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.
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SCALES Community Legal Centre Inc acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land. We acknowledge that we work on Aboriginal land, traditionally the home of people of the Noongar nation. We pay deep respect to their elders past, present and future.
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Sponsors, Supporters, Partners
Vision, Mission and Values

We provide quality legal and community education services to the Rockingham and Kwinana community and play an instrumental role in the training of Murdoch University law students participating in our clinical legal education programme.

**Vision:**
A community where human rights are respected and people are able to assert those rights in a fair, affordable and accessible justice system.

**Values:**
- **Respect**
  For people and place
- **Diversity**
  Of people and communities
- **Partnership**
  Alone we can travel faster but together we can travel further
- **Excellence**
  A commitment to a quality service
- **Integrity**
  In all that we say and do

**Mission:**
SCALES will achieve its vision by:
Working in partnership with others to provide access to justice through holistic legal services including individual assistance, community education and systemic advocacy.

Providing opportunities for clinical legal education programmes that develop the skills and ethical practice of law students within a human rights framework.
Chair’s Report

Future Challenges...

SCALES offers a fundamental resource to the people in the local community as well as reaching into broader legal networks. SCALES staff support vulnerable people to negotiate the legal maze during what is often an extremely stressful period in their lives. SCALES staff, through their networks, participate and advocate for legal reform on a local, national and international level.

The ever changing political arena has resulted in tighter fiscal resourcing on one hand while on the other a growing awareness of the need for broad community education and advocacy. It is a notable concern that current contractual arrangements with the Commonwealth CLSP have seen the active removal of law and policy reform. The result effectively stops SCALES from doing this type of work under Commonwealth funding. One has to ask how can SCALES fully realise the strategic plans, continuing networking and maintaining the positive profile that SCALES has in the local and wider community?

Achieving Targets

The Committee has overseen ongoing policy development and application of activities in line with SCALES’ strategic and work plans. It is an absolute credit to Gai and her team that SCALES has exceeded all the targets set with regard to our information, advice and community legal education services. One of the highlights of the past year has been the successful collaboration of local service providers to run the Kwinana and Mandurah Domestic and Family Violence Conference. I offer that the area of community legal education is one which is both an ongoing and growing need for timely and relevant information and as well as practical support.

Murdoch University

A unique facet of SCALES is the provision of law clinics through partnership with Murdoch University. Both SCALES and Murdoch University recognise the value of enabling undergraduate law students to apply their theoretical knowledge in real life cases under the direction and guidance of experienced practitioners. Over its years of operation SCALES has provided this opportunity to hundreds of law students. This hands on experience and insight into case management provides a tangible job skill on graduation. The staff and Committee of SCALES look forward to continuing to develop and grow this initiative with Murdoch University.
Acknowledgements

SCALES’ governance is supported by a volunteer Committee of Management. There have been a number of membership changes over the last 12 month period.

When undertaking the development of the SCALES strategic plan last year one of the activities the Committee and staff undertook was a review of how long people had been involved with SCALES. It required people to line up in historical (date order) from newest to those who had been involved the longest. At the beginning of the line was our Committee member Judith Parker. Judith Parker was one of the inaugural community members and a SCALES stalwart over the ensuing years. SCALES staff and Committee alike were delighted when Judith returned to the Committee bringing with her a wealth experience regarding governance and political savvy. It is with sadness that I note Judith’s resignation due to ill health in this year’s report and acknowledge the unique and valued contribution that she made to SCALES and indeed to all people and organisations that she has supported.

I note that our Treasurer, Darryn Hall, resigned in February, and I thank him for his contribution and guidance over the years that he assisted us. Another significant loss has been the recent resignation from the executive of our Secretary Mieke Dixon. I thank Mieke for providing her energy and enthusiasm to many a committee meeting and her wonderful support to me as Chair. My appreciation goes to Fred Riebeling for the time he provided to SCALES as a committee, his forthright and strategic thinking has assisted with our governance processes.

