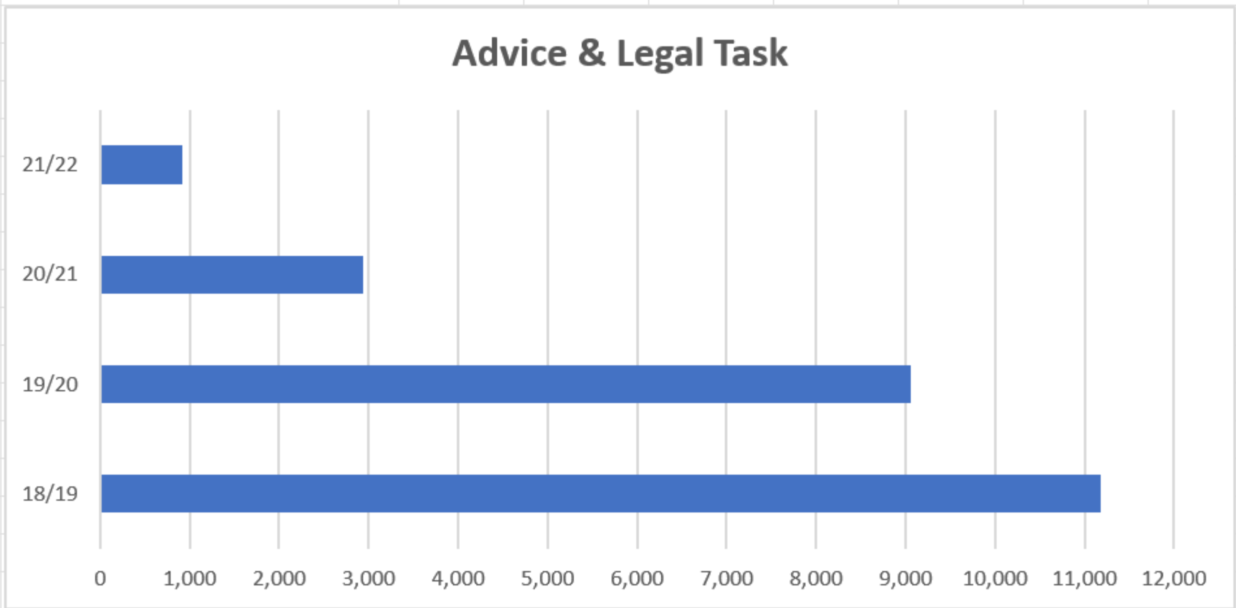
- **JusticeNet** – to assist us with the provision of experienced barristers who offer their time pro bono.

- **Private lawyers in Adelaide and the western suburbs** – referrals from these organisations where clients are experiencing financial difficulties;

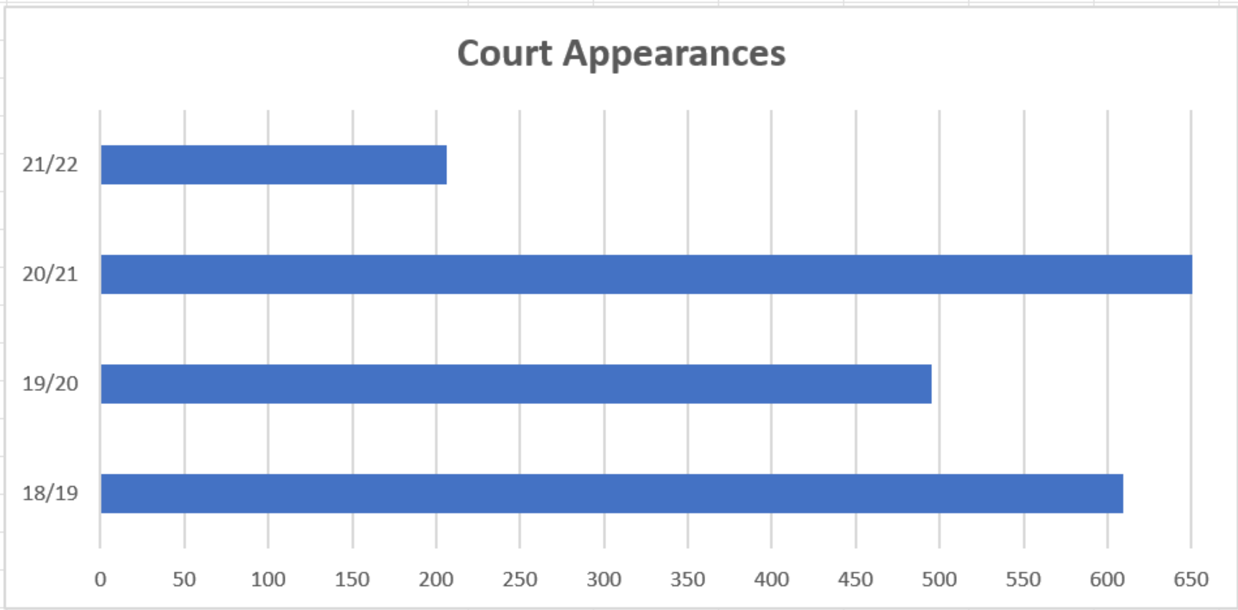
- **Local members of the South Australian Parliament**.

