Southern Communities Advocacy, Legal and Education Service Inc.

SCALES
Community Legal Centre

Annual Report
2005/2006
Vision:

SCALES improves the quality of life in the community, in terms of social justice and human rights, by providing fair and equal access to ethical and competent legal education, training, research, advice, referrals and advocacy.

Values:

People deserve to be treated with respect, dignity and consideration. Human rights include a right to legal information and legal education. Individual legal problems often reflect broad social difficulties. Communities should participate in and influence the work of community legal centres.

Mission:

SCALES seeks to:

✧ Develop the confidence, skills and ethics of law students through clinical legal education in a community-based environment.

✧ Facilitate access to justice for low income and disadvantaged members of the Southern Communities region.

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Angie Gimisis  Student Representative, Summer 2005/2006
Stacey Fuller  Student Representative, Semester 1 2006

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Eric Fisher
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## Seminar Guest Presenters

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Clinic Students

Semester 2 2005

Lisa Baetsen  Helen McKay  Danny Bernstein
Andrew Cook  Payal Mahindroo  Michelle Muchatuta
Brenden Hunter  Andrew Cash  Simone Pillinger
Eric Fisher  Lilian Tay  Erin Mcfarlane
Fion Tjong  Thong Teh  Cameron Bill
Des Waldock  Susan Diamond  Denise Chesworth
Marina De Kwant  Jacinta O'Connor

Summer 2005/2006

Wesley van der Spuy  Nhat Tran  David Harwood
Wambui Ngunjiri  Kellie Hill  James Newton-Palmer
Greg Mackay  Angie Gimisis  Samantha Griffiths
Sarjit Manez  Nicholas Duff  Adele Neumann
Aranaea Ayres  Kristian Maley  Christopher Nakamura

Semester 1 2006

Helen Loreck  Irena Siljanoska  Peter Phillips
Stacey Fuller  Robert Owen  Lucy Young

Advanced Clinic (Immigration Students)

Aranaea Ayres  Kellie Hill  Wambui Ngunjiri
SCALES Staff

Jo Scott (Scotty), Acting Director

Lucky for SCALES, Scotty agreed to put off her travel plans for a few months and continue as Acting Director when Mary Anne did not return to the position of Director at the end of her maternity leave. Scotty’s special interest lies in the areas of Administrative law, indigenous rights, native title, tenancy and increasingly clinical legal education.

Alison Vivian, Acting Assistant, Director

Alison is a former SCALES student who was initially appointed as the clinical supervisor funded by Freehills to assist SCALES with staffing during staff study leave. Alison was appointed to the position of Clinical Legal Education Officer when Anna was appointed as Assistant Director; she then acted as Acting Assistant Director during Anna’s maternity leave. Alison was also Coordinator of the Lawyers Practice Manual WA.

Alison is a migration agent with interests and expertise including indigenous people’s rights and indigenous governance and human rights and asylum seekers. Alison left SCALES in January 2005 to take up the position of Associate to Justice North in Melbourne.

Mary Anne, Kenny, Migration Agent

Mary Anne resigned as Director on her return from maternity leave and commenced as a part time senior lecturer at the Law School. She was appointed to the Western Australian Law Reform Commission in February 2006 as its academic member. Mary Anne returned to SCALES to work 1 day per week as a locum Migration Agent in the immigration clinic in late Semester 1 2006.

Mary Anne is a foundation staff member and was Assistant Director from 1997 to 2000 and Director from 2000 to 2006.

Anna Copeland, Assistant Director

Anna returned from maternity leave in early 2006 to resume her role as Assistant Director and Course Coordinator.

Anna was appointed to the position of Assistant Director in February 2005. Her previous position was Clinical Legal Education Officer since 1999. Anna’s special interests include the rights of young people and asylum seekers. Anna is currently working towards a PhD in Sociology.

Amanda McGow, Locum Clinic Supervisor

Amanda’s locum clinic supervisor position was altered to a continuing position in July 2005. Amanda has extensive experience in Children’s Court from her time at Aboriginal Legal Service.

She has worked in private practice in Bunbury and was the legal practice manager at Sussex Street Community Law Service. She has special interests in Family and Domestic Violence and Tenancy.

Alexa Morcombe, Clinic Supervisor

Alexa is another former SCALES student with an interest in Clinical Legal Education. Alexa took a 1 year leave of absence from Legal Aid WA to work as a clinic supervisor. She returned to Legal Aid in May 2006.

Marion Huntly, Locum Supervisor

Marion commenced as a part time clinic supervisor on Alexa’s departure in mid 2006. Her previous experience at Peel Community Legal Centre and the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions bring expertise to SCALES in civil and criminal law.
Glynes Rynn, FAAST Solicitor

Glynes has worked at SCALES since 1998 as the Family Abuse and Advocacy Support Team solicitor. Her work involves all aspects of supporting survivors of domestic violence including court representation. Glynes provides a great insight to the clinic students into issues faced by people surviving family and domestic violence. She has responsibility for the Research Project on Violence Restraining Orders and assists in the Seminar Series on the issues of Family Law and Family and Domestic Violence as well as supervising the Domestic Violence Legal Worker position.

Glynes’ committee and network activity inform her involvement in policy and law reform and community legal education.

Kerryn Lewis, Domestic Violence Legal Worker

Kerryn continues to develop the position of Domestic Violence Legal Worker. Kerryn’s work includes acting as a Paralegal supporting Glynes, offering community legal education on Family and Domestic Violence and Indigenous issues, presenting the Family Court Family Law Information Forums and development of CLE materials for SCALES. Kerryn has extensive experience working in the field of family and domestic violence. Kerryn’s special interests are family and domestic violence, Indigenous issues and tenancy. Kerryn is a Yamaji girl and hails from the Geraldton area.

