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On behalf of the Australian Pro Bono Centre team I wish you a very warm welcome to the fifth edition of the Centre's biannual magazine, *Pro Bono Voco*. The magazine is now in its third year. We're thrilled that its readership continues to grow, as does its library of case studies, stories and profiles from across the country and beyond to inspire and inform the pro bono community, wider social justice sector and legal profession.



Over the last couple of years, the Centre has continued its strong focus on in-house pro bono and opened up the National Pro Bono Target to in-house legal teams from 1 July 2020. One of the first teams to sign up was the ABC legal team. We are delighted to include an article from Vincent Floro (page 3) on the development and breadth of ABC's new pro bono legal program.



In this edition we hear from Alice Rolls, Managing Lawyer of South Australia's Accessible Justice Project (page 6). AJP is a firm/university collaboration between Lipman Karas and the University of Adelaide and the first of its kind in Australia, providing affordable legal services to those who are ineligible for legal aid but who cannot afford a private lawyer.



An innovative approach is also being employed by Prisma Legal. We hear from Prisma on its pro bono work and how it was an impetus for the firm's application for B Corp Certification (page 28).



In a different context altogether, Hannah Robinson talks about providing legal assistance in rural, regional and remote areas, and the challenges associated with, and recommendations for, how pro bono support is provided (page 8).

We are delighted to hear from Dominique Hansen, CEO of Law Access WA, and her team on Law Access's approach to maximising the legal profession's pro bono contribution in WA and the WA pro bono model (page 19).



We hear from Katie Green, Managing Solicitor of the NSW Bar Association's Legal Assistance Scheme, on the Bar Association's support to barrister members' involvement in pro bono work. (page 12).

We also learn about Youthlaw's Legal Pod, a one-of-a-kind program in Victoria receiving pro bono support, that provides a 'pod' of lawyers who work directly with young care leavers for up to three years (page 26).

In each edition we throw the spotlight on a Centre Director and this time we're delighted to profile Professor Robert Cunningham, Dean and Head of Curtin Law School in Perth and representative of the Council of Australian Law Deans on the Centre's Board (page 24).

The National Law Firm Pro Bono Survey is a longitudinal study conducted by the Centre every two years. In this edition we include the highlights of the latest Survey released early 2021, noting trends across the pro bono practices of firms of 50 or more lawyers in Australia (page 22).

Finally, in case you missed it, we provide a summary of my podcast interview with Dan Creasey, Head of Pro Bono and Community Impact at King & Wood Mallesons, about what 2021 has in store for the pro bono sector (page 15).

The Centre is grateful to the contributors to this fifth edition of *Pro Bono Voco*. We hope you enjoy it and would be grateful for your feedback at [info@probonocentre.org.au](mailto:info@probonocentre.org.au). ■

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- The Australian Pro Bono Manual: a 'how to' and 'best practice' guide on establishing and operating a pro bono program
- Pro Bono Partnerships and Models: A Practical Guide to What Works: practical information on how to effectively collaborate on pro bono projects
- Best Practice Guide: a guide to best practice in the provision of pro bono legal services
- Client Management & Self-Care Guide
- Pro Bono Legal Work: A Guide for Government Lawyers
- Pro Bono Legal Work: A Guide for In-House Corporate Lawyers
- Pro Bono Guide to the Climate Crisis
- Pro Bono Guide for Individual Lawyers