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SCALES Community Legal Centre

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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The SCALES Team

Management Committee
Helen Makeham  Chairperson 
Margaret Duff  Deputy Chairperson to AGM 2011
Karoline Jamieson  Committee Member
                Deputy Chairperson from AGM 2011
Mieke Dixon  Secretary
Gordon Howe  Treasurer resigned January 2012
Darryn Hall  Treasurer from March 2012
Margaret Flower  Committee Member
Nicola Gannon  Committee Member
Fred Reibeling  Committee Member from November 2011
Justin Jones  Committee Member from January 2012
Roz Davey  Committee Member from June 2012
Judith Parker  Committee Member from June 2012
Gai Walker  Managing Director

Patron
Chris Shanahan SC  Barrister

Members
Mieke Dixon  Eric Fisher  Fred Reibeling
Margaret Flower  Nicola Gannon  Gordon Howe
Darryn Hall  Justin Jones  Judith Parker
Roz Davey  Helen Makeham  Gai Walker

Communicare Inc represented by Karoline Jamieson
Jerroldine Gilbert (Life Member from October 2009)
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<td>Director, Clinical Legal Programs, Solicitor, Clinic Supervisor, Migration Agent (maternity leave to February 2012)</td>
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<td>Solicitor, Clinic Supervisor, Family Law Specialist, Acting Course Coordinator during Anna’s leave</td>
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<td>Family Violence Solicitor</td>
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Volunteers and Pro Bono

Legal and Migration Volunteers and Pro Bono
Richard Hooker        Tim Hammond          Kirsteen Fentiman
Wendy Gillam          Robyn Honey          Lydia Wells
Chris Shanahan        Mary Anne Kenny     Dominic McKenna
Freehills

Administration Volunteers
Margaret Flower       Glynes Rynn

Student Volunteers
Craig Fordham         Will Goodheart       Katie Dillon
Alanah Murphy         Amanda Blake         Nekkita Bertrand
Chloe Jourdain

Lawyers Practice Manual Authors
Sandra Boulter         Jessica Karasinski
Nicholas D’Adamo       Tim Kennedy
Bertus de Villiers    Rebecca McAuley
Toni Emmanuel         Basil Newnham
Natasha Erlandson     Judge David Parry
Susan Fielding        Chris Wark
Annie Gray
**Seminar Presenters**

Advanced Family Law – Mediation and Negotiation

Clea Brierley and Assoc Prof Jill Howieson

Advice Sessions, letter writing and telephoning     Anna Copeland

Barriers to effective legal assistance     Clea Brierley, Anna Copeland

Court Advocacy     Amanda McGow

Criminal Procedure     Amanda McGow

Family Law Act par VII     Clea Brierley

Family Law     Clea Brierley

Family Violence     Alice Barter

File management, PII     Clea Brierley, Amanda McGow

Interviewing     Clea Brierley, Anna Copeland

Legal issues, interviewing, letter writing and drafting     Clea Brierley, Amanda McGow

Legal Resources     Anne Greenshields

(Murdoch Law Librarian)

Office Procedure     Rhonda Horn

PII Requirements, file management     Amanda McGow

Student Induction     All staff

Telephoning, Letter writing,     Clea Brierley

Thinking legally – frameworks, legal research     Clea Brierley, Anna Copeland

Violence Restraining Orders     Clea Brierley
Committees and Networks

SCALES staff participated in the following committees and networks:

- Clinical Legal Education (CLEd) Network Australia
- Community Legal Centre Association (CLCAWA) Legal Practice and Profession Indemnity Committee
- Community Legal Education Workers Network WA
- Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network (DVLWN)
- Family Abuse and Advocacy Support Team (FAAST)
- Family Law Network
- Human Rights Network
- Local Service Units (Tenancy Network)
- LPMWA Editorial Committee
- Mandurah Family Relationships Centre Consortium
- NACLC 2011 and 2012 Conference Organising Sub Committee
- South Metropolitan Integrated Family Abuse Service SMIFAS
- South West Metropolitan Regional Working Group on Homelessness
- St Nicholas Community Centre Management Committee
- WA CLCs Family Relationships Centre Consortium

SCALES is a member of the following organisations:

- CLCAWA
- Family Law Practitioners Association
- Law Society of Western Australia
- Migration Institute of Australia
- NACLC
- Refugee Council of Australia
- Shelter WA
- South Coastal Women’s Health Service
- Tenants Advice Service WA Inc.
- WA Council of Social Services (WACOSS)
- Women Lawyers of WA
- Women’s Council for Family and Domestic Violence Services (WA)
- Women’s Law Centre
- Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA)
SCALES Staff

Amanda McGow, Principal Solicitor and Clinic Supervisor

Amanda’s responsibilities as Principal Solicitor have included the review of the legal practice to ensure that we met the requirements of the new NACLC professional indemnity risk manual.

Amanda supervises in the general law clinic unit and has responsibility for the advanced advocacy unit. Amanda also supervises the tenancy practice and the domestic violence practice.

Anna Copeland, Director of Clinical Legal Programs

Anna is the Director of Clinical Legal Programs, looking after the clinical legal education side of the SCALES practice. She also continues to work in the immigration and human rights practice and supervises students in the advanced clinical stream.

Anna returned from maternity leave in February 2012.

Clea Brierley, Clinic Supervisor and Family Law Solicitor

Clea is SCALES family law specialist although her practice is much broader than family law. She supervises in the general clinic as has responsibility for the advanced family law unit.

As well as supervising the Family and Domestic Violence practice, Clea has provided legal services to the Perth Family Relationships Centre and Legal Aid WA Coordinated Family Dispute Resolution pilot. Clea also acted as the Director of Clinical Legal Programs in Anna Copeland’s absence.

Alice Barter, Family and Domestic Violence Solicitor

Alice commenced as the family and domestic violence solicitor in January 2012. Alice is a former student and management committee member where she held the position of Chairperson.

Her previous legal experience includes posts at the DPP and the ALS Port Hedland office.

Gai Walker, Managing Director

After some time as Acting Director, Gai was appointed Managing Director in December 2011. In this role her responsibility is to ensure that SCALES’ strategic plans and policies are followed in the work of the centre.

Gai also works with community members and services and stakeholders ensuring SCALES has a clear and positive profile in the community and presents CLE on the work of SCALES.

Danielle Healey, Tenant Advocate

Danielle has continued her work as the part time Tenant Advocate both at the SCALES office and attending the Rockingham Magistrates Court each week providing advice and negotiation relating to tenancy issues.

She has been very successful in developing and maintaining positive relationships including real estate agents and property managers, landlords, court staff, housing and other community service workers as well as the broader homelessness and tenancy networks.
Rhonda Horn, Administration Officer

Rhonda manages the front office and client services. She is the first person people speak to at SCALES. Her high level skills ensure that the client services and appointment system run smoothly.

Rhonda provides induction and orientation on office procedures to each group of students and continues that support throughout the semester. She also has responsibility for the maintenance of the client database and client files including archiving and destruction of closed files.

Novela Aleksic, Finance Officer

Novela’s expertise in the financial management at SCALES is highly regarded by the committee, staff, SCALES’ funders and service providers.

Novela has responsibility for asset management which includes IT support to all staff and students. She also supports Rhonda with client first contact and other tasks that ensure the office runs smoothly.

Marion Huntly, LPM WA Coordinator

Marion has worked at SCALES a number of times on short contracts. She is currently the Coordinator of the Lawyers Practice Manual Western Australia liaising with Thomson Reuters and the volunteer authors.

Kirsten Fentiman

Kirsty’s extensive experience as a migration agent ensured that the migration practice was in good hands during Anna’s maternity leave. Kirsty also worked in the domestic and family violence practice as a paralegal following Dave’s departure.

Mary Anne Kenny

Mary Anne made herself available to work with Kirsty during Anna’s absence. She also continues to volunteer in the immigration practice as well as making herself available for all kinds of requests from us.

Dave Fort

In August 2011, Dave decided to return to private practice and resigned from his position of domestic and family violence solicitor.