Rhoda Mason, Lawyers Practice Manual WA Coordinator

Rhoda has worked as Coordinator of the LPMWA since Alison’s departure and has been very successful in procuring new authors to expand the number of chapters offered in the LPMWA. Rhoda works from home and is not in the office often, but has a valuable role at SCALES and is a valued member of staff.

Rhonda Zelina, Administration Officer

Rhonda’s role as Administration Officer makes her first contact for the organisation most of the time. Her great sense of humour and compassion are great examples to the staff and students on treating people who approach SCALES for assistance with respect and dignity. Rhonda initially volunteered at SCALES in 1997 as well as working as Admin Assistant.

Novela Aleksic, Finance Officer and Admin Assistant

Novela’s thoroughness in all areas of her work is invaluable. Her ongoing commitment to improvement of our financial policies and procedures is of great benefit to SCALES and her abilities are well regarded by our funders. Novela has been the Finance Officer at SCALES since 2002 and in 2004 also took on the Admin Assistant position.

Gai Walker, Administrator

Gai is another foundation staff member at SCALES. The position of Administrator has developed from one of general administrative duties to one of team and office manager of the past 9 years. Gai is the leader of the admin team and manages the day to day running of the office as well as being SCALES’ representative in the community sector. She is a member of the state and national CLC peak bodies, sits on local and regional committees and raises the profile of SCALES by her participation.

Her special interests are family and domestic violence and access to justice for rural, regional and remote and disadvantaged members of the community.
Over the past year the staff and management committee have been actively involved in a process of review of aspects of the association and in particular the SCALES clinic.

A major part of that process has been a revision of the association’s Constitution. A Constitution Sub-Committee was established in 2005 with the anticipation that a new constitution would be ratified at this year’s annual general meeting. However what started out as a revision quickly became a complete overhaul. Tamara Cole and I have met regularly over the past year to debate, draft and re-draft a new constitution. A final draft has been presented to the management committee and discussed with staff. With only a few final amendments I am confident it will be ready for ratification early in the New Year.

As well as drafting a new constitution, and partly because of the delay in ratifying it sooner, the management committee has found itself reviewing the Law Clinic Agreement with Murdoch University much sooner than was planned. The funding agreement with Murdoch was drafted when SCALES was only 2 years old and operating in a climate different from today. The management committee, in close and constant consultation with the staff, is currently negotiating what is anticipated will be a comprehensive and contemporary funding agreement. As negotiations are still underway I wish only to say that a spirit of goodwill exists and both parties are committed to reaching an in principle agreement as soon as possible.

As part of the process of review of the direction and structure of the association, a SCALES Planning Day was held at Murdoch University on 16 June 2006. The members of staff and management committee in attendance benefited greatly from the informative contributions of Murdoch’s founding Dean of Law, His Honour Justice Ralph Simmonds and SCALES Patron, Mr Chris Shanahan SC. Both Justice Simmonds and Mr Shanahan SC gave us the fascinating history of the lead up to the association’s formation and the vision that existed for a close and continued partnership between SCALES and Murdoch University. Professor Jeff Giddings from Griffiths University attended and provided a wealth of knowledge on other clinics methods of operations and experiences. Jeff has been a friend and mentor to SCALES since the very early days. As a clinician with over 20 years experience in the field, we are lucky to be able to access his knowledge and thank him for taking the time to come to Perth to help us with our work. The Planning Day provided a useful forum for receiving the ideas and visions for the association’s future both as a legal education clinic and as a community legal centre. From the discussion had at the Planning Day and ongoing discussions with the staff, the management committee is considering the most effective structure of the association as it is about to enter its second decade of operation.

The past year has seen the association face unexpected crises which have directly impacted on the morale of staff and members of the management committee. During this time Jo Scott (Scotty) demonstrated courageous commitment as our Acting Director for a far greater period than was originally anticipated. Scotty showed tremendous support to both the staff and the management committee. I sincerely thank Scotty for her dedication to the association and I personally thank Scotty for the support she gave me during that period.

With Scotty’s leaving and negotiations with Murdoch University ongoing, SCALES has now been without a permanent Director for well over 12 months. This less than satisfactory situation continues to be addressed and will be resolved once a new agreement with Murdoch University has been reached.

In the meantime, the position of Acting Director is being filled on a shared basis between Anna Copeland and Gai Walker. The Committee thanks Anna and Gai for taking on the onerous responsibility this entails, particularly as it is
being undertaken in addition to their substantive positions.

The management committee recognises the patience all staff has exhibited during these uncertain times. The management committee thanks each and every one of our staff for their service and commitment to the association.

The management committee’s commitment to maintaining appropriate pay and conditions remains a priority and in April 2006 the management committee consented to SCALES becoming a Respondent to the Social and Community Services Award. Due to unprecedented demands on the time of staff and management committee, the drafting of an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for SCALES staff has unfortunately had to be put on hold.

As the process of review and reform continues, it is exciting to consider that the association will reach a milestone 10th anniversary in only a few months! Gai has been busy preparing the celebrations that will accompany this auspicious occasion. It is indeed an opportune time to celebrate the association’s partnerships and joint commitment to the values of access to justice, human rights and clinical legal education in Western Australia.

Finally, I thank my colleagues on the management committee for the time they continue to volunteer and input to the deliberations and decisions that have been made and are yet to be made in the best interests of the association.

Summer Semester students ‘End of Semester Fiesta
It is an unexpected privilege to write this report. When I agreed to act as Director from November 2004 during Mary Anne Kenny’s maternity leave, I did not imagine I would still be incumbent in August 2006. My contract was extended to cover the time between Mary Anne’s resignation in Feb 2006 and the appointment of a new Director.

In my last year’s report I commented that "(T)he relationship between SCALES and Murdoch can only strengthen from the stability which accompanies the appointment of Professor Moens". That statement has been tested over the last year. Over the years Murdoch and the CLC have worked together to produce a clinical unit which provides the law students of Murdoch with a unique pedagogical experience.