To all remaining and new members of the SCALES Committee my sincere thanks for providing your guidance and support over this last reporting period.

Roz Davey, Deputy Chairperson
Joshua Watts, Treasurer (commencing in March 2014)
Margaret Flower, Committee Member
Justin Jones, Committee Member

Thank you to the student representatives on the SCALES committee.

To all the staff and volunteers of SCALES I extend the gratitude of the Committee for the work that has gone into ensuring that SCALES remains at the forefront of local community legal services. Your work as a cohesive team makes a difference to the lives of many people who, without you, would not have a voice.

Helen Makeham
The SCALES Team

Patron
Chris Shanahan SC

Management Committee
Helen Makeham  Chairperson
Roz Davey  Deputy Chairperson
Darryn Hall  Treasurer (resigned February 2014)
Joshua Watts  Treasurer (commenced March 2014)
Mieke Dixon  Secretary
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Justin Jones  Committee Member
Roz Davey  Committee Member
Judith Parker  Committee Member (resigned March 2014)
Fred Reibeling  Committee Member

Members
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Darryn Hall  Justin Jones  Gai Walker
Judith Parker  Roz Davey  Helen Makeham
Joshua Watts

The Lucy Saw Centre for the Prevention and Intervention of Domestic and Family Violence
Jerroldine Gilbert  Life Member since 2009
# SCALES’ Staff

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## Tenant Advice Line WA (July 2013 – February 2014)

Aoning Li, TAL Solicitor

### Tenant Advocates

- Pam Howatson
- Danika Adair
- Suzanne Murphy
- Beau Chapman
- Mitchell Earnshaw
Volunteers

We have a diverse range of volunteers supporting SCALES’ work including Management Committee members; Lawyers Practice Manual authors; pro bono lawyers, barristers and law firms; students past and present and other individuals all give of their valuable time and expertise to SCALES and through us to our clients. Thank you.

Legal, Migration and Pro Bono
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Jo Goodie Charandev Singh
Kirsty Fentiman Dominic McKenna
Mary Anne Kenny
Dr Rob Guthrie, Criminal Injuries Assessor, Magistrate, DotAG

Guest Seminar Presenters
Anne Greenshields, Murdoch University Law Librarian

Pro Bono Interpreters
John Snober Saeed Shariati
Reem Al-Bahadiri Maria Aziz

Administration Volunteers
Sarah Thorpe-Willett (work placement) Margaret Flower

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Stephen Wallker Susan Fielding
Tim Kennedy Toni Emmanuel
Trevor McKenna
Managing Director’s Report

The development of the annual report each year often drags us kicking and screaming (on the inside) to a forced reflection of the past year. Making and taking time to reflect on our work can be difficult and is generally not part of our day to day work. The preparation of the annual report forces me to take a long hard look at the year just finished. I find once again that we have done some pretty remarkable work that has positively influenced client and community wellbeing, law and policy makers and of course the legal profession.

I want to congratulate the entire SCALES team for their good work this year, I am very proud to lead such a dedicated and professional team. Semester times are always very busy (some would say chaotic) and the short periods between semesters are used to catch up on tasks and activities that we didn’t get to during law clinic semesters. I take great satisfaction from client and student testimonials and from the increasing numbers of Alumni who join the SCALES Alumni facebook page.

