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CENTRE

Annual Report 2007



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The Centre has adopted the following principles in relation to pro bono services:

- *Pro bono should operate to complement and not be a substitute for properly funded government funded legal services.*
- *The planning, design and provision of pro bono services should be determined by reference to the needs of socially and/or economically disadvantaged people.*
- *Pro bono work should always be done to the same standards of attention, priority and professional performance as fee paying work.*
- *Pro bono practice is a voluntary activity.*
- *Government has a vital role in encouraging, supporting and facilitating pro bono initiatives.*

Chair's message



Peter Stapleton

The Centre is now in its 6th year, with its operations increasingly becoming more meaningful in relation to its primary objective of promoting and assisting in the development of pro bono legal work throughout the legal profession. The Centre with this primary objective as its guiding light seeks to ensure that legal assistance is provided to the 'needy' in the community in order for those persons to obtain and enjoy their equitable and fundamental rights in our Australian society. This has become increasingly difficult for persons in need, with a philosophy strongly promoted by the past Government of the predominance of Individual Rights as against Community Rights and the failure to recognise that those in society who are in need, have great difficulty in supporting themselves and absolutely require government and community support.

So the achievements of the Centre, as outlined in the Director's Report are pleasing. But we cannot do enough in the area of supporting and assisting the needy, so the Centre will continue to pursue its objectives in positive and practical ways, in cooperation with legal service providers.

One of the principal challenges this year will be the securing of funding post 2009 in a fiscally tight, inflation threatened Federal/State environment. The Centre's approach will be 'Who Dares Wins'.

Finally I thank outgoing directors Michael Cole, Emma Hunt, Aleecia Murray and Carolyn Sappideen, who have all made valuable contributions to the Centre and its activities, and welcome incoming directors Professor David Dixon, Professor Michael Adams, Kelly Hick, Paula O'Brien and Robert Reed.

February 2008

While the development of pro bono in Australia over the past decade has been remarkable, there is still much that can be done to improve pro bono legal service delivery to disadvantaged and marginalised people – and to the organisations that assist them.

'Ways Forward', Mapping Pro Bono, Chapter 8, p 117

Director's report

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John Corker

2006/2007 was a year of consolidation and achievement. With funding secure until June 2009, and now housed in new premises at the UNSW law building, the Centre achieved a number of its goals and completed some major projects.

National Conference

One of the major projects was the third national pro bono conference. Developed in conjunction with the Law Council of Australia, it was held in Melbourne in August 2006 as part of the inaugural *Access to Justice and Pro Bono Conference*. With 250 attendees, feedback from all involved was positive and a second *Access to Justice and Pro Bono Conference* is planned for late 2008 in Sydney.

Aspirational Target

The National Pro Bono Aspirational Target of at least 35 hours per lawyer per year was developed by the Centre and launched in April 2007. At the end of the 2006/2007 year, 61 solicitors, law firms and barristers had become signatories. This added up nationally to over 3000 lawyers committing to the target for the 2007/2008 financial year. The first account of signatories' success in meeting the target will be published in July 2008.

The introduction of the Target generated considerable discussion within the profession, thus raising the visibility of the key ethical value of the legal profession – to facilitate access to justice by providing pro bono legal services.

Mapping Report

In June 2007, the Centre published *Mapping Pro Bono in Australia*, a report that provided a picture of the pro bono landscape in Australia at the beginning of 2007. The report sets out 'who are the pro bono providers', 'how is it delivered and sourced', 'how much is delivered' and 'where pro bono sits in the access to justice landscape'. It also contains important chapters on constraints on pro bono service delivery and suggests ways forward for service providers, law schools and the access to justice sector and government. These chapters will hopefully provide a guide for the future and later, a reference point for looking back.

National Survey

The Centre's national survey of the profession progressed substantially during the year. A report of the results from the survey of Queensland law society members was published in August 2006 and the individual solicitors' surveys were conducted in most other states and territories.