Lee McLeay

Lee’s contract as locum migration agent and law clinic supervisor to cover Anna’s absence on maternity leave was to end in mid February. However, she resigned in January to commence her new position as Case Manager in the Human Rights stream at the State Administrative Tribunal.
Law Clinic Students

Semester 2 2011

Law 390 General Clinic
Carys Hawkins  Jun Khew Wong  Megan Cramp
Chris Mayne  Kynan Tiong Sawan  Monica Snowball
Dahlia Messiha  Lisa Kastropol  Monika Mecevic
David Straface  Louise Olsen  Paul McWilliams
Jade Macukat  Mathew Brown  Tanya Katchan

Law 385 Advanced Family Law Clinic
Chelsea Rice  Elyse Hocking  Sandeep Dhillon
Craig Fordham  Lejla Catovic  Ti Chisholm

Law 385 Advanced Advocacy Clinic
Divvya Doss

Summer Semester 2011/2012

Law 3901 General Clinic
Elyse Hocking  Blair Simpson  Nekkita Bertrand
Julia McCullagh  Jenny Mu Ti Tsen  Kristina Krelsa

Law 385 Advanced Family Law Clinic
Sangeetha  Christina Yi  Monica Steven
Ramachandran  Ryan Upton
Laura Hunter  Rhianna Weston

Semester 1 2012

Law 390 General Clinic
Aaron Brown  Chantelle Arathoon  Katherine Dillon
Abhinav Sharma  Chloe Jourdain  Rachel Ann Noronha
Alana Bernstein  Christopher James  Samuel Wong
Alanah Murphy  Christopher Terren  Thomas Nolan
Amanda Blake  Elena Mikhailsevitch  Will Goodheart
Anna Dunn  Faiza Bukhary
Bryan Bong  Jamie Lim Yin Yin
Student Gallery

Semester Two 2011  Law 385 Family Law Students

Craig Fordham  Ti Chisholm  Lejla Catovic  Chelsea Rice  Sandeep Dhillon  Elyse Hocking

Semester Two 2011  Law 390 Generalist Students

Megan Cramp  Tanya Katcha  Chris Mayne  Mathew Brown  Jade Macukat  Caryl Hawkins  Paul McWilliams

Kynan Sawan  Jun Khew Wong  David Straface  Louise Olsen  Dahlia Messiha  Monika Mecevic  Lisa Kastropil  Monica Snowball

Summer Semester 2011-2012  Law 385 Family Law Students Semester Two 2011

Christina Yi  Laura Hunter  Monica Steven  Rhianna Weston  Ryan Upton  Sangeetha Ramachandran

Summer Semester 2011-2012  Law 3901 Generalist Students

Blair Simpson  Jenny Mu Ti Tsen  Elyse Hocking  Julia McCullagh  Kristina Krieska  Nekkita Bertrand
Semester One 2012  Law 3901 Generalist Students

Faiza Bukhary  Christopher James  Thomas Nolan  Samuel Wong

Amanda Blake  Katherine Dillon  Jamie Lim Yin Yin  Abhinav Sharma

Will Goodheart  Alanah Murphy  Rachel Ann Noronha  Chantelle Arathoon

Christopher Terren  Anna Dunn  Chloe Jourdain  Aaron Brown

Elena Mikhailsevitch  Bryan Bong  Alana Bernstein
Chair’s Report

2011 was essentially a watershed period for SCALES. This year could be routinely characterised as a period of ‘hard knocks’. It is an absolute credit to all staff and committee that they remained dedicated to the support and functioning of SCALES. As the year drew to its conclusion we were aware that SCALES was facing a new period; a time that we needed to refocus our energy, consolidate our work and look toward future opportunities.

Strength to Strength

On reflection it would appear that the troubles of 2011 strengthened the resolve of SCALES’ management and staff. The start to 2012 saw the appointment of Gai as the SCALES’ Managing Director. During the probationary period Gai was able to prepare and implement a rigorous personal development plan focussing on enhancing and broadening her many skills. The Management Committee was delighted to confirm her ongoing appointment as our Managing Director in June. One of the key activities that was identified was the need to review our human resourcing systems across the board. This is undertaken with a view to ensuring that our processes are efficiently managed and maintained.

The negotiation of the Murdoch University/SCALES contract continues to be on the radar. The activities associated with this have been met with positive support from all involved. Parties are aware of the changing fiscal landscape while at the same time being mindful of the qualitative dynamics required for an effective clinical program. It is refreshing to note the high regard that SCALES’ law clinic receives from the legal profession.

Strategic planning with staff and committee was on the agenda in September. My thanks to all staff and committee who gave up their Saturday to support this endeavour. I sense that all who participated came away informed and re-energised. The activity has offered us all the opportunity to set the vision and direction for SCALES so as to build upon its solid foundation and create a more robust and dynamic organisation.

Out ‘n’ About

SCALES’ staff were active in this year’s local Rockingham International Women’s Day activities. In particular the joint partnership between Murdoch University (Equity), Soroptimists International Rockingham and ACRATH to facilitate the evening event on – Human trafficking here in Australia. Thanks in particular to Novela and Gai for their efforts with this event.

The end of this reporting period concluded with SCALES’ representatives attending the Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce Business of the year awards in mid August. SCALES was a finalist at this prestigious event and received a certificate in recognition of this achievement. Congratulations to all SCALES’ staff and supporters on this acknowledgement of the valuable work that is undertaken for the community.

Acknowledgements

I am inspired by the support and commitment of SCALES’ volunteer Committee of Management members. I thank all the members who provided their assistance over the period. In particular I recognise the valuable support provided by Mieke Dixon for her work as secretary.
keeping us on task and ensuring the information flowed smoothly – she is an absolute asset. My appreciation to Margaret for her ongoing quiet tenacity and shared wisdom.

To the new (and returning) members of the committee over this reporting time Justin, Darryn Fred & Roz, Judith – a warm welcome.

To past treasurer Gordon and the retiring members of the committee Karoline, and Nicola my sincere thanks for your contributions over the past year. Further to Nicola and Karoline my thanks for your enthusiasm and support for the time you have provided to SCALES over the years that you both have been involved. On a sadder note I acknowledge the support of Margaret Duff who recently passed away. Margaret provided the SCALES’ committee with insightful and valuable input during the time she was able to participate.

On behalf of the Committee and our members I thank all the SCALES staff and volunteers for their continued diligence and patience during what has been a particularly stressful period.

Helen Makeham
Managing Director’s Report

Every year the demand for our services increases and client matters are increasingly diverse, complex and urgent. This past year has been no different.

I am excited about the progress of SCALES and am confident SCALES will maintain its high standing in the community and legal profession.

This year we have used the very generous Lotterywest grant to finalise the Organisational Review carried out by Jill Cameron and Associates. The appointment of Kalico Consulting to work led to the next step, the strategic plan. We also commenced the review of the Human Resources system with consultant Janet Cooper.

This work gives us the foundation to ensure that SCALES is clear on its vision and has a plan in place to pursue its objectives. Thanks to the Management Committee and Staff who have given freely of their time and their own vision of the future of SCALES.

The opportunity to stop and look at our work and our direction is both exciting and daunting. Are we doing it right? Are we making a difference? I am confident that the extensive work that we have done at this level in both the review and the plan will ensure that we are able to continue to develop our services in a proactive manner rather than reacting to the call on our services.

At the end of this process we will have settled our Vision, Mission, Values and our Strategic directions. An operational plan will then be put in place. The Human Resources system review will update all position descriptions, policy and procedure and individual work plans to allow the plan to progress in a structured way.

Staff

We have a highly skilled and dedicated staff who do amazing work. Amanda, Clea, Anna, Danielle, Marion, Rhonda and Novela work seamlessly to provide quality services.

I want to thank and congratulate each of them for their support during this past year, we have a strong team that ensures SCALES stability and sustainability.

Solicitors Dave Fort and Lee McLeay left during the year. Former SCALES student and Chairperson of the Management Committee, Alice Barter joined us in January as our Family and Domestic Violence solicitor. It is exciting to have the students come back to SCALES, especially when they choose to relocate back to Western Australia for the opportunity!

In another ‘Hotel California’ moment, retired solicitor Glynes Rynn has generously continued her support of SCALES by helping with the reporting for the FAAST service. Many thanks Glynes.

Congratulations to the Copeland de Oliviera family on the birth of Marcello.

Lee McLeay and Kirsty Fentiman were employed during Anna Copeland’s absence due to maternity leave.

Kirsty attended the Annual UNHCR consultation with organisations working with refugees on SCALES’ behalf. She then worked as a paralegal in the family violence practice during the recruitment of the new solicitor.
Special thanks and acknowledgment must go to Danielle for her continued efforts in her self-appointed role as our social secretary. It isn’t easy dragging us away from our desks but each time Danielle manages to do this, we all have a great time. Our staff Christmas lunch kicked off with a session at the Secret Harbour Golf Links driving range. It was hilarious and a great way to round off the year.

**Professional Development and Training**

While it is often difficult to take time away from the Law Clinic, the legal staff have ensured that they meet compulsory continuing professional development requirements. The CLC Association, Legal Aid and private legal firms must be congratulated for ensuring that affordable and relevant training is available for community lawyers.

The diversity of other training this year includes resilience and vicarious trauma workshop for staff; emergency procedures; service development; governance with the management committee; funding workshops to management and advocacy workshops.

**Relationships and Community**

We continue to meet our obligations in a number of networks and committees. In addition there are a number of others that are relevant and important to our work that we contribute to.

This year two separate approaches were made to SCALES for us to provide outreach services. Both requests have led to Danielle attending St Patrick’s Hands on Health Clinic in Medina and the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) on alternate Thursdays.

International Women’s and White Ribbon Day, the Dean’s drinks for the Legal Profession, Law Careers Expos and ‘O’ days, Kwinana Festival and the Rockingham Fair are some of the events SCALES staff have participated in this year.

Staff attended conferences of the Australian Clinical Legal Education and the WA tenancy Networks and the National Association of Community Legal Centres.

**Funding**

A priority for me was a focus on ensuring sustainable funding for the service. A number of funding applications were prepared and lodged.

The winding down of the immigration practice in July was a distressing and stressful time that saw the staff, management committee and others seeking options to be able to continue the practice. Sadly we were unable to find a solution and the practice was closed to new clients with the existing client load managed by Kirsty Fentiman during Anna Copeland’s absence due to maternity leave. The human rights practice based at Murdoch and run by Anna continues to have immigration files but in a very different way, dealing with matters that would otherwise unlikely to be assisted due to the complexity of the matters.