This year has been quite extraordinary as, in addition to our law clinic responsibilities, we: 

- Continued to host the statewide interim tenants advice line until February 2014; 
- Developed and presented a full day workshop, in partnership with Tenancy WA, on section 75A of the Residential Tenancies Act to WA tenant advocates (Department of Housing ‘three strikes’ policy); 
- Organised and co hosted a regional domestic and family violence conference; 
- Worked on and progressed the redevelopment of the structure of the clinical legal education programme; 
- Attended the MSLS Social Justice Quiz night where SCALES was the beneficiary; 
- Hosted a successful Migration Aid film night fundraiser (organised by human rights clinic students); 
- Prepared a response to the Law Reform Commission WA – Project 104 - Enhancing Family and Domestic Violence Laws; 
- Had one of our recommendations in relation to the VRO Respondents Information Session taken up by that project as a recommendation; 
- Achieved Stage 2 in the NACLC Accreditation Scheme; 
- Held information stalls at events such as Murdoch Open Day, Kwinana Festival, Rockingham Community Fair, Harmony Day and a Seniors Expo; 
- Attended celebrations for International Women’s Day; 20th Anniversary of the Law School’s first graduating law class; Rockingham and Kwinana Chamber of Commerce annual awards evening; the official launch of the Djinda specialist ATSI family violence legal support service; Dean’s annual
legal profession drinks; South Coastal Women’s Health Service 21st celebrations and the WA Consumer Protection Awards luncheon.

I often talk about the importance of community legal education (CLE). I believe that having the knowledge to be able to make an informed decision is key to successful participation in society. As usual with SCALES’ CLE work, I regularly think of all the CLE we are not able to do due to resource restrictions. I was therefore pleasantly surprised when I reviewed the CLE that we have managed to do. Thanks to Danielle Healey who gamely plugs away at the CLE that alongside her other busy role as tenant advocate. There is a further detailed report on CLE within this Annual Report.

As mentioned in the Chairperson’s report, the Commonwealth government has removed the work of law and policy reform from the contract CLCs sign. All Commonwealth CLC funding contracts have been extended to June 2015 to bring Legal Aid, ALS, family violence legal services and CLCs into the same funding cycle. Further advice from the Attorney General’s office advises that law and policy reform should not replace front line services. Law and policy reform at SCALES is informed by our day to day “front line” work and strengthens our service, it does not detract from our service.

Discussion in the CLC sector at the moment focuses on ‘future proofing’ the CLC sector. This discussion centres on CLCs actively considering diversification of our funding base so we are not so reliant on a main or key funder. Reliance solely on government funding is another important point, with CLCs being encouraged to consider opportunities for social enterprise such as publications, training etc.

Some services have only one source of funding and this makes them very vulnerable if that funder makes changes. SCALES’ funding base comes from 6 sources with 8 programmes. While not complacent, it gives me confidence that we are in a better position than some centres. There is still a need for us to increase funding so that we can adequately and sustainably staff the service to attempt to address unmet and unexpressed legal needs. I will be participating in these discussions.

I was fortunate enough to attend two conferences in the past year, the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education and the Australian CLE Conference hosted by Griffith University in July 2013 and then shortly afterwards, the NACLC conference held in Cairns. Jeff Giddings launched his book Promoting Justice Through Clinical Legal Education, Justice Press, 2013, at the conference and SCALES was mentioned in the speech.

Anna and I have been liaising with Jeff to visit Murdoch and present supervision training, not only to SCALES staff but to a broader cohort of legal practitioners interested in expanding their supervision skills and to students seeking how to get the best out of their supervision experience.
This training is scheduled for late September 2014 and we hope it will enhance opportunities for SCALES and Murdoch students to do their practical legal training.

This year Amanda Blake and Kirsty Fentiman were admitted to practice law, congratulations to both of you. It is so nice to maintain relationships with former students, having Mary Clark come on staff as the domestic and family violence solicitor was another alumni moment. Mary decided to move on to greener pastures in May 2014 and I am pleased to report that Tracey (George) Collier has joined the team in that position. Tracey comes to us from Gosnells CLC where she practiced in a similar position, she is also experienced in tenancy and family law property matters.

Clea and Amanda maintain the legal practice ensuring that our clients receive quality legal services. Both have a diverse practice, with Clea continuing her specialty in family law as well as criminal injuries compensation (CIC), tenancy and consumer matters (etc!). Amanda continues to practice in criminal, tenancy, CIC and consumer matters and is working on increasing her knowledge of family law. Raelene Murphy provides admin support to Amanda one day per week to ensure that the management of the legal practice runs smoothly.

