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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited (WSCLC) would like to acknowledge the Burramattigal people of the Darug Nation, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and the Ku-Ring-Gai people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which our offices are located and where we conduct our work.

We acknowledge and pay respects to Elders, past and present, who have given us time, knowledge and guidance. We appreciate the rich contribution and resilience that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and youth provide to WSCLC and the community.

WSCLC continues to work together with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, and our non-Indigenous staff, to better our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the ongoing connection to the land, waters and seas.

We are committed to creating a genuine appreciation for the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their contribution to the workplace and community, and in turn, we are working towards reconciliation.

Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.



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### **ABOUT US**

Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited (WSCLC) is a public company limited by guarantee, governed by a Board of volunteer skills-based Directors who are generally local residents and professionals with an interest in social justice. WSCLC is accredited by the Community Legal Centres Australia.

### **OUR MISSION**

To provide legal services and legal adjacent social services with the aim of making navigation of, and access to, the legal system easier for people in need.

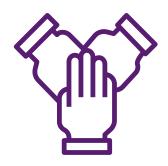
### **OUR VALUES**

- Respectful of each other, our communities and stakeholders.
- Supporting and empowering each other to achieve our vision and purpose.
- People, communities and clients come first.
- Accountable in our thinking attitudes and actions.
- Dynamic in pursuit of excellence.

### **OUR STRATEGIC GOALS**

This year WSCLC developed and launched our Strategic Plan for the next three years. As part of our plan, we are focusing on three key pillars:

- 1. Build a collaborative culture, supported by the right policies and incentives to drive integrated delivery of services.
- 2. Focus on specific programs relevant to our targeted clients' needs. Build capabilities to deliver these programs.
- 3. Build a resilient high quality organisation, with governance, resilient systems, clear processes and a diversified revenue base.







### **ABOUT US**

### **OUR WORK**

WSCLC's work operates under two separate arms: a legal arm and a social justice arm.

The legal arm incorporates:

- The Community Legal Centre Program (CLCP) operating across Western Sydney including:
  - The Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP) funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Attorney General's Departments, administered by Legal Aid NSW.
  - The Multicultural Legal Service (MLS) funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Attorney General's Departments, administered by Legal Aid NSW.
  - The Domestic Violence Response Pilot Program (DVRPP) funded by Women NSW.
- The Home Building Advocacy Service (HoBAS) operating state-wide and funded by NSW Fair Trading.

The social justice arm incorporates:

- The **Central West Contact Service (CWCS)** operating within Western Sydney and funded by the Department of Social Services (Cth).
- The Children's Court Assistance Scheme (CCAS) operating at the Children's Court of NSW at Parramatta and Surry Hills with funding from the Commonwealth Government and NSW Government administered by Legal Aid NSW.
- The Cumberland Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (CWDVCAS) –
  operating within certain sections of Western Sydney with funding from the NSW
  Government administered by the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program
  (WDVCAP), Legal Aid NSW.
- The **Family Advocacy Support Service (FASS)** operating at Parramatta with funding from the Commonwealth administered as a component of the NLAP through Legal Aid NSW.
- The Western Sydney Tenants' Service (WESTS) operating within certain sections of Western Sydney and funded by NSW Fair Trading.
- The **Youth Education Program (YEP)** funded by NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

## **OUR FUNDERS AND PARTNERS**

WSCLC is pleased to acknowledge the support of our funders and partners:

#### **Funders:**

- Commonwealth Attorney General's Department
- State Attorney General's Department
- Department of Social Services (Cth)
- NSW Department of Communities and **Justice**
- Women NSW
- · NSW Fair Trading

#### **Pro-Bono Partners**

- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
- Sydney West Family Lawyers
- Sparke Helmore Lawyers

#### **Partners**

- Legal Aid NSW
- Just ReInvest NSW



















### CHAIR'S REPORT

Helen Bouropoulos

This year more than any other has shown us how quickly and dramatically things can change. COVID-19 has had an enormous impact on WSCLC and the communities we support. It has brought home the value of our work in delivering and advocating for justice for all. How we adapted demonstrates the resilience and capabilities of our teams.

The year was also notable for marking the 5th anniversary since WSCLC's amalgamation. While restrictions did not allow us a formal gathering, it provided the opportunity for the teams and the board to reflect on how far we have come as an organisation and to celebrate our valued place in the community.

Our first organisational strategic plan was launched, a truly collaborative effort between the WSCLC legal and community teams and the board. The outcome is an aspirational three year strategy focused on three pillars: becoming a resilient and high quality organisation, focusing on program delivery and or capabilities, and building and nurturing a collaborative culture.

This new strategy has provided the opportunity and scope to explore fresh new ideas and to continue invigorating the organisation to deliver quality and innovative service to the communities we serve. We look forward to keeping you updated on our progress in the coming years.

The board actively worked on governance renewal, establishing new risk and policy frameworks and board processes. We recognise that good governance is vital.

We also welcomed Anna Harding and Simon Elder to the board who both bring with them skills in management and commercial consultancy, and community legal practice.

Above all, my sincere thanks go to the staff who have remained dedicated, professional and empathetic during this time. We are indebted to our volunteers, supporters and funders who have demonstrated continued commitment toward those we support.

**Helen Bouropoulos**Chair



### CEO/PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Louise Coady

I am pleased to present the 2020-21 Annual Report on the work of our organisation in what continues to be challenging times noting the current circumstances of our staff and Western Sydney communities in LGAs of concern.