CLIENT SERVICES STATISTICS

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22		
Number of clients assisted	**1704**	**1,659**	**2237**	**1012**		



	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22		
Advice & Legal Task Activities	**11,175**	**9,054**	**2935**	**915**		



	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22		
Number of Court Appearances	**609**	**495**	**702**	**206**		

OUR LEGAL TEAM

WestSide underwent some significant changes in staff and management in 2021/22 which is reflected in the downturn in client services over that period.

We are fortunate to now have a very experienced and dedicated team at WestSide Lawyers, who are all very passionate about providing access to justice for vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community. We love supporting other organisations who are doing the same. In May we participated in the Walk for Justice to help raise funds for the pro bono services provided by JusticeNet.

Photo courtesy of JusticeNet

Our lawyers are highly skilled and professional, with combined experience totalling almost 50 years.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

We enjoy working with students and collaborating with universities to help prepare students for a career in law or social justice.

WestSide Lawyers has partnered with Flinders University to offer students studying the Law in Action subject the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge gained at University to a variety of tasks.

Students develop a critical perspective on such issues as legal ethics, professionalism, access to justice, and the role of law, lawyers, legal professionals and the legal services sector in society.

The students gain first-hand experience of what it is like to work in a community legal practice, and they have the opportunity to put into practice the legal research, fact and legal analysis, problem solving and drafting skills they have acquired through their studies.

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BARRISTER SUPPORT

We are grateful to the support provided by barristers in providing opinions and representing clients, either pro bono or at a significantly reduced fee.

This year we have been assisted by Enzo Belperio of Bar Chambers, Vanessa Lyndsay, and Peter Heinrich of Campbell Chambers.

PART 2

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012

To the Board of Westside Community Lawyers Inc:

As lead auditor for the audit of Westside Community Lawyers Inc for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

+ no contraventions of the independence requirements of s.60-40 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.

Accru Harris Orchard

ACCRU+ HARRIS ORCHARD

BEN WILLINGTON
DIRECTOR

Dulwich, 24 November 2022

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Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 $	2021 $
Client contributions & retainer fee		**54,896**	97,403
Grants	4	**1,140,700**	1,223,966
Other income	4	**13,700**	122,506
Employee benefits expense		**(771,455)**	(962,683)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		**(135,413)**	(110,636)
Other expenses		**(253,829)**	(284,157)
Finance expenses		**(15,923)**	(13,677)
Profit for the year		**32,676**	72,722
Total comprehensive income for the year		**32,676**	72,722

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 $	2021 $
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	**373,330**	386,683
Trade and other receivables	7	**153,012**	133,841
Other assets	8	**7,336**	5,928
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**533,678**	526,452
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	**161,489**	197,684
Right-of-use assets	11	**253,145**	208,152
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**414,634**	405,836
TOTAL ASSETS		**948,312**	932,288
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	**105,248**	164,711
Lease liabilities	11	**84,691**	57,442
Employee benefits	12	**27,480**	62,249
Other financial liabilities	13	**106,571**	81,325
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**323,990**	365,727
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	11	**188,860**	165,054
Employee benefits	12	**1,279**	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		**190,139**	165,054
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**514,129**	530,781
NET ASSETS		**434,183**	401,507
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		**434,183**	401,507
		434,183	401,507
TOTAL EQUITY		**434,183**	401,507

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2022

	Note	Retained Earnings $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2021		**401,507**	**401,507**
Profit (Loss) for the year		**32,676**	**32,676**
Balance at 30 June 2022		**434,183**	**434,183**

2021

	Note	Retained Earnings $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2020		328,785	328,785
Profit (Loss) for the year		72,722	72,722
Balance at 30 June 2021		401,507	401,507

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 $	2021 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Grants received		**1,110,583**	1,286,170
Payments to suppliers, employees & ATO		**(1,194,782)**	(1,263,376)
Client receipts		**71,628**	48,364
Sundry receipts		**13,382**	122,506
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	16	**811**	193,664
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		**318**	15,698
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		**(14,482)**	(42,941)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(14,164)**	(27,243)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		**(13,353)**	166,421
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		**386,683**	220,262
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	**373,330**	386,683

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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 2022 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 Govemance, 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*.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(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.