It was agreed in January of this year that the original Agreement, signed in 1998, between SCALES and the University be re-evaluated and hence renegotiated. It is more likely than not that an outcome will affect the structure of SCALES.

At the time of writing (28th August) SCALES has yet to have a Director in the substantive position. Gai Walker and Anna Copeland have agreed to jointly act in the position until 31st December or until a Director is appointed. They have accepted the challenge and the extra work it will entail to ensure that the clinical experience will not be denied to those enrolled in second semester. The task Anna and Gai have undertaken demonstrates their commitment to SCALES.

48 law students completed the general and advanced clinic courses during the year. Students presented an extensive and outstanding service to the Rockingham, Kwinana and occasionally Mandurah communities. A high quality service was provided to clients of the advanced clinic, which practices immigration law. The immigration service is not restricted to a specified location and clients can access the service from anywhere within Western Australia. Students attending the general and advanced clinics gained a unique understanding of their practice of law.

Legal advice and information was afforded to over 1350 clients, with work on over 320 files giving clients broader and more detailed assistance. Participation in community legal education offered a further experience as did submissions on law reform to State, Federal and international bodies.

When I came to write up a handover memo on committee commitments of members of staff it struck me the extent to which SCALES plays an active role in various organisations. The excellent reputation of SCALES has been sustained by the unstinting dedication of staff to actively striving for social justice.

I served on the Self Litigants Committee of the Supreme Court. The Committee has prepared a report to the Chief Justice on structures and procedures which will assist the Court and litigants.

Kerryn, Glynes and Gai are on a number of meetings.
committees addressing family and domestic violence. They are the Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network (DVLWLN), the Rockingham and Kwinana Regional Domestic Violence Committee (RDVC) and the South Metropolitan Integrated Family Abuse Service (SMIFAS). SMIFAS will replace the RDVC in 2007 with the colocated Family and Domestic Violence service becoming the service model for Rockingham and Kwinana.

Gai represented SCALES on the Community Legal Centres Association (Western Australia) (CLCAWA) and the National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC), for which she has recently assumed the position of Treasurer. SCALES benefits greatly from her participation on these committees and her commitment to the sector.

Anna was invited to be part of the policy group on young people and public space convened by Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia. She was also invited to attend the Refugee Legal meeting at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in August.

The NACLC conference was held in Canberra in 2005. Gai, Kerryn and I were able to attend this stimulating event which provided much food for thought and debate. Kerryn found the opportunity to network with others working in the area of domestic violence informative. She participated in the Indigenous Women’s Network prior to the conference and was stimulated by the progress achieved to date by that body. Gai attended the Rural, Regional and Remote network meeting in Batemans Bay as well as the general meeting and AGM of the NACLC.

Alison and I were fortunate to attend the Clinical Legal Education conference in Melbourne in July 2005. The Conference is a biannual event and “must” for those working in the field. Alison presented a paper written jointly with Anna which was enthusiastically received.

I maximised the trip to the east coast and travelled to Kingsford CLC the site of the clinical programme offered by University of NSW. I compared notes with the Director, Anna Cody and discussed the SCALES model with students. I then travelled to Newcastle and touched base with former Assistant Director Colin James. Colin set aside a considerable time to show me around and discuss the differences in the models he had worked with. I was able to interact with students of that Clinic who were impressed by the degree of practical experience SCALES students obtained.

SCALES was fortunate to attract funds from FREEHILLS which covered a solicitor position for a year from August 2004. Alison Vivian remained at SCALES as Acting Assistant Director after her FREEHILLS supported contract ended. Sadly Alison moved to Victoria in February 2006 to take up the position of Associate to Justice North of the Federal Court. Her contribution to SCALES was inspiring – her supervision of students was based upon firm educational principles and her desire to extend herself laudable. As a Migration Agent, she took over, with Alexa Morcombe, the immigration practice in Anna’s absence.

FREEHILLS has once again offered support to SCALES and suggested a number of ways this can be achieved. Justine Little, a former student of SCALES, has been the pro bono contact at FREEHILLS and we very much appreciate his unceasing support.

The Legal Practice Manual Western Australia (LPMWA) was released by Thomson early 2005. The undertaking to attract contributors to the manual and to edit it has been coordinated by a number of people – Colin, Anna, Alison, me and Rhoda Mason. Rhoda has worked one day a week since January and the concentrated effort of one person has achieved great results. The LPMWA has been very favourably commented on and continues to raise the profile of SCALES considerably with students, in the professional and local community. The LPM are produced in 3 other states and are Thomson’s contribution to the community sector. SCALES receives a royalty on each sale with a minimum payment for our work in the event that sales do not reach that figure.

The Lotterywest funded Domestic Violence research is now entering the correlation of results stage. We thank the women who have contributed their time and stories to our researcher Dot Goulding. We keenly await the results which will assist us to target the service SCALES offers to women escaping domestic violence.
Staff and students have had major successes for their clients over the year. Applications for Criminal Injuries Compensation resulted in determinations for clients of over $250,000 in total. Many long standing immigration files, which engender a degree of emotional attachment, have been successfully resolved. Deserving special mention is the occasion on which 10 visas were granted to our clients over 2 days. SCALES also successfully challenged social security decisions, undertook negotiation for clients with tenancy matters and represented many women seeking restraining orders.

I wish to thank many people who have been instrumental in the continued success of SCALES.

We have had generous support in the form of pro bono assistance from members of the legal profession for which we are very grateful. A big thank you to Chris Shanahan SC who has been available at very short notice to advise on ethical and professional practice issues and historical knowledge of SCALES. Thanks also to the solicitors and barristers who have accepted briefs in immigration matters and all LPMWA contributors who freely provide their knowledge and apply their writing skills to support SCALES.