Referral Directory

Also published during the year, in conjunction with Kingsford Legal Centre, was the NSW law firm pro bono referral directory, a resource created for Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT), Community Legal Centre and Legal Aid Commission workers in NSW. The Directory provides a practical guide to the pro bono practices of most NSW law firms with established pro bono programs.

Launching *Mapping Pro Bono*

Tasmania and the Northern Territory

Tasmania and the Northern Territory were the States on which we focused this year for contact and support. We helped put together and conduct the NT Pro Bono and Legal Services Conference held in Darwin in October 2006. For the opening of the Tasmanian legal year in 2007, we assisted with the organization of a pro bono professional development seminar in which the Centre participated. The seminar was well attended by local practitioners and the Centre has continued dialogue about improving the delivery of pro bono legal services.

Summary

The Centre continued to work closely with the legal profession and to collaborate with law firms, community legal centres and referral schemes across Australia. As always, many project ideas were generated from discussion within the profession and the community. The challenge for the Centre is to assess and prioritise these ideas and to successfully manage and complete selected projects.

To this end I would like to thank the Board and Advisory Council for their guidance, direction and support during the year - particularly Peter Stapleton as Chair of the Board and Deej Eszenyi as Chair of the Advisory Council. I look forward to working again with them, the staff, the Board and the Advisory Council over the next twelve months.



Murray Gleeson, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, launching 'Mapping Pro Bono' at the offices of Phillips Fox in Sydney.

June 2007

Mapping was launched on 28 June 2007 by Murray Gleeson, Chief Justice of the High Court. With *Mapping*, the Centre wanted to showcase what is possible; to show the government and the profession what is being done and to show the scope of possibilities, in part so that people can take up these examples and adapt them. Some state-wide research existed before *Mapping* but this was the first national snapshot of the pro bono landscape. There have been rapid changes to the landscape over the past few years and it has been hard to keep up with them and to find out about them. Pro bono is often done quietly – many lawyers don't want to showcase their activities – they just do it. We wanted to bring some of that work to the foreground – to give others inspiration and ideas on what can be done.

We also wanted to show what's not pro bono – for example, pro bono is not unrecovered fees. It's an approach that is client-focused and is about targeting limited pro bono resources creatively to places of unmet need and working collaboratively with access to justice organisations.

The publication went through many manifestations: it got bigger, it got smaller, and it got leaner. The final book represents the work of many people, including Jill Anderson, Gordon Renouf, Lynne Spender, Fiona McLeay and many terrific student interns the Centre's been fortunate to have with it. But mostly it represents and owes thanks to the amazing work being done by parts of the profession.

Jenny Lovric, Senior Policy and Research Officer

The National Pro Bono Aspirational Target

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

MINDFUL of the professional responsibility of all lawyers to provide pro bono legal services to address the unmet legal needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the communities in which we live, and

RECOGNISING that pro bono is not a substitute for the proper funding by government of Legal Aid agencies and Community Legal Centres

I am pleased to join with other lawyers across the country in subscribing to the following statement of principles and in pledging my best efforts to achieve the voluntary target described below.

- 1) I recognise my professional obligation to provide pro bono legal services.
- 2) I agree to use my best efforts to ensure that, by no later than 30 June in each financial year, first year ending 30 June 2008, I will undertake a minimum of 35 hours of pro bono legal services each year.
- 3) In furtherance of these principles, I also agree to monitor my progress towards the target established in this statement and to report annually to the National Pro Bono Resource Centre (the Centre) whether I have met the Target in the previous year.
- 4) I acknowledge that when I provide pro bono legal services, I owe the pro bono client the same professional and ethical obligations that are owed to any paying client and accordingly I must give that work the same priority, attention and care as would apply to paid work.

For a definition of “pro bono legal services” and for accompanying notes see www.nationalprobono.org.au/target

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FOUNDATION SIGNATORIES

The Centre would like to acknowledge and thank the following Foundation Signatories who signed the Statement of Principles before 1 January 2007.