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(a) Revenue and other income (continued)

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) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

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 payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) 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.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

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	3-5 years
Motor Vehicles	7 years
Computer Equipment	2-5 years
Website	5 years
Office Fitout	15 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.

(e) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(e) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL
- fair value through other comprehensive income - equity instrument (FVOCI - equity)
- fair value through other comprehensive income - debt investments (FVOCI - debt)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(e) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost
- debt investments measured at FVOCI

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Association uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Association uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Association in full, without recourse to the Association to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Association in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and lease liabilities.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(f) 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.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(h) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Association assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right then there is no identified asset.
- The Association has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The Association has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

Lessee accounting

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

At the lease commencement, the Association recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Association believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(h) Leases (continued)

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Association's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Association's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Association has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Association recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(i) 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 that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

(j) 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.

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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 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.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

4 Revenue and Other Income

	2022	2021
	$	$
Grant Income		
- Commonwealth grant	**863,521**	519,113
- State grant	**186,477**	178,731
- Family law / family violence grant	**40,855**	337,894
- COVID-19 grant	**49,773**	188,228
- Mental health program	**74**	-
Total grant income	**1,140,700**	1,223,966

	2022	2021
Other Income		
- Bank interest	**592**	296
- Costs recovered and retained	**7,973**	375
- Disbursements recovered	**506**	3,387
- Law Foundation grant	**-**	16,504
- Sundry	**811**	1,944
- ATO cash flow boost	**-**	100,000
- Rent received	**3,818**	-
Total other income	**13,700**	122,506

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5 Result for the Year

The result for the year includes the following specific expenses:

	2022	2021
	$	$
Salaries and wages	**682,945**	691,652
Superannuation contributions	**77,068**	87,219
Employee salary sacrifice	**1,000**	22,000
Salaries and wages (ETP)	**-**	65,000
Fringe benefits tax	**7,033**	11,472
Workers compensation	**4,697**	1,140
Annual leave expense	**(16,749)**	(16,791)
Long service leave expense	**(4,096)**	(28,136)
Staff amenities & consulting expenses	**(14,496)**	44,581
Depreciation & amortisation expense	**135,413**	110,636

6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2022	2021
	$	$
Cash at bank and in hand	**361,330**	374,683
Short-term deposits	**12,000**	12,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	**373,330**	386,683

7 Trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
	$	$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	**155,012**	133,841
Provision for doubtful debts	**(2,000)**	-
Total trade receivables	**153,012**	133,841
Total current trade and other receivables	**153,012**	133,841

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

	2022	2021
	$	$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	**7,335**	5,626
Accrued interest	**1**	302
Total other assets	**7,336**	5,928

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9 Property, plant and equipment

	2022 $	2021 $
Furniture and equipment		
At cost	**16,384**	16,303
Accumulated depreciation	**(16,384)**	(16,303)
Total furniture and equipment	**-**	-
Motor vehicles		
At cost	**35,250**	32,216
Accumulated depreciation	**(20,113)**	(9,652)
Total motor vehicles	**15,137**	22,564
Computer equipment		
At cost	**70,070**	59,792
Accumulated depreciation	**(48,766)**	(30,797)
Total computer equipment	**21,304**	28,995
Website		
At cost	**7,750**	7,750
Accumulated depreciation	**(4,017)**	(388)
Total website	**3,733**	7,362
Office fitout		
At cost	**302,785**	300,858
Accumulated amortisation	**(181,470)**	(162,095)
Total office fitout	**121,315**	138,763
Total property, plant and equipment	**161,489**	197,684

10 Trade and Other Payables

	2022 $	2021 $
CURRENT		
Trade payables	**6,451**	36,846
GST payable	**36,506**	8,271
Employee benefits	**36,723**	119,594
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	**25,568**	-
Total trade and other payables	**105,248**	164,711

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

11 Leases

Association as a lessee

The Association has a lease over premises at 212 and 212a Port Road, Hindmarsh and Shop 18/72 Ellen Street, Flinders Arcade, Port Pirie.

The Association has chosen not to apply AASB 16 to leases of intangible assets.

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

Terms and conditions of leases

i. **Old Post Office: 212 and 212a Port Road, Hindmarsh**

Westside Lawyers has a lease with Alleloc Trust & Jaad Unit Trust for the use of the Old Post Office, 212 and 212a Port Road, Hindmarsh. The term of the lease for 212 Port Road is four years and ten months, beginning 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2023. The term of the lease for 212a Port Road is for four years and nine months beginning on 1 December 2018 to 30 September 2023 with a one five-year extension option.