Amanda Blake is progressing through her restricted practice, working mainly in tenancy with some family and family violence matters. She has attended court a number of times and has already had a trial. Danielle and Amanda both provide services at the Rockingham Magistrates Court each week with the TACS duty advice service to tenants on Tuesday morning and to VRO respondents through an information session held each Wednesday.

Much of Danielle’s caseload is associated with a high risk of eviction to homelessness. Danielle not only works on the clients’ tenancy matters, she also regularly attends case management meetings with other services as part of her support to maintain tenants’ housing. Dan also participates in two local homeless committees.

I couldn’t do what I do without the support of Rhonda and Novela. I have recently been reminded of the amazing work that both of these women do when they were both absent at the same time! Needless to say I am in awe of them and the role they play here at SCALES. We will have had five staff now eligible for long service leave, that is Rhonda, Novela, Anna, Amanda and myself. That is pretty remarkable for a small community organisation.

Sadly, our friend and colleague, Judith Quinlivan lost her long battle with
cancer in March of this year. Judith worked part time at SCALES over the past 18 months doing some family law work and had just taken over the role of LPM Coordinator when she resigned from SCALES late in 2013. While only with us for a relatively short time, Judith quickly became a good friend, she often brought her dog Magic with her and we miss them both in the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Management Committee for their support in this past year, Judith Parker resigned due to ill health earlier in the year, we send our warm wishes and thanks for her support of SCALES over its lifetime. Fred Reibeling, Darryn Hall and Mieke Dixon have also recently left the committee due to other responsibilities. Thanks to you and all the very best for your future, don't worry, we will keep in touch!

What do we have to look forward to in the next year?

The restructure of the clinical legal education units, the commencement of the Introduction to Clinical Legal Education unit in 2015; more opportunities for practical legal placements; finishing the last stage of NACLC accreditation; our 10,000th client and our 800th law clinic student and our 18th birthday.

I can't wait! Thanks for your of your continued support, I look forward to working with you in the future.
The Legal Practice provided advice and assistance to over 1,240 clients facing injustice, or whose life circumstances are affected by their legal problem.

Our assistance ranged from meeting with the clients, providing information and referrals, giving advice (either one-off or ongoing), managing clients, making calls, researching the law, advocating, writing submissions, drafting documents, filing initiating applications, responding to applications and negotiating disputes.

We supervised 35 students at SCALES in Rockingham, complied with our insurance obligations (another “no issues” cross check), developed and presented training, admitted Amanda, attended the Perth Family Relationship Centre, turned up to the Tenant’s Advice and Court Service (TACS) every Tuesday, delivered our Respondent’s Information Session at the Rockingham Magistrate’s Court every Wednesday, and hosted the Tenant’s Advice Line until Tenancy WA Inc. was up and running, providing advice and assistance to a further 2,300 clients from across WA.

Some of our most memorable matters included:

- Drafting an urgent application to remove a 17 year old child from the Australian Federal Watch List. Our client’s son was on his way to the long awaited school trip to NASA space camp when he was stopped by the Federal Police and was prevented from getting on the plane. Fortunately, we were able to work out the issue (the client didn’t know what was going on), draft the documents, and send the client to the Family Court to get an urgent listing to remove the order. Outcome: The application was successful and her son met up with the class in America within 24 hours.

- Representing an indigenous family who were being evicted by the Department of Housing for “disruptive behaviour”. The consequence for the family of the termination was eviction to homelessness and apprehension of the children by the Department of Child Protection and Family Support. Outcome: The Court agreed that arguing in your home or knocking on someone’s door for help did not amount to an interference with the reasonable peace of the neighbour. The tenants remained in the property with their children.
• We filed an urgent application to cancel an Interim VRO made by the client’s ex-husband and father of her disabled adult child. The terms of the VRO prevented the client spending any time with the adult child, in circumstances where she had been his primary carer for 18 years and saw him or spoke to him every day that he had been in his father’s care (6 months). The other party had also taken over the management of the child’s trust fund and unilaterally decided to sell the house without consulting the client.