Law Firms

- Allens Arthur Robinson
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Barbara Garrick & Associates Lawyers
- Ben Gelin Solicitors
- Besley & Hughes
- Blake Dawson
- Brock Partners
- CE Cranney & Co
- Clayton Utz
- Connah Steed & Co
- Gilbert+Tobin
- GPN Law
- Hudson Henning & Goodman,
Barristers, Solicitors & Notaries
- Logical Legal Solicitors
- MacGregor Solicitors
- McDonnell Schroder Solicitors
- McPhee lawyers
- McMillan Boylson
- Brian Muir
- Ryan Lawyers
- Sachs Gerace Lawyers
- Sarah & Associates
- Slattery Thompson
- Winn Legal

Solicitors

- Richard Clarke, Australian Capital Territory
- Michael Corbin, New South Wales
- David Durham, Queensland
- Anne Gunasekera, Queensland
- Graham Jones, New South Wales
- Anthony Jucha, New South Wales
- Anthony Levin, New South Wales
- Mylanda Sheppard, Tasmania
- Otto Stichter, New South Wales
- Phuong Trinh, Queensland
- Stephen Rees, Queensland

Barrister's Chambers

- 9 Wentworth, Sydney

Barristers

- Peter Britten-Jones, South Australia
- Simon Freitag, Western Australia
- Philip Greenwood, New South Wales
- Henry Mathew Heuzenroeder,
South Australia
- Paul Kerr, New South Wales
- Julia Lonergan, New South Wales
- Craig Mcintosh, Western Australia
- Bernadette O'Reilly, New South Wales
- Noeline Rudland, New South Wales
- Anette Schoombee, Western Australia
- Richard Thomas, Australian Capital Territory



Projects & Activities 2006-07

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Reports of the Centre's projects and activities are grouped according to the key objectives of the Centre, as detailed in its Strategic Plan. Special reference is made to our state based activities:

A. Promoting pro bono work throughout the legal profession

- The Centre co-hosted with the Law Council of Australia and other key stakeholders, the Inaugural Access to Justice and Pro Bono Conference in Melbourne in August 2006. There were nearly 250 attendees and a second national conference is planned for October 2008, in Sydney.
- The National Pro Bono Aspirational Target of at least 35 hours per lawyer per year was launched in April 2007. By 31 December 2006, 47 Foundation Signatories had signed up to the Statement of Principles which included the aspirational target. By the time of launch there were 61 signatories including 3 of the large national firms. This meant that over 3000 lawyers were covered by the Target.
- The Pro Bono Students Australia (PBSA) trial continued at the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and the Centre supported a successful application for funding to the NSW Law and Justice Foundation for UWS to get the program on a stronger footing and to formally evaluate the trial.
- The Centre again sponsored and presented the Pro Bono Partnership Award at the NSW LJF Justice Awards. This year it was won by Otto Stichter and the Exodus Foundation (Rev. Bill Crewes) for their partnership of 17 years which involved Otto providing invaluable legal assistance to the Foundation and the homeless and abandoned youth who are its clients.
- The Centre presented at the NT Pro Bono and Legal Services Conference in Darwin in October 2006 and presented and conducted a workshop for the opening of the Tasmanian legal year in February 2007.

- Staff attended the NACLC annual conference and a paper was presented at the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration's annual conference in Adelaide in September 2006.

B. Providing assistance and support to existing and potential service providers

- The Centre continues to work with DLA Phillips Fox and Blake Dawson to solve PI insurance issues for in-house lawyers.
- There has been on-going correspondence with the Federal government and advocacy to the NSW and Victorian governments about the government conflicts protocol.
- A national survey of solicitors and their pro bono activities for the 2004-2005 year was completed with 850 respondents. Preliminary Queensland results were published. A barrister survey was developed and approved by the Australian Bar Association.
- As a result of attempts to facilitate better pro bono structures in states and territories where pro bono presence is limited, WA firms now have regular pro bono coordinator meetings in Perth. Liaison between the WA Law Clearing House and CLCs has improved. Both South Australia and the NT are closely examining the feasibility of establishing pro bono clearing houses.
- The Centre brokered a relationship between Native Title Representative Bodies and law firms in conjunction with the Aurora Project (UNSW, Monash and AITSIS).
- To make legal assistance available to Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) clients after ILC land grants, the Centre brokered a relationship between the ILC and (mainly national) law firms.
- In NSW, the Centre convened and conducted an older persons' legal needs roundtable, bringing together service providers and government.