This year WSCLC planned to celebrate 5 years – a significant event - as there was no formal launch of the organisation following the amalgamation. Unfortunately, COVID-19 impacted, and this event was postponed.

Notwithstanding COVID-19 restrictions, organisational highlights included the development and presentation of the WSCLC 2021-23 Strategic Plan, the launch of the WSCLC Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), the unveiling of a new and improved website and a launched social media presence.

It is important to speak to the WSCLC
Strategic Plan. It focuses on three pillars of
our organisational development being
culture, building capabilities and
organisational resilience. It has driven our
operational plan with our Mission and Values
at the forefront of what we do and the way we
do it!

The brief reprieve from COVID-19 this last financial year saw a staggered and safe return to our workplaces and a renewed focus on reaching out to our communities across all Programs catchments.

Program highlights include:

A shift in focus for the Community Legal Centre Program (CLCP) legal team to a more targeted legal service delivery model. Along with our Community Justice, Family Relations and Outreach legal teams, the CLCP team launched its Multicultural Legal Service partnering with a number of community organisations across Western Sydney to deliver legal services and legal education presentations where those clients felt most comfortable and supported.

Our Outreach team expanded its clinic locations across the Hawkesbury region and joined the flood recovery efforts by providing on-the-spot legal advice to Hawkesbury residents after the catastrophic floods in March.

The Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP) has also been expanded with Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander communities now offered both culturally appropriate legal services and social supports as a bridge out of the legal service.

The CLCP legal team could not function as it does without our dedicated volunteers and I take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank them.

For over 25 years the Children's Court Assistance Scheme (CCAS) workers have been providing young people with information about court processes, advocacy and tailored referrals to support services. To mark this significant milestone anniversary, Attorney General Mark Speakman hosted a celebration at NSW Parliament House on 9 December 2020. Guests included Children's Court Magistrates, Brendan Thomas (CEO, Legal Aid NSW), Sonja Stewart (CEO, The Law Society of NSW), Karly Warner (CEO, Aboriginal Legal Service), Tim Leach (Executive Director, CLCNSW) and of course, the CEOs of the relevant community legal centres (CLCs), and CCAS workers.

The Western Sydney Tenants' Service (WESTS) hosted a Community Engagement Day in May 2021 as a reminder that notwithstanding COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions this service remains ready, willing, and able to connect with community, when permitted to do so.

The Central West Contact Service (CWCS) continued to be the only Contact Centre across the State delivering Zoom contacts for separated parents. The delays in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia has spectacular impacts upon families, and CWCS' ongoing service operation during COVID-19 restrictions has allowed children to continue to have some form of contact and communication with their parents.

The Cumberland Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (CWDVCAS) received funding from Women NSW for their new pilot program, 'Hearing and Intensive Support Service', which provides one-on-one support for women at Court, and practical assistance in applying for supports such as Victims Services, housing and Centrelink grants to cover immediate needs.

Through additional funding from Women NSW, WSCLC launched a Domestic Violence Response Pilot Program for the purpose of delivering a health justice partnership scheme with a Domestic Family Violence informed training approach directed at assisting CALD communities. This scheme should promote and enable the collaborative efforts of health, social, community and legal organisations to provide holistic support to the intended end user.

Again, another challenging year and I thank staff for their trust and ongoing support. The work we have done this year would not have been possible without the support of pro bono partners particularly Sparkes Helmore, HWL Ebsworth, and Sydney West Family Lawyers, community partner organisations and stakeholders. At WSCLC we believe a grass-roots approach is how we make the most difference in our community, and I take this opportunity to thank our partners and stakeholders for supporting the work we do and helping us make vital connections with our clients.

Finally, I acknowledge the invaluable assistance of the Chair and Board who have demonstrated a commitment to both the organisation and the community of Western Sydney giving of their time, enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise.

**Louise Coady**CEO/Principal Solicitor

#### Number of staff in team: 21

Funded by: The Australian Government, NSW Government and the Public Purpose Fund through the Community Legal Centres Program administered by Legal Aid NSW.

#### What we do

The CLCP team offers a range of legal services targeted towards priority client groups who experience barriers to accessing justice, including people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander people, people with a disability, and people receiving low incomes who live in Western Sydney. We offer legal information, referrals, advice, tasks, and in some cases, representation across Family Law, Care and Protection, Minor Crime, Employment Law and Civil Law, also termed 'the law of everyday life'. The CLCP team also offers services for the community, attending community events and delivering community legal education across a variety of topics.

Over the last year, the CLCP team have moved into more specialised teams, allowing us to deliver holistic, targeted services to our various priority client groups These teams are:

#### **Community Justice**

Our Community Justice team delivers generalist advice for civil, employment and criminal law. This year's highlights include:

- September 2020: Resumed our face-to-face outreach services in the Hawkesbury region at Hawkesbury Library, Bligh Park Neighbourhood Centre, Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre and North Richmond Community Centre.
- October 2020: Commenced the Local Court Duty Service for Traffic Law at Local Court of NSW in Mount Druitt, Blacktown and Parramatta.
- April 2021: Local Court Duty Service for Traffic matters extended to Local Court of NSW in Penrith.
- May 2021: Provided legal assistance in the Hawkesbury region through Flood Recovery Centres in partnership with Legal Aid NSW, the Salvation Army, Resilience NSW and Hawkesbury City Council.
- May 2021: Local Court Duty Service for Traffic law extended to Local Court of NSW in Windsor.