The 212 Port Road lease fee is comprised of:

- Current annual base rent of $57,964 plus GST (subject to Adelaide All Groups CPI increases each 30 June) payable in equal instalments monthly in advance.

The 212a Port Road lease fee is comprised of:

- Current annual base rent of $21,462 plus GST (subject to Adelaide All Groups CPI increases each 1 December) payable in equal instalments monthly in advance.

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:

- Current 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.

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11 Leases (continued)

Right-of-use assets

	212 Port Road $	212a Port Road $	Flinders Arcade $	Total $
Year ended 30 June 2022				
At cost	**187,445**	**138,287**	**129,729**	**455,461**
Accumulated amortisation	**(132,314)**	**(44,056)**	**(25,946)**	**(202,316)**
Balance at end of year	**55,131**	**94,231**	**103,783**	**253,145**

	212 Port Road $	212a Port Road $	Flinders Arcade $	Total $
Year ended 30 June 2021				
At cost	187,445	138,287	45,073	370,805
Accumulated amortisation	(88,209)	(29,371)	(45,073)	(162,653)
Balance at end of year	99,236	108,916	-	208,152

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 $
2022					
Lease liabilities	**96,901**	**180,895**	**28,190**	**305,986**	**273,551**
2021					
Lease liabilities	67,267	137,606	47,682	252,555	222,496

Lease liabilities included in this Statement of Financial Position

	2022 $	2021 $
Current	**84,691**	57,442
Non-current	**188,860**	165,054
Total	**273,551**	222,496

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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:

	2022	2021
	$	$
Amortisation - 212 Port Road	44,105	44,105
Amortisation - 212a Port Road	14,685	14,685
Amortisation - Flinders Arcade	25,946	22,537
Total amortisation expenses	84,736	81,327
Interest expense - 212 Port Road	4,284	6,458
Interest expense - 212a Port Road	5,542	6,131
Interest expense - Flinders Arcade	6,097	735
Total interest expense	15,923	13,324
Total amortisation and interest expense	100,659	94,651

The Company has applied the practical expedient to all COVID-19 related rent concessions that meet the following conditions:

a. The change in lease payments results in revised consideration for the lease that is substantially the same as, or less than, the consideration for the lease immediately preceding the change;

b. any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2022 (for example, a rent concession would meet this condition if it results in reduced lease payments on or before 30 June 2022 and increased lease payments that extend beyond 30 June 2022); and

c. there is no substantive change to other terms and conditions of the lease.

The practical expedient allows changes in lease payments resulting from the rent concession to be treated as a variable lease payment through the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, rather than as a lease modification.

12 Employee Benefits

	2022	2021
	$	$
CURRENT		
Long service leave	-	23,400
Annual leave	27,480	38,849
Total current employee benefits	27,480	62,249
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave	1,279	-
Total non-current employee benefits	1,279	-

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13 Other Financial Liabilities

	2022 $	2021 $
CURRENT		
Grants received in advance - CW Service Delivery Funding	-	49,773
Grants received in advance - Law Foundation	-	31,552
Grants received in advance - Mental Health Program	22,426	-
Grants received in advance - Family Law Pilot	84,145	-
Total other financial liabilities	**106,571**	81,325

14 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The totals of remuneration paid to the key management personnel of Westside Community Lawyers Inc. during the year are as follows:

	2022 $
Short-term employee benefits	95,627
Post-employment benefits	9,558
Total	**105,185**

15 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021:None).

16 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:

	2022 $	2021 $
Profit for the year	32,676	72,722
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
- actual lease payments (eliminated per AASB 16)	(94,597)	(90,120)
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- amortisation	84,736	81,327
- depreciation	50,677	29,309
- interest on lease liabilities	15,923	13,323
- gain/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(318)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(19,171)	98,669
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	(1,408)	1,711
- (increase)/decrease in unexpended grants	25,246	(63,914)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(59,463)	97,045
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(33,490)	(46,408)
Cashflows from operations	**811**	193,664

17 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.
212 Port Road
Hindmarsh
South Australia 5007

Westside Community Lawyers Inc.

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 ....
John Sulan, ~~QC~~ KC

Treasurer ....
Greg Hayes

Dated 24 November 2022

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

Opinion
We have audited the financial report of Westside Community Lawyers Inc (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and statement by members of the management board.

In our opinion the financial report of the Entity has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and

b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.*

Basis for Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity 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 our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the independence requirements of Division 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.*

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 to assist the Entity to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.* As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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 *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* 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 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 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 Entity's financial reporting process.

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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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment 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 Entity's internal control.

+ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

+ Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 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 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 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 the directors 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.

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BEN WILLINGTON
DIRECTOR
Dulwich, 24 November 2022