- The Centre negotiated with NSW Legal Aid to enable private lawyers and CLC lawyers to attend their training sessions.
- Working closely with Cooperative Legal Service Delivery project in NSW to facilitate pro bono as part of the regional model, the Centre identified firms and encouraged them to participate.

C. Making available information and resources to assist pro bono service providers

- To make information available to the profession about pro bono practice in Australia and overseas, the Centre assembled and published a range of materials on its website and in the Centre's bi-monthly newsletter, Pro Bono News. During the reporting year, six editions of Pro Bono News were distributed to 650 subscribers.
- The Mapping Pro Bono in Australia book was published in May 2007 (see page 4).
- A research project on the needs of Indigenous legal organisations was restructured and the Centre will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services nationally to produce a state by state resource.
- The Centre continued to update and promote its flagship publication, the Australian Pro Bono Manual. The Manual is available in hard copy and a digital version is maintained and updated on the Centre's website. Web visits to the Manual were fairly constant throughout the year and the precedent letters and policies were regularly downloaded.
- A new website was built for the Centre and when completed, new menu portals for the public, lawyers, CLCs and law students will facilitate access for site visitors. Web statistics during the year show site usage at an average of 30,000 hits and 6,000 visits per month.

D. Promoting pro bono law to community organisations and the general public

- An on-line guide to volunteering at Community Legal Centres, www.clcvolunteers.net.au was initially launched in October 2005. The Centre has continued to promote this facility and in late 2006, the database entries were updated, based on material collected by NACLCLC. Site visits and hits were fairly constant month to month throughout the year, averaging about 30,000 hits and 950 visits per month.
- The Centre launched the NSW Pro Bono Referral Directory in December 2006, a joint publication with Kingsford Legal Centre. The Directory was intended for internal use by workers at publicly funded legal services for disadvantaged and marginalised people (CLCs, Legal Aid and Aboriginal Legal Services) in NSW. It provides details of 24 law firm pro bono programs and contains tables which allow users to search for firms by area of law.
- The launch of the Aspirational Target and associated news coverage also lifted community awareness of pro bono services during the year.

Staff & Interns

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Staff: (L to R) John Corker, Jenny Lovric, Caitlin Ganter, Olivia Wellesley-Cole.

John Corker had a diverse career within the law as judge's associate, barrister, Aboriginal Legal Aid lawyer, General Counsel for the Australian Broadcasting Authority and senior associate with Clayton Utz. His broad experience across the profession equips him to lead the Centre into its fifth year of operation.

Jenny Lovric, the Centre's Senior Policy and Research Officer, was a major contributor to many of the Centre's publications projects and a leader and mentor for staff and interns. Jenny left the Centre in August 2007 to take up the position of coordinator of the Cooperative Legal Service Delivery Model at Legal Aid NSW.

Caitlin Ganter joined the Centre as Administrator in October 2006 whilst studying at UNSW. She left in May 2007 to return to the USA. Coming from a legal family in California she was comfortable working at the Centre and was an outstanding administrator who made a significant contribution to the Centre during the year.

Olivia Wellesley-Cole is Project Officer, Policy and Research. She has an MBA from City University London and a Masters of International Law from Sydney University. She was responsible for the Centre's national pro bono survey of the legal profession. She has worked extensively with refugee women.