- Community
   Justice
- Family Relationships
- Outreach
- Multicultural Legal Service



### Case Study 1: Community Justice - Local Court Traffic Duty Service

A client approached our service charged with a number of serious traffic matters, including high range drink driving and driving in a dangerous manner. He had very limited English, was on a bridging visa as an asylum seeker, was unemployed due to an immediate licence suspension and was struggling with his mental health. Our service represented him in negotiations with the police, assisted him by contacting support services, and represented him on sentence at the Local Court of NSW.

He was sentenced to an aggregate term of imprisonment of 12 months and we continued to represent him in the matter and lodged a severity appeal on his behalf. We then represented him at the District Court and were successful in having his sentence reduced to 10 months. We are hopeful that the reduction in the sentence will have a real and significant impact on the client's visa and allow him to remain in Australia.

#### **Case Study 2: Community Justice**

A client approached us after other pro-bono legal service providers had refused to assist her. She was receiving the disability support pension due to various physical illnesses and mental conditions. Six individuals had falsely nominated her as the driver of twelve vehicles over a two-year period. We were able to help our client prove she was at a different location when seven of the offences occurred. Her evidence for these seven offences was enough to place the credibility of all six individuals into doubt. In December 2020, after 15 Court dates at 7 Courts. 2 annulments of 11 convictions. many discussions with rental providers and other organisations to obtain evidence of the client's whereabouts on certain dates, 7 representations written to 3 prosecuting authorities, and 2 full days of negotiations via telephone and email with one prosecuting authority, all 17 charges against our client had been withdrawn.

Our client was very pleased that she no longer had to pay the outstanding fines and the remaining 24 demerit points were removed from her record. The 24 demerit points was one issue preventing our client from getting her driver's licence.



You offered reassurance, guidance, calmness and diligence. It was very comforting to know that you had my back throughout the last year. As a pensioner or limited means, I am indeed very grateful that a service like yours exists, without which, I know I would never have got the outcome that I achieved.

#### **Family Relationships**

Our Family Relationships team offer legal services across all areas of family law, including divorce, separation, family violence and parenting matters, as well as care and protection matters. This year the team had a renewed focus on assisting people experiencing or at risk of domestic or family violence.

#### **External Partnerships**

Our partnerships prioritise facilitating warm referrals to our service to reduce delays for distressed and vulnerable clients, and ensure we reach communities who need assistance. We were proud to partner with:

- North West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service
- Relationships Australia through the following Family Relationship Centres
  - o Blacktown Family Relationship Centre
  - Macquarie Park Family Relationship Centre
  - o Bathurst Family Relationships Centre
- Uniting Counselling and Mediation Services

#### **Outreach**

Our outreach team has continued to develop community partnerships and conduct face-toface outreaches across Western Sydney. This year, we have expanded our outreach services in the Hawkesbury region and increased our attendance at the Dilwynia Corrections Centre.

#### **External Partnerships**

- Bligh Park Neighbourhood Centre
- Daramu Aboriginal Youth Services
- Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (AMS)
- Hawkesbury Library
- Kollyangarra Aboriginal Child and Family Centre
- LEAP Partnership
- Local libraries including Castle Hill, Auburn and Hornsby
- Marrin Weejali Corporation
- Nepean Community and Neighbourhood Service (NCNS)
- Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre
- Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation (SRAC)



#### **Multicultural Legal Service (MLS)**

The Multicultural Legal Service (MLS) was established in order to improve access to justice for the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) members of our community.

Planning for MLS commenced in November 2020 by two solicitors from WSCLC and by the end of the financial year, the service has developed 13 regular outreach locations. The program established relationships with community organisations to create outreaches and referral pathways within the Western Sydney catchment. These outreaches heighten the visibility of the service and allow community members easier access to legal assistance and support.

MLS solicitors have broad legal training and are able to provide legal information, referrals, advice, and casework in most areas of civil, criminal, and family law. Alongside legal advice and casework, MLS provides community legal education to our community partners and members of the wider Western Sydney community, providing information in a range of community languages to ensure accessibility for all.

Through strong relationship building with community partners, MLS has become uniquely placed to ensure easy access to legal assistance services for CALD individuals in Western Sydney.

#### Highlights

- Translated flyers and posters into Farsi,
   Arabic, Hindi, Tamil, and Simplified
   Chinese to help raise awareness about MLS.
- Developed a Legal Checklist which asks a series of questions to help partner organisations and clients identify legal problems.
- Opened 13 outreach locations in 6 months.
- Delivered 12 Community Legal Education sessions.
- Received a visit and Statement of Recognition from Dr Hugh McDermott MP in NSW Parliament.



Left to right: Dr Hugh McDermott MP, Harry Rutner, Louise Coady (CEO), Caitlin Comensoli

### MULTICULTURAL LEGAL SERVICE















#### **External Partnerships**

- STARTTS
- The Community Hub
- House of Welcome
- Western Sydney Community Centre Inc.
- Max Webber Library, Blacktown
- Assyrian Resource Centre

#### **Case Study 1**

Our client was a 54-year-old refugee. Due to their current visa status, our client and his family were ineligible for Centrelink support payments or concessions. They received a demand from a debt collector for a \$1000 power bill they could not afford to pay. Our client had no savings in his bank account and no assets of value that he could sell. His only source of financial support was from House of Welcome. We assisted with negotiations with Dodo, who agreed to waive the debt in full.

- Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association (MDAA)
- Harris Park Community Centre
- Community Migrant Resource Centre
- Berala Community Centre
- Guildford Community Centre
- Auburn Library

#### **Case Study 2**

Our client had been involved in a motor vehicle accident for which they were at fault. The damage to the other party's vehicle was over \$8,000. Our client was of multicultural background and had limited English. He was unemployed at the time and had to support his wife and two children.