Former SCALES student Eric Fisher has volunteered for two days per week and has applied his growing knowledge and enormous commitment to do excellent work within the Immigration clinic.

Ron Hassall and Margaret Flower continue their support to the admin staff at the Rockingham office. Margaret’s weekly attendance ensures that all loose leaf publications are up to date as well as various other admin tasks. Ron continues his work as Treasurer and support to Gai and Novela in matters associated with the finances of SCALES.

First year law student Sue Hillman approached SCALES to offer her services as a volunteer. Sue has worked diligently for almost a year, researching and preparing procedures for destruction of files and then reviewing the files from 1997 and 1998 in preparation for their destruction. Her work has been very valuable and we thank her for her support.

Students are invited to take the opportunity to present Family Law Forums while attending SCALES. I would like to thank the students who took this opportunity which provides an important service to the community.
I say a big thank you to my colleagues for their amazing resilience, adaptability and response to uncertainty - thank you for confirming your commitment to the SCALES and to clinical legal education. The Admin team, Gai, Rhonda and Novela have provided the structure in which the organisation can function smoothly. The Legal team, Mary Anne – she goes and comes, Glynnes, Kerryn, Anna, Amanda, Rhoda and latterly Marion; not forgetting Alison and Alexa who are now gaining different profession experiences; have all given SCALES much in the way of diverse knowledge, experience and confirmed over the year their professionalism and ethical approach to the practice of law. Students are the fortunate recipients of the skills and professionalism demonstrated by all the staff of SCALES.

Again this year I wish to give very special thanks to Gai and Mary Anne. I thank Gai for her expertise and support over the year. I thank her especially for her knowledge of old and acceptance of new challenges as SCALES enters an era of change. Mary Anne during the course of the year has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the Service, in her capacity as Director on leave and latterly as a past Director. Her contribution to SCALES cannot be overstated and continues, as an employee and as a friend of the organisation.

It gave me immense pleasure to be able to host a farewell party at my home to pay homage to Mary Anne. Friends and family shed a few tears as did the guest of honour when presented with an album showcasing her career at SCALES.

The unprecedented decisions, and the work that went into making them, made by the Management Committee, were at times, taxing. Members of our Committee take their duties very seriously and assiduously strive for the best interests of SCALES.

Thank you to Michael Perrella for his continued commitment which has stepped up a notch or 2 over the year; to Tamara Cole, who with Michael undertook very strenuous tasks with good humour and amazing resilience; Jerroldine Gilbert supported the idea of SCALES before its inception and continues that support with an enviable attendance rate; Ron Hassall who we won’t let go even though he threatens each year not to renominate for the position of Treasurer; and to Margaret Flower who has done a wonderful job in the demanding, and at times frustrating, position of Secretary.

I have enjoyed our collaboration, on Friday mornings, in drafting the Minutes of the previous meeting – SCALES would suffer withdrawal symptoms should she ever decide to retire. The Dean held the 2 positions Murdoch has on the Management Committee – as nominee of the Vice Chancellor and as Dean of the School of Law. Unfortunately he rarely attended meetings and I believe this may have distanced him from the operational imperatives of the organisation.

Each semester the students are invited to elect a student representative to attend the Management Committee meetings, thanks go to these students for their work and dedication to the position.

SCALES is amazingly lucky to have people of such calibre and commitment managing the organisation. I thank them all wholeheartedly for the commitment, support and overriding concern to ensure that decisions made have always been in the best interests of SCALES.

It is with profound sadness, but with much love, that I say farewell to all those who I have had the privilege of know during the past 6 years – it has been a very happy association.
Family Abuse & Advocacy Support Team

The Family Abuse and Advocacy Team (F.A.A.S.T) has continued to offer both legal and counselling services to victims and survivors of family violence in the Kwinana, Rockingham and Peel districts throughout 2005 and 2006. The service focuses on a holistic approach to clients' needs, addressing such issues as financial and accommodation problems, emotional support and personal safety for clients and children as well as legal advice and court advocacy.

The service also focuses on a collaborative approach to victims' issues by being part of a wider network of individuals and agencies working with family abuse victims. This benefits the victims by enabling easier access to other services when FAAST is unable to meet clients' needs. The service endeavours to reduce disruption to clients' lives as much as possible, particularly during times of personal crises.

The service providers attend regular meetings, seminars and workshops to address areas of concern and utilize these opportunities to seek a collaborative approach to solutions.

During February 2006 the domestic violence solicitor attended a Family Violence Conference in Adelaide convened by the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration in association with the Australian Institute of Criminology. This was an excellent opportunity to address current issues and court practice in relation to dealing with family violence matters. We were inspired by the excellent speakers, including the two keynote speakers from Canada and the United States. It also highlighted the fact that family and domestic violence is a world wide problem and that sharing the problem is part way to solving the problem.

The counselling arm of the service, based at the South Coastal Women's Health Service provides access for women to educational and group therapy sessions each school term. It also conducts educational sessions for children's groups.

The service also addresses community groups and law students on family and domestic violence as part of a commitment to community education. It also forms part of a team involved in the training of Victim Support Service volunteers.

**FAAST Statistics**

Combined Legal and Counselling Service
No of clients: 129 (inclusive of casework and advice only clients)

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Back (l to r): Rhoda Mason, Novela Aleksic, Anna Copeland with Sabine, Gai Walker with Arianah, Rhonda Zelina. Front (l to r): Amanda McGow, Glynes Rynn, Mary Anne Kenny and Tamara Cole.
Domestic Violence Legal Worker Report

Kerryn Lewis

Family Law Information Forums

Clients attending the Family Court of Western Australia are required to attend a Family Law Information Forum before they can attend Court. A number of CLCs recognised the need to provide these forums locally rather than clients having to attend in Perth. The Family Court of Western Australia has provided a script that each CLC use when presenting forums.