Helen Makeham and I met with the then Acting Dean, Professor Phil Evans and Executive Dean, Gabriel Moens about SCALES’ funding and the Agreement. Due to financial constraints at the University there was concern that the Law Clinic was not sustainable. We were asked to double our student numbers from 40 to 80. We agreed to trial the increase in numbers on the basis that current funding arrangements continue during the trial.
Many thanks to our Patron Chris Shanahan for his support throughout the year and his referral to Barrister Wendy Gillam who provided SCALES with a pro bono opinion of the standing of the Agreement with the University.

Professor Jürgen Bröhmer, Dean of the School of Law is working closely with us to ensure the viability of the Law Clinic at SCALES.

SCALES’ success in the tender for the Department of Commerce’ Tenancy Advice and Education Service (TAES) increased funding from one half time to a full time tenant advocate and a part time community legal education worker with supervision and project management. We now have a 3 year contract to provide tenancy services in the Kwinana and Rockingham areas.

Our application for funding from the Law Society’s Public Purposes Trust fund was successful with a grant of $50,000 towards community education starting on 1 July 2012.

A grant from the Department for Communities for $2,500 will allow SCALES and other local DV services to hold a family and domestic violence conference in early 2013.

I end this report by thanking the Management Committee for showing their faith in my ability to take the service forward. I believe my appointment as Managing Director in December after a full recruitment practice has seen the service settle in to the next stage of its development.

It is never dull in the community sector!!

Gai Walker

Staff driving at the range
Legal Practice Report

...the best lawyers often go unrecognised because their genius is to keep the client out of court rather than in it, or to produce solutions so acceptable that the problem is never heard of again.

Geoffrey Robertson, The Justice Game (Vintage 1999)

Every day in the legal practice at SCALES is different.

The number of clients we see and the types of matters we deal with on a day to day basis inform our practice for the future. We can assess what areas of legal need are common, how we deliver the service and any systemic issues that should be the subject of law reform or a submission to the relevant authority. In turn, this means the legal practice can be responsive to the needs of the Rockingham and Kwinana community.

The matters we have dealt with over the year range from the “simple” consumer claim (not often) to the very complex (often).

This reporting period has been no exception.

The statistics can tell us a lot of information, but rarely demonstrate how much work can be undertaken on behalf of a client.

One example that springs to mind is a client who originally came to SCALES for advice about an application for priority listing through the Department of Housing. Flowing from this, the client was then assisted with associated legal issues, including a complex criminal injuries compensation application, information about the Victim Notification Registry, her family law dispute, an application to extend her Violence Restraining Order, and minor assistance about her driver’s licence

The client got accommodation as a priority through the Department, a significant CIC award, still protected by the VRO and appropriate spend time arrangements providing for her safety and the children’s safety.

Family law assistance continued to be in high demand. Fortunately, Clea runs the family law practice like a well-oiled machine – managing clients through the Student Clinic, the Family Relationships Centre and Co-ordinated Family Dispute Resolution.

Advice about family law matters included:

- Initial advice to a broad range of clients about how the Court makes decisions about children;
- Assisting clients with initiating applications to the Family Court including drafting the applications, the orders sought and the affidavits in support of the application;
- Urgent recovery order applications;
- Negotiations about how children are going to spend time with the parents; grandparents, step parents and other family members;
- On occasions, advice about property settlement where the client is getting advice about children’s matters.

Advice given in Family Law matters are made complex by underlying issues– such as family violence, mental health, drug addiction and homelessness – which
impact on the legal issues and require a more holistic and strategic approach to resolving client matters. Family Law matters often involve issues with violence restraining orders and the interaction between the two.

Clea has attended the Family Relationship’s Centre in Perth every 4 weeks to provide advice to their clients, in accordance with our partnership with the Centre. Part of this includes ongoing assistance on a priority basis.

SCALES is a partner in Legal Aid’s pilot Coordinated Family Dispute Resolution Program. The purpose is to provide family dispute resolution services to clients where family violence is a factor. This program gives both parties legal representation in conjunction with appropriate support workers to provide safe and sustainable parenting arrangements.

Clea provides advice before and in the CFDR conference. Where appropriate, the assistance has extended to court representation.

Advice relating to Criminal charges is generally limited to preliminary assistance in the Student Clinic. The Student Clinic assisted clients charged with minor criminal offences and more serious Armed Robberies, assaults and arson.

We provided court representation for a victim of domestic violence who had been charged with aiding a breach of the VRO protecting her and binding her ex partner. We argued that it shouldn’t proceed on the basis that it wasn’t in the public interest, particularly in light of the changes to the Restraining Order legislation precluding the charging of “victims” in these circumstances.

We went through three tiers of authority to convince the Police Prosecution that it wasn’t in the interests of justice to proceed, finally had the charge withdrawn at the last minute. The client was relieved she didn’t have to give evidence, and have to relive the experience.

The Family and Domestic Violence Service saw some changes in staff, up until Alice Barter was employed in January 2012. Alice has demonstrated a high level of commitment to the clients over this time.

The period after Christmas was very busy and we had lots of new clients with family and domestic violence issues. We received (and continue to do so) many referrals from the Family Violence Service at Rockingham Magistrates Court, the Lucy Saw Women’s Refuge, the Peel Family Protection Unit of WAPOL and South Coastal Women’s Health Service. Alice is part of the Domestic Violence Legal Workers’ Network and SMIFAS.

Alice assisted mainly women and children who had experienced family and domestic violence in applying for VROs, criminal matters, preparation of Court documents and criminal injuries compensation. Alice has appeared at mention hearings weekly for Applicants and at final order hearings. She has also negotiated positive outcomes for clients without the matter proceeding to trial.

Danielle and the TACS team have continued to provide Tenancy assistance, advice and representation to both private and public housing tenants. This year has seen the Department implement the Disruptive Behaviour Management Policy to deal with “anti-social” tenants. Already we have seen some negative consequences of this Policy, including eviction to homelessness. The amendments to the Residential Tenancy
Act dealing with termination of social housing tenants may at least give the tenants the chance to put their case before an impartial Court.

The combination of the high demand for legal assistance, meeting the client’s needs, managing caseloads, and supervising students is a difficult balance.

Reflecting on the year has provided an opportunity to think about different ways of delivering services that can assist a greater proportion of the community.

Some ideas as to how this may work are in the pipeline, including models of service that can be delivered by the student clinic, the solicitors and through community legal education.

Amanda McGow
Principal Solicitor
Clinical Legal Education Program Report

This year has been a big one for the Clinical Legal Education Program run at SCALES. We began the year acting on a request by Murdoch University to double the numbers of students we offer the clinical units to. This has, to a large extent, set the agenda for the year.

In order to accommodate this request we focused our attention on the General Clinic and offered a semester which allowed rotation through the different practices as a way of offering more places. While there were some benefits, overall this process was not as successful as we would have liked, however it allowed us to really explore other possibilities of delivery and as a result improved the clinic overall.

As a result of these experiments, we have now been able to go to Murdoch with a clear vision of what we are able to offer within the existing resources. We have now settled on an agreed figure of 60 students per year – with offerings across the general clinic as well as the three specialist clinics.

These three specialist clinics have been going great guns with some very exciting developments:

- The Family Law clinic continues to go from strength to strength receiving glowing reports from the students that complete it. Family law continues to be a large part of SCALES’ practice, so it is a great opportunity for students to take part in these aspects of practice and in doing so develop their skills in interviewing and advising; drafting and preparing for mediation or court. Clea manages all this while also developing the family law practice and expertise of SCALES.

- Exciting things have also been happening with the Advocacy Clinic which, on the shoulders of Amanda’s teaching and practice and Danielle’s incredible negotiation skills, has taken the services offered to tenants to a new level. The students in this unit have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities offered, including most recently the development of community development work through education.

- Our Human Rights Clinic has also been on an upward trajectory, taking on some very interesting cases as well as picking up the international human rights dimensions from work being done within our broader practice. We have also solidified our international network, taking on some work from the Global Human Rights Clinic based in Geneva.

I have also continued to be involved in a national research initiative on clinical legal education; our report is up on the web and can be found at http://www.law.monash.edu.au/about-us/legal/altc-project/project-team.html, and we expect our book to be published next year. As a result of this process, and discussion within SCALES, we decided to develop the reflective practice aspect of our clinical programs. This has been developing over the last six months and is shaping up to be a very exciting initiative.

We continue to be one of the most sought after units on offer for Murdoch law students. Our teaching surveys are testament to this and we once again came in the top 5% of all units surveyed across...
the University – which is a fantastic achievement.

Once again, this year has been an excellent one for our clinical program. Notwithstanding my absence due to maternity leave for some of the year, the program has prospered, this is due largely to the hard work of Clea in taking up the course coordination role, but it is also testament to the solid foundations of the program. We have, without a doubt, one of the best clinical programs in the country.

Anna Copeland
Director Clinical Legal Programs
Murdoch School of Law

Murdoch School of Law Dean Professor Jurgen Brohmer visiting SCALES and observing a case conference with Solicitors and Law Clinic students at SCALES
Domestic Violence Legal Workers’ Network

The DV Legal Workers Network (the Network) is a Network of legal and other workers specialising in domestic and family violence advocating for the rights of victims of FDV through education, reform and capacity building.

The Network is funded by the Western Australian Attorney General’s Department and is a partnership of 4 community legal centres; Fremantle, Gosnells and SCALES Community Legal Centre each employ and DV solicitor through the funding received and the Women’s Law Centre employs the Network Coordinator.