With the aid of an interpreter, we assisted the client to complete a financial hardship application form seeking to waive or reduce the debt that he owed to the insurer. The insurer reviewed our client's application and decided to waive the debt against the client, an action which caused great relief to our client



Left to right: Julia Cordina, Mia Zahra, Jennifer Chen and Lila Sullivan from Legal Aid NSW, Harry Rutner, Caitlin Comensoli, Louise Coady (CEO/Principal Solicitor, WSCLC), Tim Leach (Executive Officer, CLCNSW)

#### **Services for the Community**

Despite being impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions, our team were still able to deliver community legal education and attend community engagements.

Throughout the year, we ran several sessions of our 'Planning Ahead' talk in partnership with Dementia Australia. We were also glad to continue an ongoing partnership with Marrin Weeijali Aboriginal Corporation delivering community legal education on ADVOs and NCNS in Cranebrook also delivering community legal education.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, our CLCP were active in the catchment, attending various community events and delivering community legal education.

Some highlights include:

#### November 2020

• SRAC NAIDOC celebration

#### December 2020

• Delivered a CLE for Hunger Zero team

#### February 2021

 CLE at Sydney Regional Aboriginal Corporation (SRAC)  MLS attended Western Sydney Community Centre Inc.

#### March 2021

- Partnered with Blacktown Council Mobile Library
- Legal Aid 'Bring Your Bills Day' at Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation
- CLE at DV West

#### April 2021

- Marrin Weejali Morning Tea
- Delivering CLE on 'Planning Ahead' as part of the Seniors Festival
- MLS attended Auburn Pictorial Review

#### May 2021

- Hawkesbury Library for Law Week 2021
- Granville Library for Law Week 2021
- Mount Druitt Reconciliation Walk
- WSCC Harmony Day

#### June 2021

- Attended Penrith Village Café, organised by Blacktown Council
- MLS visited Lakemba Ladies Lounge
- Refugee Week at St Mary's Community Centre
- Delivered a CLE at Hornsby Hospital Drug & Alcohol Unit

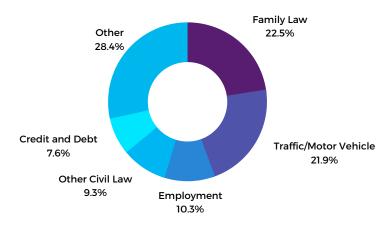


### **OUR WORK**

CLCP assisted 3509 clients through:

- 4080 advice sessions
- 5056 referrals
- 1856 information services
- 1064 legal tasks
- 556 Duty Lawyer services
- 88 Community Legal Education sessions

Our most common problem types were in family law, traffic and motor vehicle matters, employment law, credit and debt, and other civil law matters.





CLCP conducted more than **1236 sessions** with an interpreter, with our most common languages translated being:

- Arabic
- Mandarin
- Farsi
- Tamil
- Dari



### Multicultural Legal Service



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# ABORIGINAL LEGAL ACCESS PROGRAM (ALAP)

#### Number of staff in team: 2

Funded by: The Australian Government, NSW Government and the Public Purpose Fund through the Community Legal Centres Program administered by Legal Aid NSW.

#### What we do

ALAP supports and links Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander clients to culturally-specific holistic social services relating to issues like housing, money, employment, relationships, and health and wellbeing. We have a strong community focus, with regular attendance at outreaches, community information stalls, and drop-in centres.

#### **Highlights**

This year WSCLC expanded our ALAP team to include a solicitor dedicated to providing legal services (including legal advice, casework and representation) to Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander people in Western Sydney, and delivering Community Legal Education on various topics.

ALAP also established the Aboriginal Advisory Group for the Community Legal Centre Program. This group is vital to informing our Centre about the needs of Aboriginal communities in Western Sydney, and providing feedback on our service delivery. We thank those involved for their invaluable contributions to our understanding of Aboriginal culture and values, and for assisting our service to continually develop culturally safe services.



Left to right: Rachel Kite (ALAP Solicitor) and Joanne Rudd (ALAP Worker) at the Mount Druitt Reconciliation Walk 2021

# ABORIGINAL LEGAL ACCESS PROGRAM (ALAP)

#### **COVID-19 Impact**

COVID-19 has greatly impacted our ability to engage the community through face-to-face services and participate in important celebrations and events such as NAIDOC week. Community presence and engagement is at the core of our service delivery, and we hope to stay connected with our partners as we re-enter lockdown in 2021.

#### **Case Study**

A client approached us for assistance regarding an incident of domestic violence from her husband. After speaking to her, we discovered the violence had lasted a decade before she decided to make a report to police. The client was in an unstable financial situation, relied on Human Services payments and was the sole carer for her younger son. We assisted the client to understand her ADVO and represented her in the Victim Services matter. With our help, she received the full \$5000 immediate needs payment and was approved for 22 hours of counselling. We are continuing this case to seek recognition payments and assistance with applying for economic loss payments.