Stephanie Astle – was the Centre's administrator until September 2006. She left to take up a position with Turner Freeman as a Solicitor. She was an invaluable asset to the Centre and the Centre was sorry to lose her cheerfulness and outstanding administrative skills.



Lynne Spender – is the Centre's Publications Coordinator. She is an editor and writer who has been involved with legal centres for over 20 years and is a previous editor of several editions of The Law Handbook NSW. She is currently enrolled as a PhD student at UWS.

Interns

In its fifth year of operation, the Centre has again been fortunate to have assistance from several interns through its association with the UNSW Law Faculty Social Justice Intern Program. Students make significant contributions to the work of the centres, and in turn are able to gain practical experience in research, writing and advocacy about issues affecting social justice. Thank you to students who assisted during the 2006-2007 year:

Semester 2 (2006): Emily Muir, Stephen Johnson

Semester 1 (2007): Kaz Handell, Ryan Ho

Board & Advisory Council

Board members

Chair: Peter Stapleton

Peter has been a Board Member since 2004 and was appointed Chair in June 2006. He was instrumental in establishing Blake Dawson Waldron's (now Blake Dawson's) national pro bono practice, a firm he joined in 1983. He was chair of Redfern Legal Centre for many years in the 1980s and is now a director of Aboriginal Legal Services (NSW/ACT) and Midnight Basketball Ltd. Peter practices in the area of commercial and corporate law, specialising in asset and share acquisitions, joint ventures and foreign investment laws and regulations. Apart from acting for Australian corporations, Peter has acted for many overseas corporations in connection with their business operations in Australia, particularly Chinese, Japanese and European corporations.

Professor Michael Adams

Michael was appointed to the Board in April 2007. Michael is a Professor of Law and Head of the School of Law at the University of Western Sydney (UWS) where he is a strong advocate for the Pro Bono Students Australia program. Previously, he was a Professor of Corporate Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology, Sydney. Michael has taught corporate law in the UK, Australia and USA for over 17 years. He is the past President of the Corporate Law Teachers' Association and Chartered Secretaries Australia, and is a Consultant to the National Financial Services Group of Blake Dawson. Michael is the author of a number of books and articles and he regularly contributes to the Butterworth's loose-leaf service Australian Corporation Practice and TimeBase's Corporations Law Commentary CD-ROM.

Robin Banks

Robin was appointed to the Board in February 2006. Robin is the Director of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) and former Director of the NSW Public Interest Law Clearing House (PILCH). Robin was previously a senior associate in employment and industrial relations at Henry Davis York. Robin has also worked at the Canadian Human Rights Commission and in Darwin on a coronial inquest into the death of an Aboriginal boy in detention. She has been coordinator of the NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre and an advocate for people with disabilities.

Michael Cole

Michael was a member of the Board from 2002 to November 2006. As Manager of Community Services, Law Society of WA, Michael managed the Law Access Public Interest Law Clearing House, the Litigation Assistance Fund (WA), the Francis Burt Law Education Centre and Law Week in WA until late 2006. Michael subsequently became the CEO for the College of Law in Western Australia. Michael was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in WA in 1980 and is the former Regional Director of the Australian Government Solicitors' Western Australian Office.

Professor David Dixon

David was appointed to the Board in October 2006. David has been Dean of the UNSW Law Faculty since January 2007. Previously he was Senior Associate Dean and Director or Associate Dean (Research) from 1995 to 2005. He has acted as adviser to the Home Office (England & Wales), the (then) Criminal Justice Commission (Queensland), the NSW Police, and the Royal Commission into the NSW Police Service (NSW). As well as teaching Criminal Law in the LL.B. and Policing in the LL.M. programs, he regularly teaches B.Soc.Sci. to Criminology students. He is the author of a number of books and articles.

Michelle Hannon

Michelle is the Pro Bono Director at Gilbert+Tobin and joined the Board in May 2004. She has conducted a number of human rights and discrimination cases and for a number of years was an executive member of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights. Previously, Michelle worked in industrial and employment law and litigation at Freehills. She became the founding principal solicitor at the NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre, undertaking test case and public interest litigation, as well as policy work and community legal education in the area of disability discrimination. Michelle has been nominated by the Sydney based pro bono coordinators to the NPBRC Board.