DV solicitors often work in isolation. It is therefore important that the Network conducts regular meetings for caseworkers to network and collegiately collaborate, identify issues and trends within policy, law and procedure, to strategise for resolutions and reform, and to ensure the best outcomes for clients.

The Network at large is also resourced with regular sector updates including memos, notices and reports regarding policy, law and procedural matters in relation to FDV, as well as updates and overviews on training, education, programs, services and other sector-related news. This ensures that workers are informed and knowledgeable on key current issues and sharing information across agencies, and in turn, promotes better outcomes for clients.

Through the Women’s Law Centre, the Network is engaged in a number of Networks, Committees and Peak Body memberships. This allows the Network on the one hand to contribute its experience and voice to various Agendas representing victims’ rights and women’s equality, and on the other hand to have other voices contribute to the work the Network undertakes.

One of the main ways the Network advocates for the rights of victims of FDV is by lobbying for policy and legislative reform in areas likely to impact on the rights of people experiencing family and domestic violence. Our main focuses on legal policy and law reform are in relation to family law, restraining orders, criminal injuries compensation, anti-discrimination, the State Strategic Plan (FDV), the National Plan of Action to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children and the National Human Rights Action Plan. Accordingly, we undertake projects and monitor legislation in all of these areas and also in other areas as issues arise. An example of some of the lobbying we have undertaken this year is in regards to the Family Law Act 1975:

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011

The Family Violence and Other Measures Bill was a Bill to amend the Family Law Act to provide better protection for children and families at risk of violence and abuse (plus other technical amendments). The Network, through the Women’s Law Centre, engaged in the “Put Safety First in Family Law” Campaign through the Women’s Legal Services Australia Network, to ensure that the safety of the child is prioritised in family law. The work on this project included ongoing campaigning, education and capacity-building in the lead up to the draft bill and consultation, and thereafter. As of 7 June, the Bill has now come into operation, amending the Family Law Act. These amendments include expanding the definitions of “family violence” and “child abuse”, directing Courts to give greater weight to a child’s safety as a primary consideration in determining the child’s best interests, removing disincentives from reporting family violence, and more.
The Network continues to raise awareness about the reforms, particularly in relation to the effect of the reforms in Western Australia due to our unique family court setup. We will also continue to monitor the reforms to mitigate any unintended consequences that may arise.

If you are interested in finding out more about our policy and law reform work, or are interested in being involved please feel free to contact our centre.

Heidi Guldbaek
DVLWN Coordinator
Perth Family Relationships Centre
Community Legal Centre Collaboration

The responsibility for SCALES’ participation at the Perth Family Relationships Centre (PFRC) is held by Clea Brierley. Clea’s role includes attending the PFRC each month to provide legal advice to their clients; taking part in the monthly roster to provide advice and guidance to PFRC staff; meeting and network participation and has presented and participated in their staff training program. Clea also see clients in our Rockingham office if they live locally.

The Management Committee of this network is the responsibility of the Managing Director.

Network Coordinator Report

WLC also hosts the Network Coordinator of FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRES PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE’S

The WLCWA hosts the Network Coordinator of WA Community Legal Centres (CLCs) partnering with Family Relationship Centres (FRCs). The Network is grateful to the Attorney General’s Department that provides funding for the partnership. The purpose of the partnership is to ensure that FRC clients entering into mediation (a pre-action procedure where parties try to resolve their family law disputes outside of the court), are provided with legal advice in relation to children’s issues. Services are delivered in partnership to enhance the options available to separating parents and increase their ability to resolve family law issues safely and in the best interests of children. Each of the 7 FRCs in Western Australia is partnered with one or more CLC to provide this outreach service. You can see a diagram attached demonstrating this.

Until May 2012, Catherine Hall carried out the role of Network Coordinator facilitating collaboration between the partnership agencies. Thank you to Catherine for all her work as the Coordinator over the past 2 years.

In the 2011 – 2012 year, the Coordinator resourced the Network by:

- coordinating and resourcing network participants in both CLCs and FRCs
- coordinating community legal education and professional development events, particularly for solicitors and legal workers engaged in the partnership
- convening meetings of the network participants
- attending at stakeholder meetings on behalf of the network
- working in collaboration with the partnering agencies to ensure effective service delivery in outreach locations
- providing regular updates relevant to the Network

The WLCWA is pleased to welcome Heidi Guldbaek as the new FRC/CLC Coordinator for the 2012 – 2013 year.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the partnership. We look forward to continuing the culture of collaboration, mutual respect and trust between lawyers and family relationship practitioners that recognises the expertise of each in the provision of services for clients and their families.

Lesley Kirkwood
Managing Solicitor, Women’s Law Centre WA
PARTNERING CLCs
- NSCLC (J)
- PCLS
- KCLS

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRES
- Joondalup FRC
- Mandurah FRC
- Broome FRC
- Geraldton FRC
- Midland FRC
- Bunbury FRC
- Perth FRC

GOVERNING ORGANISATION OF FRC
- ANGLICARE
- CENTACARE
- CENTRESCARE

RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA
Family Abuse & Advocacy Support Team

Services include:

Counselling
Court support
Telephone advice and support
Information
Support for children
Support and advocacy

Legal advice
Court representation
Formal referrals
Informal referrals
Community education

The Family Abuse & Advocacy Support Team (FAAST) service continues to provide a coordinated and professional service to victims of family and domestic violence in the Rockingham and Kwinana area.

As part of this collaborative project with the South Coastal Women’s Health Service, SCALES provides legal services such as legal advice, assistance with applications and court representation while the South Coastal Women’s Health Service provides emotional and practical support through their counselling service.

Initial services relate to the safety of the victim and their children. After initial legal advice, applications for Violence Restraining Orders are often made. In some matters applications for Legal Aid are made on behalf of the client.

Other services include negotiation with Police, access to property and belongings, tenancy matters and family law matters usually by assisting in negotiating children’s issues and the preparation of Family Court documents.

Requests for assistance in relation to representation for interim and final restraining order hearings are very much in demand.

The involvement of the Department of Child Protection in family violence matters has brought us a number of complex cases that have demanded a lot of time.

Most of the family and domestic violence clients seen at SCALES are referred from the Lucy Saw Centre, the local women’s and children’s refuge and the Rockingham Magistrates Court.

Requests for assistance with applications for criminal injuries compensation (CIC) have increased markedly.
Tenancy Service and Tenancy Advice Court Service

Tenancy Advice Court Service (TACS)

Our tenant advocate Danielle Healey continues to provide the weekly Tenancy Advice Court Service at Rockingham Magistrates Court.

The Rockingham Magistrates Court holds its tenancy matters each Tuesday. SCALES has at least one person there each week to provide assistance to tenants. This is to try to deflect matters from the Court or at least ensure that tenants are making informed decisions.

There are still many tenants who do not appear at Court for many reasons, however we have seen an increase in tenant attendance throughout 2012. For those who do attend the Court, and where TACS is involved in a matter, this involvement is appreciated by the Rockingham Magistrates Court, Real Estate Agents and Tenants alike.

Most notable are referrals from local Real Estate Agents to TACS resulting in positive benefits flowing to the tenants and landlords.

This year the TACS team has continued to provide legal advice, negotiation and representation services to tenants attending the Rockingham Magistrates Court. Danielle has been accompanied by a number of law students throughout the year who have all given positive feedback on the experience.

To better promote the attendance of clients at Court and the TACS service offered, Danielle continues to attend forum meetings, networking and facilitate networking and information sessions.

Together with strong relationships between TACS, Court officers and agents, the local community and community services have responded well to Danielle’s collaborative approach.

Our continued presence at the Magistrates Court has resulted in positive outcomes. Advocates can acquire an understanding of the areas agents know the least about, and in some cases refer them to the RTA or other resources to ensure they comply with legislative requirements. Agents have begun bringing clients to TACS officers for assistance prior to the matter being called to facilitate negotiation.

Significantly, TACS has been able to assist tenants by either getting the matter adjourned for further legal advice, having the matter stood down to the end of the list or by negotiating above the legislated allowances for hardship cases.

On the whole, agents have been happy to engage with the tenant advocates, although new agents are often surprised by the service.

An average three to five tenants are seen each week at Court. The matters are predominantly of termination, vacant possession or bond disputes. Although advocates encourage discussions and negotiations between tenants and agents, the fact that tenants may be evicted into homelessness has a considerable bearing on the way individual issues are dealt with, this is either with or without assistance.

Generally, Danielle tries to assist tenants rather than stand in their place, unless the
matter is complicated, the tenant is not able to represent themselves or the balance of knowledge is far outweighed toward the agent or landlord. The core work of TACS advocates is termination and orders for vacant possession by the agent.

Danielle’s caseload comes from the TACS court roster.

**SCALES Tenancy services**

In addition to the TACS service at the Court, SCALES continues to work with tenants when they approach SCALES directly.

SCALES has seen a major increase in Department of Housing clients who are facing termination in relation to the 3 strikes - Disruptive Behaviour Management Policy. SCALES has identified a need within the community to provide information sessions to tenants to make them aware of their rights and obligations under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987*; and as part of the tenancy strategic plan for 2012 – 2013 will be developing and delivering Community Legal Education in this area.

SCALES has formed a very strong working relationship with Department of Housing (Kwinana), and other housing service providers and together we have successfully managed to provide intervention to sustain some at-risk tenancies.