SCALES forums continue to run on a fortnightly basis in the meeting room at Rockingham Lotteries House. Numbers have been consistent with an average of 3 to 6 people attending each forum. Over the past year a number of Murdoch Law Students have observed and then presented 2-3 forums each, Rhonda has also presented 2 forums. This has been very helpful to me as it allows me to attend to other matters with confidence. The students find presenting the forum a great opportunity for them to not only learn more about Family Law but practice their public speaking as well as interact with community members.

With major changes taking place in July 2006, the script and presentation needed to change in order to reflect the new Family Law Act. Rather than wait for the Family Law Court of Western Australia to develop and provide us with the new script and presentation, I decided to develop SCALES’s own presentation reflecting the changes to the Law and what information I felt would benefit our clients. I tried to make the forum as informative as possible whilst also trying to make it simple in structure. The presentation is accompanied by handouts I have developed which provide clients with information to enable them to properly understand the new requirements in the Family Law system.

The script that I developed was approved for use by the Family Court of Western Australia. I felt it was a great achievement not only for me, but for SCALES as well. A part of the ‘push’ to get the community more aware of the Family Law Forum, we contacted the local newspapers and the forums are now announced in both local papers regularly in the community events section.

Family Violence

Over the past months exparte hearings have declined in the court lists we receive each day. On a few occasions, Glynnes has been at the Court house on client matters and has been informed that exparte matters are added onto the list but we had not been informed. We are negotiating with the Court staff to be notified of these additional matters. Our work has shown a large increase in the number of hearings and trials taking place.

Over the last year I have had an opportunity to work with clients on Criminal Injuries Compensation matters and have assisted with a number of applications.

Violence Restraining Orders, Family Law matters, Criminal Injuries and tenancy matters have been the main issues in my casework in the past year. I had the opportunity to accompany a client to the Family Law Court of WA for her Case Assessment Conference.

I would like to publicly thank my supervisor Glynnes Rynn for her supervision and our many discussions, these opportunities have allowed me to develop my knowledge over the past year.

National Network of Indigenous Women Visit

In March 2006, Perth members of the National Network of Indigenous Women’s Legal Service held a meeting in Rockingham. These meetings are designed to bring Indigenous workers together to link in with each other. I was able to arrange a meeting room for the group at the City of Rockingham Council and we then invited the women to visit SCALES and enjoy lunch with the staff that were in the office on the day. It was a great opportunity for us all to take time out from our direct client services and talk about issues, each other and the roles that we all play in our service.
Client Perspectives

SCALES receives a steady flow of expressions of appreciation from clients. Flowers, chocolates and thank you messages, cards and letters are received regularly.

Dear Glynnes, thank you so much for what you have done for (client). Please be assured we are really grateful to you. Please keep up the good work helping people. We need all you people. You’re all a blessing.

July 2005

We would like to take this opportunity to thank SCALES for their gratitude and legal assistance when we needed the most. The assistance included making the submission and also preparing the statement and presenting them to the Department of Immigration (DIMIA); emotional assistance was given to three of us in every step of the way.

The fact that we have been granted permanent visas, demonstrates the great ability and professionalism of SCALES solicitors and migration agents. Special thanks should be given to Mary Anne Kenny and Alison Vivian and also to everyone else in SCALES who have been there for us. There are not enough words to show our appreciation of SCALES Community Legal Centre services.

August 2005

I would like to thank SCALES for all their assistance, support and empathy given to me whilst I was a client there. I felt the support and guidance that I received not only helped me in the legal sense but also enabled me to become less stressed in general knowing that there was legal support that was approachable and affordable.

I am a single parent working to try and support myself without relying on Centrelink and having gone through private lawyers for the financial settlement with my ex, I knew I would not be able to pay privately to follow up re residency of my child. SCALES were so helpful and informative.

The student lawyer who helped me was thoughtful, caring and reliable following up calls etc thank you Peter!

Thankyou SCALES for your assistance you are a very valuable and under appreciated service!

August 2005

Dear Simone and staff at SCALES, also to Bryony who now has completed her time there. I would like to pass on to staff a big thanks for the help I received. You helped me without any hesitation and carried it out with your excellent staff. This was my second time I’ve had dealings with Scales and the service one receives is excellent. You are considerate in every way possible to make one feel you’re not alone when having problems, that’s for sure. It’s a peace of mind to know we are privileged in having your help when needed. Thank you once again, I truly appreciated your time spent working to help me with Centrelink.

Kind regards

September 2005

Glynnes, Thank you for all your help with client. I really appreciate your kindness. SCALES is ALL heart. Kathy and Crew at Rockingham Court

January 2006

To SCALES Community Legal Centre staff

On behalf of myself and my wife and my daughter, we sincerely appreciate the wonderful help you have done to have charges against our daughter dropped.

She is no angel but all along we knew she never had any vandalism trait in her.

Once again as an appreciation please accept a small donation from us.

Thank you

June 2006
I wanted to put on record my thanks for the opportunity SCALES has given me to enhance my understanding of the law in practice. Without a doubt, the past 21 weeks have been the most enjoyable and rewarding of my five years at Murdoch Law School. My supervisors, Alexa and Amanda, were great. Although they differ in style, they have in common a capacity to bring out the best in students, with their constructive criticism and their generous encouragement. I enjoyed working with them both.

... I learned a lot about myself at SCALES. And, I also learned that community legal centres like SCALES provide invaluable resources for people who otherwise might never be able to afford the kind of advice they need to take advantage of what the justice system can offer them. And, I hope Murdoch University never loses sight of the valuable role you play in enhancing the personal and professional development of law students.