Thank you so much for your help Rachel! This has been a really stressful time for me especially since losing my job with this COVID-19 lockdown, you have really helped me in more ways than you know, hopefully this all goes to plan so I'm not super stressed out! Thank you again and I will let you know of the result when I get it:)'

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## CENTRAL WEST CONTACT SERVICE (CWCS)

#### Number of staff in team: 9

Funded by: Department of Social Services

#### What we do

CWCS assists families with matters before the Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia who required court-ordered supervised contact. CWCS works with families with children aged 0-18. We provide three key services:

- Supervised contact visits contact sessions to allow the supervised parent to spend time with their child/ren in the presence of a professional supervisor at CWCS.
- 2. **Changeovers** CWCS provides a safe, neutral space for parents to changeover care of children.
- 3. Zoom Sessions CWCS provides Zoom sessions between parents and children with the children on-site for cases where a parent lives interstate, there are safety concerns, or during COVID-19 restricted movement orders.

CWCS is the only contact centre in NSW to offer Zoom sessions with children on site, providing significant safety and psychological benefits to children and their parents. Onsite Zoom sessions allow for supervised parents to spend time with their children without the other parent being present and provides children with a safe place to engage with the supervised parent without feeling torn between the parties.

#### **External Partnerships**

CWCS works closely with Relationships Australia, Catholic Care and Anglicare in delivering support services for our clients and liaising with case workers to improve parents' skills and resolve issues identified in supervision sessions.

#### **Highlights**

- CWCS secured two permanent part time staff and new staff to the pool of casuals that has resulted in consistency for clients and allowed families to retain the same supervisor across sessions.
- We prepared a submission to the Attorney General's review into contact centres and their regulation.
- CWCS is excited to receive additional funding in the next financial year, which we hope to use to expand our service and provide support to more families in need.
- From January to June 2021, CWCS had two social work students from UNSW join our team for their six month placement. The students assisted in updating resources, supporting clients through intakes when required due to the client's level of distress, and assisting supervisors during contact sessions. CWCS would like to thank the students and we wish them all the best for the future.

#### **COVID-19 Impact**

COVID-19 has had a large impact on CWCS both positive and negative. As a result of restricted movement orders, CWCS has expanded our services into online supervisions delivered via Zoom that has also proven a useful tool in meeting the needs of specific clients outside of COVID-19 lockdowns.

Unfortunately during restricted movement orders the Centre can accommodate less families at any given time. Higher cancellation rates have also resulted from requiring any persons with mild flu-like symptoms to remain home and not attend the service.

CWCS has also seen an increase in clients experiencing mental health issues such as anxiety and an exacerbation of other mental

health issues impacting on visits.

## CENTRAL WEST CONTACT SERVICE (CWCS)



"Thank you for keeping my family safe during this time and for understanding my fears around my ex partner seeing inside my home in case he recognises where I live." - Client

"Thank you for ensuring I continue to spend time with my child without my ex interfering in my time with the kids and not letting them have fun." - Client

"Thank you for understanding the needs of our families and ensuring they have a safe place to go for as long as they need to." - ICL

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#### **Case Study**

CWCS worked with a family through providing changeover so the parents did not have to come in contact with each other due to both parties anxiety and anger towards each other. CWCS worked with the family to identify support needs of each parent and arranged for the parents to undertake courses. CWCS staff also worked hard on managing the constant anxiety of both parents at the time of changeover. The family progressed well with support and having attended courses and have since moved to self-management.



# CHILDREN'S COURT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (CCAS)

#### Number of staff in team: 3

**Funded by:** The Australian Government, NSW Government and the Public Purpose Fund through the Community Legal Centres Program administered by Legal Aid NSW.

#### What we do

CCAS provides non-legal support services to children and young people (aged 10 – 18) and their families in criminal matters at the Children's Court of NSW at Parramatta and Surry Hills.

CCAS offers three key services:

- 1. Meet and Greet with everyone attending Children's Court for criminal matters and AVOs to assist young people with connecting to the right people in court, such as legal practitioners.
- 2. Connecting with clients in a casual and youth friendly way to offer them and their families information and assess any social needs they may have.
- 3. Casework and ongoing support outside of court, including community programs run in partnership with other services.

#### **Highlights**

- Service Expansion: CCAS developed a greater casework role, taking on casework with individual clients and continuing to develop group programs for young people, including two OzTag teams, a music program which records rap music, and developing a lived experience document about mental illness. These initiatives have been instrumental in developing relationships in the community and assisting young people who need support.
- The Children's Court Assistance Scheme's
  25th Anniversary: In December 2020 Legal
  Aid CLCP hosted a celebration lunch at
  Parliament House in Sydney. The NSW
  Attorney General Mark Speakman, CEO of
  Legal Aid, Brendan Thomas and Magistrate
  Debra Maher spoke of the benefits of
  having CCAS services at Children's Courts.
  Stan Small from CCAS spoke of the history
  and purpose of the CCAS programs.



# CHILDREN'S COURT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (CCAS)

#### **COVID-19 Impact**

CCAS returned to court attendance at the end of August 2020 as NSW slowly reopened following lockdown. During the lockdown, CCAS were able to attend Zoom and Teams meetings and complete administrative tasks, and our CCAS caseworker was able to have some community presence with COVID-19 safety protocols. However, a large number of matters which would have come to court were excused, resulting in less contact with those who need support. As we returned to lockdown at the end of June, our service has continued to adapt and offer some services remotely.

#### 3430 clients assisted

CCAS assisted 2025 clients at the Children's Court of NSW in Parramatta, and 1405 clients at the Children's Court of NSW in Surry Hills.