Board & Advisory Council

Kelly Hick

Kelly was appointed to the Board in February 2007. Admitted in 1996, Kelly practised with Minter Ellison in Perth and was also a member of the legal teams on two major West Australian statutory inquiries. Kelly joined the Law Society of Western Australia as Manager of Membership & Community Services in January 2007, taking over from Michael Cole. Kelly is responsible for managing the Law Access Public Law Clearing House, the Francis Burt Law Education Centre, the Litigation Assistance Fund (WA) and Law Week in WA.

Emma Hunt

Emma was a Board member from October 2003 to October 2006. Co-Executive Director of the Public Interest Law Clearing House (Vic) Inc., Emma represented PILCH Vic, PILCH NSW and QPILCH on the Board of the Centre until March 2006 when she left to go on maternity leave. Her place was taken by her job sharer, Paula O'Brien. Emma has been a Co-Director of PILCH (Vic) Inc. for six years and, prior to working at PILCH, worked as a Judge's Associate, and as a lawyer at community legal centres and legal aid in Australia and overseas.

Jane Hutchison

Manager of the Hobart Community Legal Service Inc, and coordinator of the Tasmanian Association of Community Legal Centres, Jane joined the Board in April 2003. She has been involved with community legal centres for over 17 years. She was a Board member of the Financial Services Consumer Policy Centre from the mid 90s (helping to establish the Centre) until 2003 and was previously Chair of the Australian Financial Counsellors and Credit Reform Association.

Aleecia Murray

Aleecia was a member of the Board from April 2003 to October 2006. 'Australian Young Lawyer of the Year' in 2004, Aleecia is based in South Australia where she is the Principal Solicitor of her firm AM Legal. Aleecia previously worked as a research officer, lecturer and tutor. She has been Project Coordinator for a UN development program in Laos, enhancing access to justice through the Lao Bar Association. With a long history of involvement in access to justice issues, she was the founding coordinator of the Refugee Advocacy Service of South Australia (RASSA) and coordinator of a Youth Crime Prevention Program delivered to high school students.

John North

John has been a member of the Board since October 2002. John was President of the Law Council of Australia (2005-2006) and a Partner of North & Badgery Solicitors in Dubbo and Sydney. He is a member of the Legal Aid Commission of NSW and former President of the Law Society of NSW. He has a continuing interest in pro bono, legal aid, Indigenous, prison and child care issues and in streamlining court procedures.

Paula O'Brien

Paula was appointed to the Board in October 2006. Paula was the Executive Director of the Public Interest Law Clearing House (Vic) Inc from June 2003 to August 2007, when she took up a Commonwealth Scholarship to complete a LLM in public and international law at Cambridge University. Paula was appointed Lecturer/ Senior Fellow in the Law School at the University of Melbourne in 2002. She has served on the Boards of several community organizations, including the Consumer Action Law Centre and Financial & Consumer Rights Council. She was heavily involved with access to justice activities in Victoria, particularly through the Federation of Community Legal Centres Justices Initiatives Standing Group and its Elder Law Task Group, the Law Institute of Victoria Access to Justice Committee, and the Victorian Bar Legal Assistance Committee.

Caitlin Perry

Caitlin was appointed to the Board in April 2005. Caitlin is the coordinator of the Darwin Community Legal Service and a member of the NT Law Society's legal aid and pro bono committee. Caitlin has a Bachelor of Economics from Sydney University and was previously Coordinator of Redfern Legal Centre.

Robert Reed

Robert was appointed to the Board in February 2007. Robert is a senior associate with Minter Ellison in their Brisbane office, where he has worked in the insurance litigation group, and more recently, the employment law group. Robert formulated Minter Ellison's Community Benefits Program in Brisbane and currently coordinates all of the office's community work, including pro bono legal assistance, donations and sponsorships and staff volunteering. He is on the Queensland Law Society Pro Bono & Access to Justice Committee, the CEO Challenge Board, and the Brisbane Community Corporate Network Committee. He is Secretary/Treasurer of the Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House Management Committee.