**Eric Fisher, Semester 2 2005**

I came to SCALES to help me decide whether I want to practice or not. The unit is great in that it gives students a ‘real’ insight into a lawyer’s daily work. Overall the experience was very positive for me. I had been put off by past experiences with business lawyers through my work, with their lack of understanding of the clients position that they leave the client legally informed and can be very belligerent in pushing their own line and not listening to their client’s instructions. I have learnt not all lawyers are this ‘hard nosed’ and some care are more respectful of their clients wishes. I am now happier to go ahead in applying for articles as I have seen the law at SCALES being of real use to people in need.

The most valuable aspect of working at SCALES is it gives students an opportunity to align the reality of practice with their own preconceived notions of what a lawyer does.

**Adele Neumann, Summer Semester 2005**

I believe that my lawyering skills have improved drastically throughout my time at SCALES. Not only have I learnt about the law in a practical sense but I have also gained an insight into how a legal office operates from the ground up.

I have grown as an advocate in a number of ways. I feel more confident in drafting documents and performing research tasks. My client skills have improved and I feel better equipped to extract relevant facts and keep clients well informed of developments via letter writing and telephone calls. I have learnt about the importance of file management and of making file notes. I have also come to appreciate the value of working with my peers and supervisors.

I have seen improvements in my ability to critically analyse facts and apply legal remedies as well as manage my time, prioritise tasks and work to a deadline.

The skills that I have learnt at SCALES will no doubt be transported to whatever area I land up working in, whether that be in the practice of law or elsewhere.

SCALES has completely changed my attitude to law school and lawyering. In a world where the wealthy seem to be the main beneficiaries of the law, it has been refreshing to see how the law can also be used to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of ordinary people.

**Wesley van der Spuy, Summer Semester 2005**

SCALES has been the most valuable learning experience so far in my degree. It has allowed me to express myself as a lawyer, showing my strengths and weaknesses. After the mid semester assessment I realized that I lacked confidence in my work. I do feel that my confidence has increased since that time as I no longer doubt my abilities. I know that if I put in the effort I can achieve my goals.

I was given the opportunity to work in many different areas of law. Of all these areas I found family law most interesting.

I would recommend SCALES to all law students. It has been not only a valuable experience, but a rewarding experience. I know it has shown me how to become a better student and future lawyer.

**Aranaea Ayres, Summer Semester 2005**
Student Gallery
Student Appearances

The student appearance program continues to give SCALES’ students the opportunity to attend court and Tribunals on behalf of clients. All student appearances are supervised and have the leave of the Court. This is always an exciting experience for students to finally have the opportunity to put into practice all that they have been studying over the past few years. It also often gives an insight into the anxiety clients and students alike feel at their first Court appearance.

✧ A number of students had the opportunity to appear in the Children’s Court on behalf of clients who had guilty pleas, to present pleas in mitigation on their clients’.
✧ There were over 12 appearances by students for clients on both private and public tenancy matters in the Mandurah and Rockingham Magistrates Court.
✧ Students accompanied client to a meeting and successfully negotiated with Homeswest for our client.
✧ Students also accompanied clients to Centrelink interviews and to and AAT conference as well as the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.
✧ A student attended with a client at the Family Court and observed the Duty Lawyers representation.
✧ A number of students have worked closely with a client who was charged with perverting the course of justice after a domestic violence incident. This has been an interesting and challenging experience for staff and students (not of course forgetting the client!).

With increased workload in the area of tenancy and evictions has led to a proposal to provide a service at the Magistrates Court each Tuesday for tenants. The service is supervised by Amanda McGow with Kerryn Lewis supporting her and general clinic students attending each week.

Summer 2005/6 students with staff at the front of SCALES.
SCALES continued to offer students the opportunity to work in the area of refugee and immigration law through the advanced clinic. This year has seen the positive resolution of many long running cases. Of the many successes, most notable perhaps was the reunion of a long standing SCALES client with her five year old daughter, who arrived from a Kenyan refugee camp after years of separation from her mother.

The advanced clinic students also had the benefit of peer support through the presence of Eric Fisher as a volunteer within the immigration practice. Eric generously gives his time both to the clients’ files (with excellent results) and the students.

As part of the advanced clinic the students Aranaea Ayres, Wambui Nguniri and Kellie Hill helped with the organisation of the ‘Turning Them Away’ forum.

Around 100 people attended this forum to discuss the recent moves to change Australian law in respect of its treatment of asylum seekers. The forum was held in the Freehills Lecture Theatre on Saturday 17 June 2006. The event coincided with World Refugee Day. They also organised some materials for the attendees to take away with them in order to lobby federal politicians about the proposed bill.

Speakers at the forum included the Member for Fremantle, the Honourable Carmen Lawrence MP and Mary Anne Kenny from the School of Law. Testimonials from people who had been on Nauru were read by Tanya Heaslip; photographs from Nauru were shown during her talk. The session was chaired by Judith Watson.

The speakers discussed the federal government’s proposed changes to the Migration Act which propose to send all asylum seekers who arrive in Australia by boat to offshore centres, such as Nauru. The changes extend the previous excision of territories such as Christmas Island and Ashmore Reef to all of mainland Australia. Asylum seekers processed offshore will not have access to the same system as exists for processing in Australia. In particular they will not have access to legal assistance or to an independent appeal system.
The speeches were followed by a lively 40 minute question and answer session with the audience.

Attendees at the forum donated almost $300 to the WA Refugee Alliance who were raising money to assist a refugee who had been on Nauru.

Information stalls were also set up in the law school lobby by a variety of organisations such as: Amnesty International, Australian West Papua Association, CASE for Refugees, Refugee Rights Action Network, Black Dove Collective, CARAD and FILEF.

As part of their CDP project and as a follow-up to the Forum, the advanced students also drafted a letter sent to parliamentarians, concerning particular concerns they had with the proposed legislation. We are happy to report that the legislation did not gain the requisite support and failed to pass through the Senate.