25% of our clients were female75% of our clients were male19% of our clients were Aboriginal and / orTorres Strait Islander



Jessica Brown (CCAS worker, right) with partners from Just Reinvest NSW



# CHILDREN'S COURT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (CCAS)

#### **Case Study 1**

David is an Aboriginal young person and is one of nine siblings who spent most of his years as a child growing up in Mount Druitt. David had been a previous participant on the Youth Koori Court Program with less serious matters in the Children's Court and graduated. However, sadly he received fresh charges in May 2019 after becoming addicted to the drug ice. David reports that he does not remember committing many of the fresh offences he was charged with in 2019, only that he had been charged with 10 robberies with a firearm, stealing a car and a Police pursuit.

David spent 9 months in custody before being released to Palm Rehab program in February 2020. David completed the Palm program on the 3rd of August 2020.

David was breached on the 8th of October 2020. CCAS received a call from David's lawyer who explained she was at the District Court representing David as he had been breached on his serious District Court bail. After speaking with David, CCAS attended court and advocated for him to get bail and be based back at his mother's in Greystanes. David would greatly benefit from case management through CCAS and further full participation of the Oz tag program. The Judge granted strict bail and added CCAS to David's bail as he could see how the Oz tag program was supporting David to remain offence free since August 2020.

#### **Case Study 2**

Terleah is a 15-year-old proud Aboriginal-Kamolaroi Yuin woman. Terleah grew up in Mt Druitt. Growing up wasn't easy for Terleah and from ages 11-14 Terleah had spent 506 days in custody. Terleah has been a part of the Youth Koori Court program and has been engaging with Court Assistance since October 2019. Part of a letter written to a Magistrate:

"While in the community I have been engaging with The Court Assistance Scheme and I have been working with Jess Brown. I first met Jessica through the courts but didn't really have a lot to do with her. Daramu asked if I wanted to do a hair and beauty program with Jess. I attended every session, and she recognised my talents and offered me to start work experience in her salon after the holidays. I was supposed to start in January but being in custody has taken that opportunity away. Jess is happy to support me with anything I need. I look at Jess as an inspiring role model. Watching Jess do make up so good inspires me to learn. In custody Jess has visited me 3 times with very inspiring conversations that I have taken in and also felt that this is now time to turn my life around."

Together, Terleah and Jess made plans and goals in order to support her on her journey. Terleah has achieved much in just 10 months since being released. Terleah now has a paid role with Just Reinvest NSW. She is a proud advocate for change within the justice system and a role model for her people and community.

# CUMBERLAND WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE (CWDVCAS)

Number of staff in team: 10

**Funded by:** Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program (WDVCAP) through Legal Aid NSW

What we do: CWDVCAS provides information, referrals and support, including one-on-one support to women experiencing domestic and / or family violence. We operate at the Local Court of NSW at Parramatta, Burwood and Fairfield on ADVO list days.

#### **External Partnerships**

- ANGLICARE
- Barnardos
- Cumberland Women's Health Centre
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Lisa Harnum Foundation
- Migrant Resource Centre
- NSW Police (Cumberland, Parramatta, Auburn & The Hills Police Area Commands)
- Parramatta City Council
- Red Cross
- Safe Connections WestNet
- Shakti

#### **Highlights**

- Extension of funding to 2024: The news of funding being secured until June 2024 brought relief and stability to the team.
   This ensures forward planning for team growth and has given a boost of morale and confidence for the team especially during times of uncertainties with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Introduction of Hearing and Intensive Support Service with two part-time workers employed to work face-to-face with clients at the Courts to ensure they have access to support services as soon as possible after their domestic violence incident.





## HEARING AND INTENSIVE SUPPORT SERVICE (HISS)

**Number of Staff: 3** 

Funded by: Women NSW

#### What we do

CWDVCAS began piloting a new program aimed at supporting women in the first 2 – 3 weeks after experiencing domestic violence as they navigate court processes and attempt to re-establish 'normality' for themselves and their children. This project provides intensive hearing support, assisting women to apply for Victim Services, Centrelink and other housing grants, and providing facilitates referrals to meet immediate needs.

The project has since been granted additional funding from Women NSW to continue supporting women in need.

#### **Case Study**

A client was referred to us but had not contacted our service. An Intensive Support worker reached out regarding an upcoming Hearing Clinic and Hearing. The client disclosed that since the incident of domestic violence she had been referred for, she had relocated with her children, was no longer working due to a lack of before and after school care, and was living off savings from working full-time while paying private rent.

The Intensive Support Worker assisted the client to complete an application for Victim Services Immediate Needs Support Package, and attended Centrelink with the client to assist completing forms for parenting payments, fringe tax benefits, rent assistance and childcare subsidies. The workers successfully advocated for waiting periods to be waited, and referred the client to a Centrelink Social Worker. The worker also assisted with completing the Rent Start Safely and social housing applications, and provided information regarding fee-help for TAFE to study before returning to work.

"I want to thank you for everything. I received the money and paid my bond. I have moved out. I feel so much better. Thanks once again for your help."

"Thank you so much for your help and support. Thank goodness! I had no idea this service was available and spent a year staying with my expartner trying to get funds together to leave. Oh well, now I know."

# FAMILY ADVOCACY SUPPORT SERVICE (FASS)

#### Number of staff: 2

**Funder:** The Commonwealth Government with funding administered by the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program (WDVCAP) through Legal Aid NSW.

#### What we do

FASS provides information, referrals and court support at the Family Circuit Court at Parramatta five days a week. The service targets women experiencing domestic and family violence. The FASS team also provide cover support at the Sydney and Wollongong Family Circuit Courts on request from the other FASS teams operating at these courts.