Outcome: We negotiated with the father, who ultimately withdrew all of his applications and did not turn up to Court on the day of the hearing.

• Drafting an application to the District Court to lift a life suspension from holding or obtaining a motor driver’s licence.

Outcome: The client’s application was successful, enabling him to go back to his country and finally drive the car he had purchased from redress money.

Amanda moves Amanda’s admission

On 7 November 2013, Amanda was admitted to the Supreme Court – she is our first lawyer to progress through SCALES from student to certified practitioner.
Hello Tracey!

Tracey Collier joined our legal practice this year as the solicitor managing our Family and Domestic Violence practice. Tracey is a familiar face, having been a student at SCALES in 2006.

Tracey has come from a community legal centre background. She completed her articles and restricted practice at Gosnells Community Legal Centre, spent some time in private practice, and returned to Gosnells before accepting the position at SCALES.

Social Housing Tenancy News

Disputes with the Department of Housing continue to make up a large proportion of our tenancy matters.

This year, it has all been about the recently inserted section 75A of the Residential Tenancies Act 1987. Under this section, a social housing tenant can be evicted from their home if they engage in “disruptive behaviour” and the Court finds that the behaviour justifies termination.

In March, SCALES developed and delivered training to WA Tenant Advocates about the new section 75A. The purpose of the training was to provide training to advocates about the interpretation of the section, and potential arguments for our clients while the section was largely untested. The training was attended by tenant advocates from all over WA and the feedback was positive.

Grandparents as primary carers

There has been a noticeable increase in clients who are grandparents with the primary care of their grandchildren.

We supported 3 separate grandparent carers through the entire Family Court process in the last year. We have provided many others with advice and assistance with initiating documents that have resulted in matters being resolved very early in the court process.

As one of our clients with the primary care of their great grandchild commented:

“The legal aspect has been a bit of a minefield. It is comforting to have help through the process. All our questions have been answered and we are more confident going to court.”

Amanda McGow
Principal Solicitor
Most Common Legal Practice Issues

Family Law

Family Law and Family Violence matters just over 50% of SCALES’ work with almost half of those client having experienced domestic and family violence.

The most common issues include:

- Domestic and family violence
- Who a child lives with or spends time with
- Property – marriage, de facto, other
- Children’s matters (taking child overseas, child protection, child support, DNA testing, changing name)
- Divorce or separation

Criminal Law

Interestingly, when I speak to people about CLCs they often assume that criminal law matters are the bulk of our legal practice, at SCALES it is approximately 6.5% of the overall practice. There were 56 criminal matters dealt with this year.

The most common issues include:

- Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences
- Theft and related offences
- Property damage and environmental offences
- Acts intended to cause injury

Civil Law

Civil Law is diverse with our main issues being tenancy, immigration, criminal injuries compensation, consumer, immigration and complaints against government services. Civil Law matters are just under half of SCALES’ work with Tenancy being the largest issue accounting for over half of the civil matters..

The Tenant Advice Line WA interim service hosted by SCALES is reported separately.

- The most common issues include:
- Tenancy matters -termination by lessor; rent; bond; repairs; other
- Criminal injuries compensation
- Immigration Refugee/Protection Visa
- Civil legal system or process
- Civil restraining orders
Tenants Advice Line WA

SCALES continued to host the Interim Tenants Advice Line until February 2014 when we handed it over to the new CLC Tenancy WA. The 3 month project lived in our back room for 13 months.

This is another great partnership that SCALES has participated in. The staff of the advice line did an amazing job over those 13 months. We also managed to maintain the telephone numbers for the new service which ensured a more seamless handover to the new service. Well done to our partners WRAS and NSCLC for their work as well.