Carolyn Sappideen

Carolyn was a member of the Board from October 2003 until November 2006. Carolyn was a Professor of Law and Head of the Law School at the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and the Director of Elder Law which provides research into legal issues affecting older Australians. She was a recipient of a number of research grants including a joint grant from the Commonwealth government on Transactional Learning in the Law of Contracts. She was the new author for *Fleming, The Law of Torts (10th ed)* and has published numerous articles and co-authored several books.

Advisory Council members**Professor David Weisbrot**

President, Australian Law Reform Commission

Professor Don Chalmers

Head of School, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania

Mr Chris Dodds

President, NSW Council of Social Service

Ms Deej Eszenyi

Partner, Camatta Lempens Solicitors, Adelaide
(Immediate Past President of the Law Society of SA)

Mr Chris Gabelish

Coordinator, Geraldton Resource Centre

Mr Ian Govey

Deputy Secretary, Civil Justice and Legal Services Group
Attorney General's Department

Mr Frank Guivarra

CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service Co-operative
Limited

Ms Julie Hamblin

Partner, Ebsworth & Ebsworth

Ms Jenny Hardy

Director, Queensland Legal Aid Commission

Ms Kathy Laster

Director, Victoria Law Foundation

Ms Fiona McLeay

General Counsel, World Vision

Mr Dennis Nelthorpe

Consumer Consultant, Melbourne

Ms Alexandra Richards QC

Barrister, Victorian Bar

Mr Tony Woodyat

Executive Director, QPILCH

Centre media mentions



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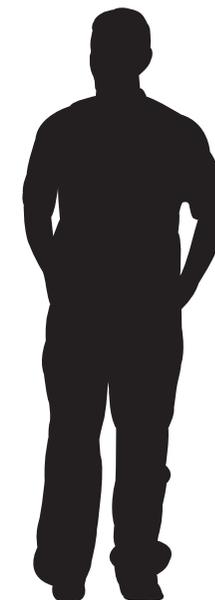
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Financial reports

Income Statement for year ended 30 June 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Revenue from ordinary activities	363,857	355,052
Expenses from ordinary activities		
Printing	13,924	4,122
Employee benefits expense	255,379	226,281
Depreciation expense	2,787	4,723
Audit fee	3,314	2,978
Insurance	1,890	4,077
Computer and Communications	18,927	4,658
Library	849	1,015
Travel	10,764	16,259
Loss on sale of assets	3,211	-
Other expenses from ordinary activities	25,5298	79,425
Surplus/(Deficit) From Ordinary Activities	27,283	79,425
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	-	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	27,283	79,425

Balance Sheet for year ended 30 June 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash assets	220,255	246,921
Receivables	74,059	76,725
Other	1,342	1,488
Total Current Assets	295,656	325,134
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	11,077	6,122
Total Non-Current Assets	11,077	6,122
Total Assets	306,733	331,256
Current Liabilities		
Payables	27,396	83,522
Provisions	20,534	18,739
Other	65,025	62,500
Total Current Liabilities	112,955	164,761
Net Assets	193,788	166,495
Equity		
Retained Earnings	193,788	166,495
Total Equity	193,788	166,495

NATIONAL PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTRE

The National Pro Bono Resource Centre is an independent, non-profit organisation that supports and promotes pro bono legal services.

The Centre receives financial assistance from the Federal Attorney-General's Department and from the Departments of the Attorney-General in the States and Territories. Accommodation and other support is generously provided by the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.

Further information about the Centre including details of the Centre's publications, current activities and projects in development is available at www.nationalprobono.org.au

You can subscribe to the Centre's eNewsletter at <http://lists.nationalprobono.org.au>



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