Mary Anne Kenny (centre) with Dr Judyth Watson (left) and Dr Carmen Lawrence MP (right)

**New Advanced Clinic Unit - Advocacy**

As a response to increasing enquiries from tenants in relation to their rights and obligations under Residential Tenancy Agreements, SCALES implemented the Tenants Advice and Court Service (TACS). TACS was created in consultation with the Rockingham Magistrates' Court to be run as a pilot project until the end of 2006. Support and assistance was also provided by the Tenants Advice Service of Western Australia (TASWA).

SCALES now offers students a unique opportunity to appear in Court on a regular basis and to advocate on behalf of clients while still at law school!

The success of the pilot programme now means that SCALES will be offering this opportunity as an optional 4 point Advanced Clinical Legal Education Unit. This would be ideal for students interested in advocacy and wishing to gain experience in a Court setting. The first Advanced Clinic Advocacy Unit will be offered over the summer semester of 2006/7.
Community Activities

All staff have been involved, over the past year, in many and various committees, community events and presentations. We are regularly asked to participate and present on the work we do at SCALES.

NACLC and CLCAWA

Gai Walker has continued to actively participate at both state and federal levels of the CLC sector with her role as member of the Executive Committee and Rural Regional and Remote (RRR) representative of the Community Legal Centre Association of Western Australia (CLCAWA). Gai is also the joint state representative to the National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) and since March has been the Treasurer of the NACLC.

Gai regularly participates in telephone link ups for NACLC and the RRR network as well as attending face to face NACLC meetings in Sydney on a quarterly basis and meetings of the Executive Committee and General Meetings of the CLCAWA in Perth. Issues that have been relevant to SCALES have included Pro Bono, 3 year funding contracts, WA CLC Review, State Funding Program, Pre Budget submissions to both state and federal governments, staffing of the Association office, interpreter access and costs as well as state conference and strategic planning at both state and national levels.

As a responsibility under the NACLC negotiated Professional Indemnity Insurance scheme Scotty on behalf of SCALES undertook the cross check of Sussex Street Community Law Service. SCALES was checked by the “responsible person” Mark Cox from the Employment Law Centre. SCALES was found to comply with the insurance requirements once again.

Other CLCs

SCALES continued to support the developing Peel Community Legal Service in Mandurah in many ways. Staff are always on hand for any queries from their staff, Scotty participated in employment panels for legal staff and supervised volunteer solicitors advice to ensure their compliance with their Professional Indemnity Insurance.

SCALES staff continue to work closely with Gosnells, Fremantle and Women’s Law Centres on the Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network. A very valuable network encouraging legal workers to discuss common issues and being able to work on law and policy reform on concerns relating to Police, Courts and other departments.

Preparing for the changes to the Family Law system has taken a lot of time this year. The commencement of Family Relationships Centres has also meant attendance at briefings for staff. The sector continues to be the primary source of professional development opportunities for staff.

Domestic Violence

Glynes Rynn, Kerryn Lewis and Gai Walker continued to represent SCALES at the Rockingham/Kwinana Regional Domestic Violence Committee meetings.

Kerryn has now settled in to her position as domestic violence legal worker and has provided a separate report.

The South Metropolitan Integrated Family Violence Advocacy Service (SMIFAS) will replace the Kwinana Rockingham Regional Domestic Violence Committee in January 2007. This is a progression of the review of domestic violence funding and service provision. SCALES is actively involved in the development of the service at management committee and stakeholder level.

Young People

SCALES is a member of the Kwinana Rockingham Action for Today’s Youth (KRAFTY), a collaborative committee of providers of services to young people; SCALES is also a member of the Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA).

Kerryn has spoken to the ‘Young Mums’ at the ‘Station’ on matters of tenancy, family violence and indigenous matters on a number of occasions now.
Community Legal Education

SCALES continues its commitment to Community Legal Education initiatives with a number of projects undertaken in the 2004/2005 financial year.

Presentation of Family Law Information Forums, participation in training for service providers, presentations to school and other groups have kept the staff busy.

Gai has attended Serenity Lodge to present to residents on Community Legal Centres in general and SCALES work. Kerryn has spoken to a number of young mums groups as well as a group of nurses at the local district hospital.

Family Law Information Forums

Family Law Information Forums are hosted fortnightly by SCALES. The location of the forums is the Rockingham Lotteries House meeting room.

As stated in Kerryn’s report, the Family Court of Western Australia has recently updated the accreditation for the forums following a number of changes to the Court. Participants to these forums are exempted from attending them at the Family Court of WA.

Kerryn has developed a PowerPoint presentation to use at forums incorporating the recent changes to the Family Court. A number of Clinic students have attended a forum and have then volunteered to present them. We have listed these student volunteers and offer our thanks for their support.

Lawyers Practice Manual

The SCALES Lawyers Practice Manual (LPMWA) has benefited greatly from having a staff member working exclusively on the Manual. In January 2006, Rhoda Mason took over from Alison Vivian as Coordinator and has been successful in increasing the number of chapters and authors.

All contributors receive a complimentary copy. An official launch is still to be planned and we hope that it will happen in early 2007. The publishers Thomson Legal (Law Book Company) and SCALES have worked closely together to continue adding chapters. Thanks to Alison Vivian, Jo Scott and Anna Copeland who have all had responsibility for the Manual since Colin James departure.

The search for authors and maintenance of chapters will now be an ongoing part of SCALES work and we welcome any expressions of interest from budding authors.

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to date, we have listed the contributors in the SCALES Team section.

Conferences

Kerryn, Scotty and Gai attended the national conference of community legal centres held in September 2004 at Canberra. As usual, the conference was very interesting with many informative sessions available.