**Networking and Professional Development**

Monthly tenancy network forum meetings have provided a valuable link to other WA tenant advocates. Facilitated by TASWA the meetings give advocates the opportunity to discuss client and local issues.

Danielle invited the new Tenant Advocate from Peel Community Legal Service to visit SCALES and discuss SCALES’ services as well as providing and induction of sorts into the Tenancy network.

Most importantly, the network has been able to provide feed-back on law reform issues and allows a considered response to advocacy related matters.

Danielle invited the new Peel CLS tenant advocate to SCALES. She saw how SCALES provided services including TACS and heard about the tenancy network.

Danielle maintains her place within the tenancy network throughout the South West Metropolitan Region; attending seminars such as International Tenancy Day, ‘Leading the Road Home” Tenancy Conference by Department of Child Protection and Advocacy & Consumer Rights training through WACOSS. She is also completing her Juris Doctor at Murdoch University on a part-time basis.

**Community Legal Education**

In July 2011 SCALES engaged in a partnership with St Patricks Community Centre to provide legal advice and Community Legal Education at the Medina Outreach Clinic. Danielle has attended the St Patricks Outreach Clinic on a fortnightly basis providing referrals, tenancy advice and if needed a referral to the SCALES office.

In addition SCALES has also engaged in a partnership with the Department of Human Services as part of the Transition to Work Project. Danielle attends the Centrelink Office (Rockingham) on a fortnightly basis to provide Centrelink clients with advice in areas such as tenancy and licensing. All other areas of law are referred back to the SCALES office. Even though the project is in its infancy outcomes are already occurring for clients and comments from clients and centre staff have been very positive.

**Danielle Healey**

**Tenant Advocate**
Lawyers Practice Manual Western Australia

The Lawyers Practice Manual (WA) (the manual) is a joint publication by Thomson Reuters and SCALES CLC. I have been in the role of co-ordinator since January 2011.

The manual outlines law and procedure across 19 discrete legal practice areas, each made up of one or more chapters. Lawyers contribute on a pro bono basis. The manual provides a wealth of legal information for young lawyers, and those more experienced, who are new to a particular practice area.

As per 2011, my contact at Thomson's, is their Commissioning Editor, Klara Major.

Chapter Updates completed during last 12-months


Chapter Updates still under review

1. Chapter 3.2 – “Restraining Orders” – Annie Gray, Fremantle Community Legal Centre.
2. Chapter 5.3 – “Children under the Family Law Act (Cth) and the Family Court Act (WA)” – Trevor McKenna, Paterson Dowding Lawyers.
4. Chapter 9.2 – “Guardianship” – Sandra Boulter, Principal Solicitor and manager, Mental Health Law Centre.
5. Chapter 11 – “Employment” – Toni Emmanuel, Principal Solicitor, Employment Law Centre.

Currency of Chapters

There are still a number of chapters that require revision, and update, namely, Bail, Supreme Court Appeals, Child Protection Orders, Incorporation, Anti-Discrimination and Residential Tenancies.

We still require an author to write the Environmental law chapter. I have been in contact with Minter Ellison (Squire Sanders) and the Environmental Defenders Office, without success.

Book Launch

Thomson Reuters have now published David Parry and Bertus De Villiers’ book Guide to Proceedings in the Western Australian Administrative Tribunal. The textbook (and E-book) was launched on Thursday evening 19 July 2012, at the S.A.T. Justice Michael Barker wrote the forward to the book, and gave the keynote speech at the launch.

The book is a comprehensive guide to the Tribunal, but has a practical focus, covering the rules by which proceedings are conducted, and the principles upon which the rules are based. It will be a valuable resource for WA lawyers, and in-person litigants, at the Tribunal.

Marion Huntly
Coordinator
Volunteer and Pro Bono Support

The Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Integrity and Federal Member for Brand presenting Margaret Flower with her Volunteer Award on 12 December 2011

SCALES continues to have a host of people who give their time and efforts to work within the Centre.

I am very proud to report that our stalwart volunteer Margaret Flower was presented with a Volunteer Award by Federal Member for Brand. The Award is well deserved, congratulations Margaret. We are all very proud that we were able to acknowledge your work and show our appreciation.

We have had some changes to the Management Committee in this past year with the resignation of Treasurer Gordon Howe and Margaret Duff. We four new members, solicitor Justin Jones, Treasurer Darryn Hall, Dame Judith Parker and Roz Davey. The new committee has been happy to work extra hours this year to support the strategic planning process. Thanks!

A silent but valuable group of volunteers are the chapter authors to the Lawyer’s Practice Manual Western Australia. These people share their extensive expertise through us with many practitioners and others in need of easy to read, comprehensive overviews of Western Australian laws.

We also have of course a number of solicitors and law students who step up when asked to provide pro bono advice to clients, opinions to SCALES’ solicitors and students or to ensure that the work of SCALES continues to be passed on.

This year we have had two former SCALES’ students do some of their College of Law practical placement at SCALES under the supervision of Amanda and Clea.

Special thanks to our Patron Chris Shanahan SC who is always willing to take a call and give us guidance.

This year SCALES received pro bono advice from Barrister Wendy Gillam on the status of our agreement with Murdoch and from Freehills on our Constitutional Corporation status.

To all of the volunteers in whatever capacity you support us, we would like to say a very big thank you!
Visit by Thailand’s King Prajadhipok's Institute Students

In late April 2012, we were approached by Thailand’s King Prajadhipok’s Institute of Public Administration and Public Law course coordinator asking if a group of 48 senior Thai government, business and academic visitors could visit SCALES in late May as part of a study visit to Western Australia.

Gai Walker, Anna Copeland and Novela Aleksic hosted the event with students Katie Dillon, Will Goodheart and Alanah Murphy representing SCALES’ students. The Law School provided morning tea which was held in the foyer of the Law School with a welcome by the Dean, Jürgen Bröhmer. The group then moved on to a lecture theatre where Gai and Anna provided a presentation on SCALES Community Legal Centre and Clinical Legal Education.
SCALES’ students Will Goodheart, Katie Dillon and Alanah Murphy with Thai visitors.

There was significant interest about the program from a number of visitors including a Law Lecturer. The group primarily consisted of high-ranking governmental officers in public sector, as well as executives in private and corporate sector.

The objectives of the visit to SCALES was to see the Law Clinic, learn about the partnership between SCALES and Murdoch University while hearing about SCALES’ dual role of Law Clinic and free community legal service.

It was a very pleasant event with the visitors showing great enthusiasm and appreciation for our hospitality.

Anna Copeland speaking to visitors on Clinical Legal Education
Student Perspectives

Throughout the semester I have developed a number of skills that I know will be indispensable in my future career, skills such as client interviewing, effective legal research and clear legal writing.

I have been mentored and guided by supervisors who are passionate about the law and committed to helping their clients.

I have gained an understanding and appreciation of the law and how it affects people in ‘real life’, learning both the strengths and weaknesses of the legal system.

I am finishing this unit excited about my upcoming career in the legal profession.

Participating in SCALES has been the highlight of my degree. So much so, that I (along with a number of my peers) have enrolled in a second Clinical Legal Education unit for semester 2.

Alana Bernstein

SCALES has been the most fulfilling, enjoyable and educational unit in the entire course. I would recommend it to anyone and I think there should be more hands on units like this one.

The staff are extremely friendly and supportive which creates a great working environment; the work is varied and interesting, with infinitely more motivation to succeed compared to traditional teaching units as deals with real world people with real world problems...

I will definitely be doing the advanced SCALES units in the coming semesters.

Aaron Brown

I have learnt so much over this semester during my time at SCALES. I feel that I definitely prefer to learn through clinical legal education because the legal problems and issues are real which motivates you to actually do the research in order to help them.

Being able to interview and hear a legal issues from real people rather than just reading them off an exam paper is much more rewarding. When you are helping a real person there is a purpose to the research that you are doing as you are helping someone along with learning new things about the law.

SCALES has motivated me to volunteer at the Fremantle Community Legal Centre as I have a new found appreciation for CLCs and the work they take on. I would recommend SCALES to anyone as it has been so fulfilling and hopefully I will be coming back to the Rockingham SCALES office in 2013 to do the children’s advocacy unit -fingers crossed its running!

Anna Dunn

My time at SCALES has highlighted for me the importance of being passionate and intellectually stimulated by the work that you do...

Working in a diverse group in SCALES has reminded me that everyone brings different skills and personalities to their role as a lawyer and working in a team allows us to maximise and profit from this diversity...

Through my limited experience at SCALES, I’ve realised that the need for legal advice and representation is far greater than can be met by community legal centres and similar organisations. Doing pro bono legal work should be a matter of course, an expected facet of the role of the lawyer...

I cannot rate my experience at SCALES more highly and would heartily recommend it to everyone. Clinical legal education is a critical aspect of legal education and I think that, if it were...
possible, every law student should have the opportunity to undertake such a unit.

I also think that the unit is, on the whole, very well run. I appreciate the willingness of the supervisors to provide advice and I am especially grateful that the supervisors take a real interest in your development and learning throughout the semester. The SCALES unit is a unique and invaluable experience and I’m glad that I enrolled in it.