#### **External Partnerships**

- ADRA Blacktown
- Bonnie Support Services
- Cumberland Women's Health Centre
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Dress for Success
- Early Intervention Unit
- Family Referral Services Mt Druitt
- Family Report Writers
- Indian (Subcontinent) Crisis and Support Agency (ICSA)
- Lighthouse Project
- Linking Hearts
- Lisa Harnum Foundation
- Pacific Islands Mt Druitt Action Network (PIMDAN)

- Relationships Australia
- Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shaolhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI)
- W.A.S.H. House Mt Druitt (Women's Activities and Self Help)
- Western Sydney Migrant Resource Centre
- Women and Girls' Health Centre Liverpool

#### **Highlights**

- The Federal Circuit Court of Australia at Parramatta has allowed us to participate on court matters remotely via AVL or telephone.
- FASS worked alongside the DV Unit and Red Cross to provide support for women on Temporary Visas, an initiative started during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- FASS was recommended and invited by Magistrates to be part of closed meeting for Memorandum readings/disclosure.
- The FASS team was invited to take part in a panel welcoming an Indonesian Delegation.
   The FASS team did a presentation and was part of the Q&A session. The panel consisted of members from the Early Intervention Unit, FASS 2 - Men services, the Domestic Violence Unit and 2 Family Court Judges.



Funded by the Australian Government



# HOME BUILDING ADVOCACY SERVICE (HoBAS)

Number of staff in team: 3

Funded by: NSW Fair Trading

#### What we do

HoBAS provides a range of free legal services (including legal information, referrals, advice, tasks and in some cases, representation), to consumers living across New South Wales who have issues with a builder performing work on their home. Our service prioritises assisting those who experience barriers to justice.

#### **Highlights**

- Drafting a legal information resource for LawAccess NSW on changes to building law under Design and Building Practitioners Act and Building and Construction Industry Security of Payments Act
- Delivered a legal information session on the Home Building Act to Legal Aid NSW lawyers

#### **Case Study**

Our client, a person of cultural and lingual diversity, entered into a contract with an unlicensed builder for works valued at over \$20,000. She found out that the person was unlicensed and the works were uninsured. In addition, she was asked to pay an excessive deposit and stopped paying the builder when she had concerns about the quality of the works.

HoBAS gave legal advice to the client and opened a file to represent her in the Tribunal. The Tribunal made orders that the builder pay our client the sum of \$25,000, based on her expert report. The Tribunal accepted that the builder was unlicensed and the works uninsured which meant that the contract was unenforceable. The builder paid the money ordered.



We want to thank you so much for the advice you gave us regarding the problems we are experiencing with (builder).

We will certainly pursue your recommendations and your advice on the different Home Building Act sections, is invaluable in pursuing a final acceptable outcome to this experience, which to say the least has been a nightmare ride for both of us for some time.

You are to be commended for dispensing free advice to many such people in the same circumstances as our own and what you do is very much appreciated by us in particular.



### WESTERN SYDNEY TENANTS' SERVICE (WESTS)

Number of staff in team: 7

Funded by: NSW Fair Trading

#### What we do

The Western Sydney Tenants' Service provides free tenancy advice, referrals, advocacy and in some cases representations for residential tenants at the Tribunal. WESTS also provides community information sessions on tenancy issues.

Our service focuses on catering for tenants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, who are low-income earners, live in social and community housing, who suffer isolation and / or have disabilities.

WESTS also attend our outreach office in Community Connections Building at Penrith three days a week to cater for our clients in the Penrith/ Hawkesbury region.

#### **External Partnerships**

WESTS maintains close connections with the service providers within the Community Connections Building in Penrith and agencies servicing our catchment area including charitable services, brokerage services and legal centres. WESTS also continued a long relationship with social and community housing providers to allow efficient referrals for clients.

#### **Highlights**

- Held 21 community education sessions
- Attended over 20 interagency meetings either in person or online
- Attended 5 education sessions at our local Residential Land Lease Communities

WESTS held a Community Engagement Day mid-May 2021, with over 60 attendees from a range of different public and private sectors that all contribute to the multifaceted tenancy world. WESTS were able to reconnect with individuals and agencies after a long period of physical isolation/restrictions dating back to March of 2020.

Ms Julia Finn, MP spoke about her experience with WESTS and the need for key legislative reforms in tenancy law, particularly the abolishment of no-ground evictions.

WESTS also received a visit from the Hon. Dr Geoff Lee, Member for Parramatta to discuss the trends we see many of our tenants' experience in both private and social/community housing tenancies.

WESTS have welcomed 5 volunteers since returning back to the office after COVID-19 restrictions in 2020. Our volunteers are invaluable to our service and assisting our team in reaching all our clients in need of assistances.



### WESTERN SYDNEY TENANTS' SERVICE (WESTS)

#### **COVID-19 Impact**

As the financial year began under lockdown, WESTS continued to follow Public Health Orders and were not able to provide face-to-face appointments, duty advocacy and education sessions in person.

WESTS have observed an increase in calls from clients that were financially impacted by COVID-19 and whose landlords initiated termination proceedings. Tenants find it difficult to negotiate with their landlords to extend vacating dates and many are often financially impacted and cannot afford to move and save enough for a bond to secure new tenancy. Many tenants are looking for assistance from charitable services and reliefs provided by the Government and WESTS have strived to assist these tenants with their tenancy and social issues by providing advice and referrals.

As our state re-entered lockdown at the end of June 2021, we hope to continue providing timely and comprehensively services remotely.