The three staff members attended very different seminars with Kerryn spending a lot of the conference with the Indigenous Women’s network and some family law sessions. Part of Gai’s responsibility as WA state representative is to facilitate sessions.

Alison and Scotty attended the Clinical Legal Education conference in July 2005. Alison presented a paper on Clinical Legal Education that Mary Anne, Anna and Alison had worked on.
Access and Equity

SCALES is committed to equality and justice. We recognise that there are barriers to access to justice for specific groups including Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, People with disabilities, People from non English speaking backgrounds (NESB) and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CaLD), People from non Anglo Saxon Celtic backgrounds, Young people, Older people, Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender people, People living in poverty and People living with HIV and AIDS.

We strive to create a society where all members of the society can participate fully and have their contributions recognised. SCALES’ role is the provision of legal services to disadvantaged members of the community and legal education to students. We are working to remove barriers in both these areas and work towards a fully inclusive and participatory society. To achieve this, our organisation has to be both accessible and equitable. SCALES strives to provide an accessible service, with particular reference to the following:

1 Physical surroundings
   1.1 accessible by public transport (across the road from the local bus station)
   1.2 access for people with disabilities (wide door ways, ground floor, disabled parking within 50 metres, play area, toys and activities for children etc)
   1.3 Interview rooms with enough room to accommodate wheel chairs, prams, support people to attend interviews.
   1.4 Environment with artwork, posters, information for people from diverse backgrounds.

2 Service attributes
   2.1 Flexible free client centred service including the option for telephone advice in appropriate circumstances
   2.2 Friendly, welcoming atmosphere at reception
   2.3 Interpreters made available to clients for Auslan as well as other languages at no cost.
   2.4 Appropriately qualified Interpreters are guaranteed for all clients who need them

3 Attitudinal
   3.1 Respectful service to diverse cultures including religion, young people, indigenous people, people from non English speaking backgrounds, same sex and transgender people

A commitment to access and equity will underpin all operations of SCALES.

SCALES staff, students and volunteers must operate within the Access and Equity policies of the Murdoch University. These can be found at [http://www.murdoch.edu.au/index/policies/](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/index/policies/)
SCALES has been successful in attracting funding from a number of sources over the years. In the 2005/2006 financial year funding was received from the following sources:

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DCD – Department for Community Development  
PPT – Public Purposes Trust Fund  
DoCEP – Department of Consumer and Employment Protection  
VRO – Violence Restraining Order  
IAAAS – Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme  
DIMA – Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
Committees and Networks

SCALES staff participate on the following committees and networks:

- Clinical Legal Education Network Australia
- Community Legal Centre Association WA Executive
- Country Lawyers Project
- Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network
- FAAST
- Family Court Users Meeting
- Kwinana Rockingham Action for Today’s Youth (KRAFTY)
- Law School Committee
- Law School Curriculum Committee
- Law School Executive committee
- Legal Practice Complaints Committee
- Local Service Units (Tenancy)
- Lotterywest/City of Rockingham Accommodation Needs Committee
- LPMWA Editorial Committee
- NACLC Admin Workers network
- National Children’s and Youth Law Centre
- National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services
- Rockingham Court Users Group
- Rockingham Lotteries House Management Committee
- Rockingham Regional Domestic Violence Committee RDVC
- Rockingham Youth Legal Public Space Committee
- Self Litigants Committee of the Supreme Court
- South Metropolitan Integrated Family Abuse Service SMIFAS
- Tenants Advice Service
- VRO Research
- WA and National RRR network

SCALES is a member of the following organisations:

- Australian Institute of Administrative Law
- CLCAWA
- Ecumenical Migration Centre
- Gosnells CLC
- Human Rights WA
- Migration Institute of Australia
- NACLC
- Peel CLS
- WA Council of Social Services (WACOSS)
- Welfare Rights Centre NSW
- Women’s Law Centre
- Workplace Relations and Management Consultants (WRMC)
- Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA)
Client Statistics

In the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, SCALES gave advice to 659 people, 545 receiving one off face to face advice and the balance receiving additional assistance in the way of case work, negotiation, advocacy or representation.

Total clients assisted in 2004 2005 659
(New clients 433, Repeat clients 93; Existing Clients 133)

Number of Information and Referral Activities 1273

Total Number of Clients Assisted 1980

Number of Advice (one off) Activities 545

Number of Cases Ongoing (open) at the start of period 137

Number of Cases Opened 162

Number of Cases Closed 205

Number of Cases Ongoing (open) at the end of period 94

Number of Matters where client was represented 49

Breakdown of Problem Types
(These include Information, Advice and Casework)

Family Law
Child contact and residency
Family & Domestic Violence Orders
Family & Domestic Violence
Divorce
Family Law Other
Taking child interstate
Property

Civil Law
Criminal Injuries Compensation
Tenancy Termination
Motor Vehicle Accidents
Consumer related contracts including credit/debt owed by client

Immigration Refugee/ Protection Visa
Onshore
Restraining Orders
Tenancy Issues

Criminal Law
Traffic Offences
Acts endangering persons
Theft and property offences
Sexual Assault and related offences
Unlawful entry
Property damage offences
Drug Offences
Minor and Major Justice Procedure
Audit Report
Sponsors, Supporters and Partners

The Management Committee and Staff of Southern Communities Advocacy, Legal and Education Service Inc. (SCALEs) would once again like to thank the following organisations for their generous support throughout the 2005/6 year and look forward to continuing these associations in the future.

- City of Rockingham
- Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program
- Department for Community Development
- Department of Consumer & Employment Protection
- Department of Immigration & Multicultural Affairs
- Freehills
- Fremantle Community Legal Centre
- Gosnells Community Legal Centre
- Lotterywest
- Murdoch University
- South Coastal Women’s Health Services
- The Law Society of Western Australia Public Purposes Trust Fund
- Western Australian Government Community Legal Services Program
- Women's Law Centre