Congratulations and welcome to the CLC sector to the new Tenancy WA team, three of whom are SCALES Alumni, Managing Solicitor, Kate Davis, Solicitors Dean Tingey and Aoning Li

SCALES played a part in the tender submission and development of the service Tenancy WA. We are very proud that we were able to maintain and operated this important service to tenants.

In total TAL provided 4,792 one off advices to 3,770 people.

Life is much quieter at SCALES without the Tenant Advice Line crew. I cannot show you any of their Freaky Friday theme days as I promised them I wouldn’t.
Client Statistics

In the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, SCALES gave advice to 734 people in the form of one off advice, case work, negotiation, advocacy or representation.

A further 1,510 people were assisted with information and referrals where SCALES could not assist due to lack of resources, area of law or time frame needed.

Information and Referral Activities (No legal advice) 1,510

Clients assisted 734

(New clients 498, Repeat clients 142; Existing Clients 94)

Advice (one off) Activities 958

Cases Opened 313

Cases Closed 197

Minor cases closed (0-5 hrs) 113

Medium cases closed (6-20 hrs) 59

Major cases closed (20 hrs and over) 25

Cases Ongoing (open) at 1 July 2013 116

Number of clients represented 143

(Note that some clients will have been represented on more than on occasion)

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**Gender**

- Male: 33%
- Female: 67%
Case Studies

Case Study 1

The client sought help with her application for a Violence Restraining Order (VRO) against her ex-partner following his objection to the interim VRO. Their two small daughters were also protected by the interim VRO. M was very scared because there had been ongoing mental, physical and verbal abuse including being held against her will.

She received legal advice about her VRO application and was represented at the mention hearing in Rockingham Magistrates Court (RMC). The ex-partner consented to the order being made final as long as there was a provision that he could contact the client via text or email specifically about arrangements to see the children. This amendment was made and the order was made final for a period of 2 years.

The client then followed up seeking family law advice on children’s matters. Following this advice she felt confident enough to then engage in family dispute resolution to arrange a parenting plan knowing that the final VRO was in place to protect both her and her children.

Case Study 2

The client initially approached SCALES for advice about her VRO application against her mother. She had grown up in a household where family and domestic violence (FDV) was rife and the Department for Child Protection had been involved with her family from when she was little. Our client had managed to cut ties with her family and her mother, brother and father were all incarcerated for serious criminal offences.

However, now she was concerned about her family's safety because her mother, while on parole, had threatened to arrange for her to be sexually assaulted, kill our client and to terrorise her partner and children.

After being imprisoned for breaching parole conditions, the mother continued to send threats. As the mother’s release was coming up, our client applied for a VRO to protect her family, the mother objected to the VRO.

SCALES represented at the mention hearing and the matter was set for a final order hearing. There was a very involved history of severe abuse and physical assaults and we were successful in assisting the client with an application for a grant of legal aid for representation at the final order hearing. She now has a private legally aided solicitor to represent her at her final order hearing. The client was very grateful for the assistance that SCALES provided.
Case Study 3

A community housing provider applied to court to evict a tenant on the basis that the tenant had breached the tenancy agreement by not paying the water consumption costs.

The tenant did not attend the hearing and orders were made to evict the tenant. The tenant has four children and cares for a partner that suffers from significant health issues.

SCALES successfully negotiated with the community housing provider and the community housing provider agreed to enter into a new tenancy agreement with the tenant.

Case Study 4

The Department of Housing applied to court to evict a social housing tenant on the basis that the tenant had received three “strikes” for “objectionable behavior.” Some of the complaints involved the tenant’s ex-partner coming to the house and inflicting violence on the tenant.

The tenant has a young child and was at risk of eviction to homelessness and of the child being taken into care by the Department of Child Protection and Family Services.