Bryan Bong

SCALES is honestly the best thing I have done during my whole law degree. I have learnt so much more through practical learning than I have ever learnt from a text book. I still have so much more to learn and SCALES has helped me recognise my strengths and weaknesses. The clients have definitely taught me not to make assumptions.

SCALES has encouraged me to volunteer at the Fremantle Community Law Centre. Thank you so much for the opportunity!

Chloe Jourdain

SCALES was a wonderful and educational experience. I feel I am more prepared to start a legal career than I would be had I not taken this unit. The supervisors were lovely, helpful and approachable and the other students in the unit made it even more enjoyable.

Everyone should take this unit.

Alana Murphy

I was extremely grateful to have the SCALES experience. I feel I am somewhat prepared for what to expect when I am out in the workforce as a lawyer.

Amanda Blake

I loved this unit- I think out of all of the units I have taken at Murdoch, it has taught me the most. I can’t believe it’s not a compulsory unit!

The client interview skills I have developed, the legal knowledge, the ability to think on my feet, the ability to disarm awkward or potentially argumentative situations, the ability to decide which remedy will best suit the client’s needs in their particular situation- all of these have been developed by SCALES to a standard that no other unit has come close to.

I have learnt so much about myself as an individual, and as a lawyer, and I can only hope that other students at Murdoch are afforded the same opportunities through this unit. I am immensely looking forward to participating in SCALES next semester, and would urge any student who is considering participating in SCALES to take the opportunity.

Katie Dillon

L-R back: Elyse Hocking, Jenny Mu Ti Tsen, Cristina Krleska, Nekkita Bertrand. L-R front: Julia McCullagh and Blair Simpson

L-R back: Elyse Hocking, Jenny Mu Ti Tsen, Kristina Krleska, Nekkita Bertrand. L-R front: Julia McCullagh and Blair Simpson
Client Perspectives

Hi Clea, just wanted to send a quick email to let you know how I went at court yesterday.

I was in the court room all of 5 mins - The magistrate ordered us to attend mediation and the ARCS programme we suggested. If we can not come to a resolution we will need to apply back for a hearing.

While at court I gave (ex partner) the info on ARCS and told him to call me to arrange a time to come see our child (as the mediation process may take a while before we can get orders in place). He called me in the afternoon and he will be coming to my house on Thursday with his partner and child to visit them.

I would like to thank you for all your hard work, I know that if I didn’t have your help I would not have been prepared and I would have been very overwhelmed.

Thanks a million for all the hard work and advice you have given me.

Dear Alice,

I just want to say thank you very much for what you’ve done. Thanks so much for the time and effort to help and support me. I really appreciate a lot of what you’ve done to help and support me.

May I wish all the best of luck for you Alice.

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Dear Rhonda, Once again thank you for your time and the help you provided. I went to Anna and she is kind and lovely lady as you told me and she really helped me and I am sure she will help me as she promised.

Hi Clea, It is nearly a year since we came to you for help and all is going so well since we went through the courts and had everything done legally. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

... We are very happy family with him (grandson) back in our lives. He has helped so much after losing our daughter. I can't thank you enough.

Dear Clea, I am writing to you expressing my gratitude for the much needed help I've received from SCALES in the last 5 years. ...SCALES have represented me in the Rockingham Court with multiple on-going episodes regarding “Violence Restraining Orders”

At time I thought this abuse would never end such as life...Solicitor Clea Brierley took care of my case. I had my trust in her and always she delivered the best out-come possible.

Many thanks to Clea and her staff, they need to be congratulated.
Dear Anna, I would like to take the opportunity to relay my thanks to you and your legal team for a great job in helping me obtain my protection visa.

You were sympathetic, supportive and professional in building and winning my case.

I am so grateful to you Anna and you team in SCALES for a job well done. May God bless you and protect this country for the services you provide for disadvantaged people who come seeking your help.

I would like to thank Amanda and all her team from SCALES for the support and help that I received from all in helping me get my full refund ... for without your help and support I would not have got it because he was so rude to me. So once again I would like to thank all the team from SCALES.

Dear Clea, I am writing to thank you for all you did for my daughter earlier this year.

When we came in and spoke to you and Louise, you could not have been kinder to us. In particular when ... took this sick and dying girl to court for no other reason but revenge you were marvellous and calmed us down and made sure we had a duty solicitor for our attendance.

... Thanks a million for all your kindness.

Dear Ladies, I would like to say thank you for all the help and support I have received from each of you, Clea, Alice and Jenny. I wish her well in her future career. I thank you all sincerely.

Dear Amanda, With many thanks for all your fantastic work, care and support thru my difficult time and trial.

May God bless you in abundance for your genuine care.
Case Studies

Case Study 1

P attended the Tenancy Advice Court Service in regards to an Application for bond disposal. Initially P had signed a joint tenancy agreement with 3 other tenants, however only P and another tenant contributed to the bond money payment. Upon signing the lease agreement she was told by the Real Estate Agent that all four parties had to sign the lodgement of security bond money form.

The parties had a falling out and the lease ended. TACS assisted P with negotiations between her and the Real Estate Agent concerning the damages to the property upon vacation.

An agreement was reached between the Real Estate Agent and P for damages. However the problem P faced was that all 4 parties’ signatures were needed to release the bond money from the Bond Administration and the joint tenants weren’t willing to sign the bond amount over to P and the other contributor.

SCALES assisted P with a letter to the other tenants who had not contributed to the bond amount and an order was made by the Registrar for release of the bond money to go to P and the other tenant.

Case Study 2

Client ‘J’ was a 71 year old woman who came in to discuss applying for a divorce. She had been separated from her husband for three years. J’s husband had moved to England but was returning to Australia for a holiday to see their children. J wanted to file for divorce while her husband was in Australia.

We had to act quickly as J’s husband was only in Australia for a period of three weeks; the procedure for a divorce application is different when the respondent is outside of Australia. We advised J’s daughter how to serve her father with the divorce application and J was granted a divorce.

Case Study 3

“Vera” had been the victim of domestic violence for some time and had been granted a Violence Restraining Order (VRO) to protect her from her ex partner. The family were being case managed by the local family and domestic violence regional Case Management Co-ordination Service. This service deals with families at extreme risk of further abuse.

She and the perpetrator have a child. He spent time with the child and did not return the child as agreed. Vera was extremely distressed and after looking unsuccessfully for them, called the police who tried to locate child for her.

In the meantime, Vera heard that the child may be at the house of the new de facto girlfriend of the ex partner. She went to the house and found that the child was there with her father. An altercation followed and our client was charged with assisting a
breach by the person bound in accordance with section 61(1) of the Restraining Orders Act 1987.

Had new Restraining Order Legislation passed by the WA Parliament received Assent, it would not have been possible for our client to be charged with this offence.

Written submissions were made by SCALES to the Police requesting that the charge be dropped as our client was the protected person in the VRO and that it would not be in the public interest to proceed with the prosecution in these circumstances.

In support of the submission, we referred to the recent changes to the Restraining Order Act 1987 (Act), including the insertion of a new section 61B(3) which provides:

Despite the Criminal Code section 7, the protected person does not commit an offence under section 61 by aiding the breach of the order.

The Police made it clear their intention to continue with the charge of assault.

Written representations were then made to the Minister for Police and the Attorney General on the grounds that, had the legislation received Assent, our client’s charge of breach of VRO would not have been possible.

Shortly after, the solicitor in charge of the file received a call from Senior Police Officer advising that the charge was in the public interest and would be dropped.

Vera was very relieved at not having to face her violent ex partner in Court.

**Case Study 4**

Client came to SCALES for assistance with VRO protecting her and binding her ex-partner. He had been very emotionally abusive and demeaning to the client. She was very scared of him. SCALES represented her at the mention hearing and negotiated with his solicitor prior to the final order hearing. The day before the hearing the OP consented to the VRO being made final for 2 years. The client appeared at Court the next day but didn’t have to go through the trauma of giving evidence. She was very relieved and felt a sense of empowerment.

**Case Study 5**

A young man (Mr Z) approached SCALES to assist him with an application for Criminal Injuries Compensation. He had been punched in the face and was knocked unconscious during a night out. The perpetrator was found guilty of Grievous Bodily Harm and imprisoned for two and a half years.

Mr Z received extensive facial injuries including a broken jaw in three places, broken and damaged teeth and cuts and abrasions. Extensive medical treatment included surgery.

Mr Z was unable to work for 6 weeks resulting in considerable loss of income as well as incurring substantial expenses.

Following the assault Mr Z experienced extensive emotional distress both in recovery and ongoing. His social life was seriously curtailed by the extensive emotional distress since the assault, he is anxious when amongst strangers, is uncomfortable and apprehensive in
public places at night, where there are crowds and where he has to walk in the dark. He often has flashbacks when away from home.

Initially, SCALES assisted Mr Z by obtaining medical records from the hospital through a Freedom of Information application and information from the Director of Public Prosecutions about the prosecution including the sentencing transcript, Victim Impact Statement, colour photographs of the injuries, medical reports, his statement and the indictment.

Once these documents were obtained, further legal services were then provided to assist with Mr Z prepare his application. Mr Z had very low literacy skills and would not have had the ability to prepare an application by himself.

We were recently contacted by Mr Z to thank us for our assistance and to advise that his application for compensation had been successful.

Case Study 6

A 14 year old girl, S, sought assistance from SCALES after being served with a Violence Restraining Order (VRO) binding her and protecting a 15 year old girl from her school, R. S’s father also applied for a VRO to protect S from R.