#### **Services**

9269 total sessions across 2020-21 including:

3400 advice sessions256 sessions assisting in self-representation402 case management sessions









"We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to your very accommodating and helpful staff for giving us advice to defend ourselves against our previous landlord ... where they apply for claim at NCAT not once but twice on different case numbers . . .

More power to Western Sydney
Tenancy Advice for all the help you are
giving to all tenants like us who are
desperate for help to face this matter."

### YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM (YEP)

#### Number of staff in team: 2

**Funded by:** Department of Communities and Justice, Targeted Earlier Intervention Program.

#### What we do

The Youth Education Project aims to assist children and young people aged 12 to 25 years, residing in the Parramatta and Cumberland Local Government Areas who are at risk of disengagement from school, family and community by developing training, information and educational resources to support community workers working with young people.

#### **Highlights**

The greatest highlight for YEP in 2020-21 was returning to face-to-face education settings after the COVID-19 lockdowns and completing the Targeted Earlier Intervention reform process.

We also continued work on the upcoming publication of our youth education resource in collaboration with the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre.

#### **COVID-19 Impact**

COVID-19 has had a large impact on the ability of services to provide face to face education, which is the core of our service delivery. It has allowed more space to complete the administrative requirements of the TEI reform process.



"YEP is a key part in the wellbeing workshops, and we would like the extend our thanks to you and look forward to celebrating the achievements of our young people".

Peter Cohen, Daramu

"I am pleased to let you know that WSCLC's program logic has been approved with a final overall rating of 'Excellent'. Congratulations on a job well done, and thank you for the time and effort you have put in to meet this contract milestone". – Belinda Pauline, Commissioning and Planning Officer, DCJ.

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### THANK YOU

The work we do would not be possible without the tremendous support from our volunteers.

We would like to extend a thank you to:

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Agnes Lloyd Amani Darwich Angela Vangdahl **Annalise Stanton Antonia Magnos** Arya Iranpour Aryana Khaja **Eleanor Soane Gabrielle Knight Gerard Rajakariar Grace Cataldo** Hamna Amaan **Haytham Gorgis Holly Grant** Hong Yu Fok **Ignat Kozlov** John Youssef Joy Samuel **Madeline Bishop Madison Hill Morwarid Faiz** Oshanie Hettiarachchige Phoebe Herrera Prem Kumar Selina Cabacar Sharika Hossain Sladiana Kuridza Smeeti Prasad **Zoe Turner** 

#### **Tenancy**

Matthew Ribic Danielle Jenkins Katherine O'Brien Phil Marchionni







# Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited ABN 81 963 193 626

Financial Report - 30 June 2021

## Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited Statement of comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	4	5,714,426	5,307,971
Interest revenue Government stimulus		2,254 -	9,430 100,000
Expenses Administration expenses AASB 16 lease interest expense Employee benefits expense Depreciation and amortisation expense Other expenses		(528,318) (27,481) (4,755,506) (341,193) (30,000)	(464,689) (32,192) (4,464,996) (222,258) (12,994)
Surplus for the year attributable to the directors of Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited		34,182	220,272
Other comprehensive income for the year	-		<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the directors of Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited		34,182	220,272

## Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Assets			
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Investments Other assets Total current assets	6 7 8 9	1,937,667 9,251 466,164 30,337 2,443,419	1,325,154 55,226 465,886 40,179 1,886,445
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Total non-current assets	10 11	40,849 312,608 353,457	64,378 476,780 541,158
Total assets	-	2,796,876	2,427,603
Liabilities			
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Lease liabilities Employee benefits Other provisions Deferred grant revenue Total current liabilities	12 13 14 15 16	379,541 168,626 724,803 30,000 536,976 1,839,946	281,876 148,839 694,585 - 256,506 1,381,806
Non-current liabilities Lease liabilities Employee benefits Total non-current liabilities	17 18	194,668 161,834 356,502	363,294 116,257 479,551
Total liabilities	-	2,196,448	1,861,357
Net assets	=	600,428	566,246
Equity Retained surpluses	-	600,428	566,246
Total equity	=	600,428	566,246

#### Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2019	345,974	345,974
Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	220,272	220,272
Total comprehensive income for the year	220,272	220,272
Balance at 30 June 2020	566,246	566,246
	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2020		
Balance at 1 July 2020 Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	surpluses \$	\$
Surplus for the year	<b>surpluses</b> \$ 566,246	\$ 566,246

#### Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from grants and clients Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		6,557,314 (5,674,692)	5,688,504 (5,355,673)
Interest received Covid 19 Government stimulus received Lease interest paid (AASB 16)		882,622 2,254 50,000 (27,481)	332,831 9,430 50,000 (32,192)
Net cash from operating activities	-	907,395	360,069
Cash flows from investing activities Payments for property, plant and equipment Net decrease/(increase) in term deposits Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		(153,492) (278) 7,727	(46,336) (958) 
Net cash used in investing activities  Cash flows from financing activities  Repayment of lease liabilities		(146,043)(148,839)	(47,294)
Net cash used in financing activities	-	(148,839)	(125,675)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		612,513 1,325,154	187,100 1,138,054
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	1,937,667	1,325,154

## Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited Directors' declaration 30 June 2021

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and New South Wales legislation the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and associated regulations, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

Helen Bouropoulos Chairperson

25 October 2021

Anna Harding Secretary



### **Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited**

Independent auditor's report to members

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited 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 company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; 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 Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Limited are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The director's responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the 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 directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/Pronouncements/Australian-Auditing-Standards/Auditors-Responsibilities.aspx

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

William Buck

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Partner

Sydney, 25 October 2021

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