SCALES assisted the client and were successful in dismissing the application.
Client Testimonials

Dear Amanda, Thanks for the letters you have sent I will be forwarding them onto Professionals and to the Property Manager. Thank you for your help and hopefully the newly elected Government will fund the needs of your office. Kind regards

Dear Amanda and staff, many thanks for your advice and assistance, was greatly appreciated. Regards

A big Thank you to both of you, without you both I wouldn’t have got through this ... I’m amazed the work put into it. Very professional. ... Thank you for making my world shine bright again.

Thanks. To all SCALES staff. I would like to say thank you so much to all of your help and time. I am grateful and thankful and appreciated everything.

Dear Mary, I just want to personally thank you for all your help regarding my VRO and say how happy I am with the services that SCALES provides ... I was very satisfied and grateful to SCALES for making this situation easier on me and less stressful. Thank you.

Dear Danielle, I would like to thank you (SCALES) and the rest of the team for spending endless hours sorting through my papers to prepare for the trial against the Department of Housing which I went on to win.

Clea, Thank you so much, I couldn’t have done it without you. Thanks

Dear Danielle, Thank you very much for the support you gave to ‘our client’. Safe At Home are very grateful for the excellent services you provided to her. Kind regards, Linda and Erin, Safe At Home

Clea, Thanking you for everything you have done for me. You’ve been there for me when no one else would take me on. Thanks a lot.

To SCALES staff, Big thank you for your professional work on winning my bond back.

Having your support bring about my outcome felt great not being alone. My daughter and I are so grateful for having no debt and freedom from the agent. ... We can now enjoy our new house that Keystart helped us with. Thank you for ongoing support.

Dear Danielle, I want to thank you so much for your help today. The landlord has done a complete 360 and is giving me a full refund. I feel so much stronger after this, it was really getting me down. Once again, thanks, I appreciate all you did for me.
Community Legal Education

Danielle Healey is the champion of community legal education office, she keeps us on task and ensures we think about and act on community education as part of our day to day work. Danielle and Gai do the bulk of the community legal education at SCALES although Tracey has also expressed interest so will no doubt be press ganged into that team.

VRO Respondents Information Session

There were 46 information sessions held at the Rockingham Magistrates Court for Respondents of VROs.

Three quarters of the audience were male and for both male and females, the most prominent age range was from 21 to 40 years of age.

An impressive 274 people attended over the year, 43 support people, 8 legal representatives with the balance of 223 people being VRO Respondents about to appear in Court.

S75A Workshop (Public Evictions)

SCALES’ staff including Amanda McGow, Anna Copeland and Danielle Healey worked closely on this workshop. They partnered with the recently opened Tenancy WA service to present a workshop to around 35 tenant advocates from across the state.

Other CLE examples are:

Information stalls at community events

- Rockingham Harmony Day, Rockingham Community Fair, Kwinana Festival, Murdoch Open Day, Rockingham Seniors Expo, Rockingham, Kwinana and Mandurah Domestic and Family Violence Conference

Presentations on SCALES, community legal centres and/or legal matters

- Rockingham, Kwinana and Mandurah Domestic and Family Violence Conference,
- Challenger TAFE, young mums group
- Challenger TAFE, community services students
- Perth Family Relationships Centre
- Better Futures, Local Solutions
Law and Policy Reform

While there has been concern over the recent removal of law and policy reform from Commonwealth funding contracts, SCALES will continue to make submissions on issues when possible.

Many of the projects carried out this year have been mentioned within various reports, we have also worked with Amnesty International, lending support in the form of endorsement on some of their campaigns.

Other examples of law and policy projects are:

- Campaign to combat evictions
- Human Rights in Western Australia, a Report Card on Developments in 2013
- Joint NGO Report on Australia’s Human Rights Record
- WA Law Reform Commission Project 104 Enhancing Family and Domestic Violence Laws.
Clinical Legal Education Report

The development of Clinical Legal Education has continued this year picking up pace.