Both girls had been involved in name calling and swearing, at the school grounds and over ‘facebook’, and a physical altercation. S and her parents thought her only option was to finalise the matter at a Final Order Hearing.

This would have involved a protracted, adversarial and potentially expensive process culminating in both girls and/or their parents giving evidence before a Magistrate.

SCALES advised S about the option of an Undertaking (which is a promise to the Court) and drafted a mutual Undertaking between the two girls. The usual formal wording was modified to be appropriate for the girls to understand what they were promising.

The girls and their parents signed the Undertaking and it was provided to the Court at the mention hearing. The Undertaking then took the place of the VROs and the VROs were cancelled. This resolved the matter and all parties were very relieved and happy with the outcome.
Community Relationships

SCALES has excellent relationships with many local services. Staff work closely with many of these services (government and not for profit) and their staff to provide client services, staff training, local and regional planning on service provision, collaboration for events, issues and community education and lobbying government and departments for resources for the region.

Community Legal Education

SCALES staff provide community legal education, participate in committees, networks, collaborate with services in events as well as meeting with local services to ensure SCALES profile is maintained.

With no specifically funded community education workers, the staff share the role of providing education to the community.

Amanda and Danielle presented to the 20 services providers participating in the Strong Families network on the new Disruptive Behaviour Management Policy. This ‘3 strikes’ policy is causing some tenants to be evicted to homelessness with no opportunity to appeal.

Gai made her annual presentation to a group of Murdoch University community development students on CLCs, access to justice issues and SCALES services.

Alice lectured the social welfare law unit on Family and Domestic Violence.

Community days and festivals are a great way of raising our profile with community members.

This year SCALES had an information stall or Kwinana Job Skills forum, the Rockingham Festival and a number of events convened by the Better Futures Local Solutions to facilitate local service network development.

Law Clinic information was provided at the Murdoch University ‘O’ Day each semester, the UWA Beyond the Terrace expo and the Law Careers Expo at the Exhibition Centre.

In June SCALES had Brianna Lee do a presentation to local Family and Domestic Violence services on Human Trafficking in Australia. Brianna is a PhD Candidate at the School of Law, her presentation is very compelling.

The Human Rights Law Centre, Victoria, visited Western Australia to provide a workshop on the National Human Rights Action Plan. SCALES partnered with them by providing a list of services that should be invited. A group of 20 peak and community representatives participated in the workshop.

Outreach

SCALES now has two outreach services running. Danielle has attended the St Patrick’s Hand on Health service in Medina each fortnight. On the alternate fortnight she now attends the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) and provides information and advice on Tenancy and Fines and referrals on other matters.

Committee and Network participation

Novela is a member of the St Nicholas community Centre management committee ensuring that SCALES has a voice in the management of the centre.

Gai participates on CLCAWA executive committee and the Managers network.

Anna maintains her participation in the national human rights network which is
active in a number of areas including development of Shadow UN Reports on Australia’s performance meeting the requirements of UN conventions as a signatory of those conventions, such as the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Danielle is active with the Tenant Advocate WA network and has recently been appointed Chair of the regional Homelessness network.

SCALES staff continue to work closely with Gosnells, Fremantle and Women’s Law Centres on the Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network.

The sector continues to be the primary source of continuing professional development and training opportunities for staff.

Conferences

The National Association of Community Legal Centres annual conference was held in Hobart in mid October. Over 450 delegates attended the conference. Gai Walker, Managing Director attended the conference, meeting.

The WA Tenancy conference was held in December with Danielle and Gai attending. Almost 80 CLC tenant advocates, managers and CLE workers as well as workers from other services attended. As always the conference was well run and was very useful in both content and opportunities to network.

Gai presented to 15 delegates on NACLC networking and statistical tools BBS, CLSIS and Webex.

Visitors

A number of people visited SCALES during the year.

New Vice Chancellor, Professor Richard Higgott, Acting Dean of the School of Law, Murdoch, Professor Phil Evans and the new School of Law Dean Professor Jürgen Bröhmer all visited the Rockingham office and sat in on part of a Law Clinic client session.

Justin Stevenson and former SCALES Chair Janette McCahon from the newly formed Social Inclusion Program visited SCALES to tell staff about opportunities for referrals and partnerships. We have been able to refer a number of clients whose issues were beyond the capacity of SCALES to assist.

Representatives from Allens Consulting Group, consultants to the Federal Attorney General’s department Review of Legal Assistance Services visited 3 Western Australia community legal centres. SCALES was one of the centres and affirms the positive profile that SCALES has with the department.

John Perrett the new Executive Officer visited SCALES as part of his orientation to the CLC sector and met with staff.
Law and Policy Reform

The main issues of law and policy reform taken up this year were:

- Reform of clinical legal practice and funding; this has been followed up with a fully funded research project of which Anna is a part.
- Consultation and development of the submission to the NGO (Shadow) report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, to be presented next year in Geneva.
- Response to consultation on the Complaints Against the Judiciary, WA Law Reform Commission.
- Department of Housing Disruptive Behaviour Management implementation

*SCALEs staff meeting with solicitors Janette McCahon and Justin Stevenson from the Legal Aid Western Australia Social Inclusion Program*
Client Statistics

In the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, SCALES gave advice to 756 people in the form of one off advice, information and referral, case work, negotiation, advocacy or representation.

Clients assisted 756
(New clients 525, Repeat clients 128; Existing Clients 103)

Information and Referral Activities (No legal advice) 915
Advice (one off) Activities 771

TOTAL Number of Services provided (Information, Advice and Casework) 1927

Cases Ongoing (open) at 1 July 2011 104
Cases Opened 182
Cases Closed 184
Cases Ongoing (open) at 30 June 2012 102
Matters where client was represented 60
Most Common Problem Types

(These include Information and Referral, Advice and Casework)

Family Law

*Family Law and Family Violence matters are 52% of SCALES’ work. The most common issues where services are provided include:*

- Who a child lives with or spends time with
- Family or domestic violence
- Divorce or separation
- Property – marriage, de facto, other
- Child protection
- Other

Civil Law

*Civil Law is diverse with our main issues being tenancy, immigration and criminal injuries compensation. Other matters include consumer and complaints against government services. Civil Law matters are 42% of SCALES’ work with Tenancy being 21% of the overall practice or 50% of the Civil Law work. Immigration is 10% or 5% of the overall practice.*

- Tenancy matters - termination by lessor; rent; bond; repairs; other
- Immigration Refugee/Protection Visa
- Injuries compensation
- Injuries assaults
- Other civil legal system or process
- Other civil violence/restraining orders
- Other

Criminal Law

*Criminal Law is only 8% of overall practice.*

- Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences
- Theft and related offences
- Property damage and environmental offences
- Acts intended to cause injury
- Other
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, Transgender and Intersex 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 (bus stop 100 metres from building)

1.2 access for people with disabilities (wide door ways, ground floor, disabled parking within 10 metres, play area, toys and activities for children etc)

1.3 Interview rooms with enough room to accommodate wheel chairs, prams and 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/
Funding

SCALES has been successful in attracting funding from a number of sources over the years. In the 2010/2011 financial year funding was received from the following sources:

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*Incumbent staff member on leave and funds for locum staff member provided

CCLSP  Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program
CLSP WA Community Legal Services Program Western Australia
DCP  Department for Child Protection
DoC  Department of Commerce
DVLW  Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network
FAAST  Family Abuse and Advocacy Support Team
Treasurer’s Report

Darryn Hall

Statement of Operations


This deficit in the current year as compared to the surplus of the 2011 financial year is reflective of the one-off Lotterywest grant obtained in 2011 of $160,189, despite being partially offset by management’s successful initiatives in the reduction of overhead costs.

The current year performance demonstrates the competitive funding environment that currently exists across the not-for profit sector as sources of public finance contract; as well as the cost pressures facing such associations as they compete with industry for scarce resources required to carry out the objectives of the association.

Statement of Financial Position

Despite the operating deficit in the current period, the balance sheet remains relatively strong with net current assets of $215,378 and total net assets of $235,614.

As set out in note 4(a), cash and cash equivalents include $163,508 of short-term deposits. These monies have been set aside from the cash at hand to accumulate interest to settle any long-term employment liabilities as and when they arise.

There were minor capital additions during the period with less than $7,000 spent on property, plant and equipment. These minor additions were more than offset by depreciation for the period of $24,710, reducing the written down value of property, plant and equipment decrease from $112,236 in 2011 to $94,123 in the current year.

Employee entitlements continue to grow each period as the association retains its staff members and their entitlements continue to accumulate. They have been measured in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, which requires estimates by management of the likelihood of settlement of present entitlements as well as adjustments in recognition of the time value of money.

Treasurer’s Statement

I have recently taken on the role of Treasurer, filling the position previously performed by Gordon Howe. I would like to acknowledge the warm welcome and willing assistance I have received from all staff and Management Committee Members, in particular the Managing Director Gai Walker and the Finance Officer Novela Aleksic. In my short time with SCALES, I already see an enthusiasm for the shaping of the strategic direction of the association by both staff and the management committee and I look forward to seeing all the successes that are to be shared by the community and the association from their good work.
Auditors Report

Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Thompson Hughes & Co
Certified Practising Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES ADVOCACY
LEGAL AND EDUCATION SERVICE INC


We have audited the accompanying financial report as set out on pages 1 to 10, being a special purpose financial report, of Southern Communities Advocacy Legal and Education Service Inc. (the association) for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Committee’s Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Association Incorporation Act Western Australia and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee’s responsibilities also include designing, implementing and maintaining Internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is the free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.
The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act Western Australia. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

*Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report of Southern Communities Advocacy Legal and Education Service Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Southern Communities Advocacy Legal and Education Service Inc. as at 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act Western Australia.

THOMPSON HUGHES & CO

ALAN THOMPSON
31 August 2012
Auditor’s Certification

Southern Communities Advocacy Legal & Education Service Inc
Year ended 30 June 2012

I hereby certify that:

a) I am not a principal, member, shareholder, officer, employee or accountant of the Organisation or of a related body corporate as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001;

b) In my opinion, the attached financial statements which comprise a Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position), a Statement of Operations (Statement of Comprehensive Income), a Statement of Changes in Equity, a Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements of the above mentioned Organisation (“the Organisation”) for the stated Financial Year are:

   i) Based on proper accounts and present fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, and

   ii) In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement --- ----, a copy of which has been made available to me, in relation to the provision of community legal services.

c) The Statement of Comprehensive Income is provided in respect of Funds for all Funding Categories.

d) The audit opinion to which this certification refers is unqualified.

e) In my opinion there is no conflict of interest between myself and the Organisation or its Management Committee.

Signed: ____________________________

Alan Thompson
Registered Company Auditor No 13797

Thompson Hughes & Co
31 August 2012
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### Balance Sheet

**as at 30th June 2012**

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SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES ADVOCACY, LEGAL & EDUCATION SERVICE INC.
Unit 3,14 Council Avenue
ROCKINGHAM  WA 6168
ABN 57 402 785 795

Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2012

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ending 30 June 2012

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<td>(779,424)</td>
<td>(837,980)</td>
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<td>Net Cash used in Operating Activities</td>
<td>(43,541)</td>
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<td>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</td>
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<td>Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment</td>
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<td>(142,522)</td>
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<td>Net cash used in Investing Activities</td>
<td>(6,597)</td>
<td>(142,522)</td>
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<td>Net Decrease in Cash</td>
<td>(50,138)</td>
<td>(1,548)</td>
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<td>Cash at beginning of financial year</td>
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<td>Cash at end of the financial year</td>
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The attached notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with this statement.
SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES ADVOCACY, LEGAL & EDUCATION SERVICE INC.
Unit 3, 14 Council Avenue
ROCKINGHAM WA 6168
ABN 57 402 785 795

Notes to and forming part of the accounts
for the year ended 30th June 2012

NOTE 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and statement of compliance
This special purpose financial report is prepared in order to provide financial statements which satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 to prepare accounts. The Management Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity as defined in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 “Definition of the Reporting Entity” and therefore, as there is no requirement to apply accounting concepts or standards in the preparation and presentation of these statements, none have been adopted intentionally.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987.

The statements are prepared on an accrual basis, whereby items are brought to account using the concept of matching expenditure with revenue. They are based on historical cost values except where specifically stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, in that the Association will continue to meet its commitments and can therefore continue normal operating activities which includes the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of operations.

In arriving at this position the Management Committee have considered the following pertinent matters: the level of ongoing financial support from Murdoch University, local and federal governments and other external contributing bodies will be achieved and as such believe the going concern basis to be appropriate.

Where possible, but without jeopardising the true and fair view of the financial position and performance to which the financial statements are prepared to reflect, the report complies with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Interpretations) unless otherwise stated below. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this financial report, as described below, are, in the opinion of the directors’, appropriate to meet the needs of its users.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

The requirements of Accounting Standards and other financial reporting requirements in Australia do not have mandatory applicability because the Association is not a “reporting entity” and it is a not-for-profit organisation not governed by the Corporations Act 2001. Accordingly, the management committee have prepared the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other financial reporting requirements in Australia with the following exceptions:

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<td>AASB 1004</td>
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(b) Foreign currencies

Translation of foreign currency transactions
Transactions in foreign currencies are converted to Australian dollars at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Amounts payable to and by the Association that are outstanding at the balance date and are denominated in foreign currencies have been converted to Australian dollars using rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at bank, and short term deposits readily convertible to cash.
Notes to and forming part of the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 30th June 2012

(d) Trade and other receivables
Trade receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any
provision for doubtful debts. A provision for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that
the Association will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

(e) Property, plant and equipment
Plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment
losses. Such cost includes the cost of replacing parts that are eligible for capitalisation when the cost of
replacing parts is incurred. Similarly, when each major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the
carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement only if it is eligible for capitalisation.

Impairment
The carrying values of plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in
circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.
For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is
determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.
If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, the
assets or cash-generating units are written down to their recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of plant and equipment is the greater of fair value less costs to sell and value in
use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using
a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks
specific to the asset.

Derecognition and disposal
An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future
economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.
Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net
disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is
derecognised.

(f) Revenue recognition
Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the
Association and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must
also be met before revenue is recognised:

Contributions
Contribution revenue is recognised when the entity obtains control of the contribution or the right to
receive the contribution unless it is attached to the fulfilment of a service program in which it is recognised
on a matching basis with respect to the stage of completion of the program.

Rendering of services
Revenue from services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion.
Stage of completion is measured by reference to labour hours incurred to date as a percentage of total
estimated labour hours for each contract.
Where the contract outcome cannot be measured reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the
expenses recognised that are recoverable.
Notes to and forming part of the accounts (continued)

(f) Revenue recognition (continued)

*Interest*

Revenue is recognised as the interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

*Government grants*

Government grants are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching conditions will be complied with.

When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant on a systematic basis to the costs that it is intended to compensate.

(g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for employee benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave.

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, long service leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. All other employee benefit liabilities are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. In determining the present value of future cash outflows, the market yield as at the reporting date on national government bonds, which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability, are used.

(h) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised costs and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Association becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

(i) Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependant on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

**Association as a lessee**

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives are recognised in the income statement as an integral part of the total lease expense.

(j) Income tax

*Income Taxes*

Under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (as amended) the Association is exempt from income tax.
(j) Income tax (continued)

Other taxes
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of trade and other receivables in the balance sheet.

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

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

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<td>Donations</td>
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<td>2,718</td>
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<td>Salaries &amp; wages</td>
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<td>876,394</td>
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Notes to and forming part of the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 30th June 2012

2012 2011

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Note 4 - RECONCILIATION of CASH

a) Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the
Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items
in the Balance Sheet as follows:

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b) Reconciliation of Net Cash used in Operating Activities to Operating Results

Operating result (54,966) 124,595

add/deduct non cash items:

  Depreciation 24,710 39,194

Changes in assets and liabilities

  (Increase)/ decrease in trade and other receivables 5,243 8,692

  (Increase)/ decrease in other assets 208 (3,008)

  Increase / (decrease) in trade and other creditors (24,497) (40,139)

  Increase / (decrease) in employee entitlements 5,761 11,640

  Net cash provided by Operating Activities (43,541) 140,974

Note 5 - TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

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Note 6 - OTHER ASSETS

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Note 7 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

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Note 8 - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

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Note 9 - EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

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Note 10 - EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS FOR LONG SERVICE LEAVE

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Note 11 - AUDITOR REMUNERATION

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Note 12 - GOODS & SERVICES RECEIVED IN KIND

In kind contribution from Murdoch University School of Law for the year ended 30 June 2012 was $90,788, comprising Senior Lecturer wages of $57,288 and $33,500 IT support and EAP. A second Law Clinic supervisor position is provided by funding to SCALES and is noted as income in this report. The in kind contribution for the year ended 30 June 2011 was $114,130.

Note 13 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no known contingent liabilities at balance date.

Note 14 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant events have occurred after balance date which would materially affect either the Association's operations or results of those operations.
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE’S DECLARATION

The Management Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. They have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Management Committee of the Association declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 1 to 11
   a) Comply with accounting standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and
      the Associations Incorporation Act 1987; and
   b) give a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its
      performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies
      described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

2. In the Management Committee's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be
   able to pay its debts when they become due and payable on the basis set out in Note 1 (a)

This statement is made in accordance with the Resolution of the Management Committee

Dennis Hall
Treasurer

Gayle Walter
Managing Director

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Sponsors, Supporters and Partners

SCALES Management Committee and Staff would once again like to thank the following organisations for their generous support and partnerships throughout the year and look forward to continuing these associations in the future.

✧ Child Protection, WA Department for
✧ Commerce, WA Department of
✧ Community Legal Centres Association Western Australia
✧ Community Legal Services Program, Commonwealth
✧ Community Legal Services Program, Western Australia
✧ Herbert Smith Freehills
✧ Fremantle Community Legal Centre
✧ Gosnells Community Legal Centre
✧ Law Society of Western Australia Public Purposes Trust Fund
✧ Legal Aid WA CFDR project
✧ Lotterywest
✧ Lucy Saw Centre Association
✧ Murdoch University
✧ Murdoch University IT Services
✧ Murdoch University School of Law
✧ National Association of Community Legal Centres
✧ Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre
✧ Perth Family Relationships Centre
✧ South Coastal Women’s Health Services
✧ South Metropolitan Integrated Family Abuse Service (SMIFAS)
✧ Sussex Street Community Law Service
✧ Thomson Reuters
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