We continue to offer the general clinic plus two specialised clinics in Family Law and Human Rights. In addition we have developed a programme which allows a small number of our alumni to return and undertake their practical legal placement within the Clinical programme. This means that students can meet the practice requirements needed for admission into all Australian jurisdictions. This development has also enriched our undergraduate programme by providing more senior students to act as peer supports. This mirrors legal practice more broadly by providing an environment with more junior practitioners learning, not only from their supervisors but also from more senior practitioners who work alongside them providing both support and assistance.

In addition, this year we have also offered externships in a number of external practices and law related environments. We have had two students undertake these externships at the Office of the Criminal Injuries Assessor as well as two who were placed at the Youth Affairs Council of WA. While they are placed in external workplaces, they also undertake the reflective practice aspect of our clinical programme allowing them to not only gain practical experience but also use it to think through their role as a lawyer and also consider the broader impact or law in society.

The support from the School of Law for our Clinical programme has been a major factor in allowing us to develop in this way. However, the impetus has come from the growing number of alumni and other students who expressed enthusiasm in the role of Clinical education and how it can assist them in making the transition from law student to practitioner.

In addition, the CLE programme at Murdoch has been an active part of a national research project in Clinical Legal Education which saw the publication this year of the Best Practices in Australian Legal Education. http://law.monash.edu.au/about-us/legal/olt-project. This publication drew on a wide survey of existing clinical work and serves as a timely and useful guide for clinicians. The project which was undertaken by 6 Clinical legal Educators from across the country will culminate in the publication of a more discursive book later this year.

There are more developments to come which will allow more students to access CLE while also improving and deepening the educative and skills acquisition aspects of the course. The developments and successes of this programme are only possible due to the wonderful and generous collaboration with SCALES Community Legal Centre. SCALES is one of the highest functioning CLCs in the country and its commitment to student learning, remarkable in itself, is all the more incredible given that it exists alongside the unrelenting and growing needs of its client base.

Anna CopeLand
Human Rights Clinic Report

The Human Rights Clinic based on campus at Murdoch has had some stand out successes this year. We won a case taken to the United Nations Human Rights Committee on behalf of our client, a Congolese man who had suffered torture and imprisonment. We have successfully represented families facing eviction under the Department of Housings three strikes policy.

Evictions that would have resulted in homelessness for them and their children. We have continued to represent many asylum seekers, in the face of increasingly punitive legislative and policies approaches. We have also been representing a number of clients regarding the conditions in detention centres and prisons and we have taken on a number of coronial inquest matters.

L-R Jade Roberts, Priya Gunendra, Ashley Williams, Daniel Cave, Braeden Watts, Louisa Miller and Anna Copeland.

This was for the Wilson vs the Director of Corrective Services case regarding the transfer of the boys from Banksia Hill to Hakea - full article is on the law school website - media archives
In addition to the case work, we have also engaged in law reform and policy work making many submission including the following:

- Directed review into an incident at Banksia Hill Detention Centre.  

- Letter to the Special Rapporteur on Housing. *Compiled by UPR-info (Geneva)*

- Interim Report on Australia’s compliance with the Universal Periodic Review. *Compiled by UPR-info (Geneva)*

Anna Copeland  
Director, Clinical Legal Education
Media Coverage on systemic issues: Clinical Programme (Murdoch)

We have engaged with the media on a number of human rights issues including:

**7 July 2014  Channel News Asia; News**
**Interview regarding the Sri Lankans being held off shore**
Discussion of the unprecedented steps taken by the Australian Government to keep a boatload of Sri Lankans in Australian vessels with a view to returning them.

**11 April 2014  Radio Adelaide 101.5 FM**
**Unwinding the Law**
Report for National Youth Week on the high rates of youth incarceration. Anna Copeland, [Director of Clinical Legal Programmes], Murdoch University, says WA is not doing well in the detention of youths. She says Aboriginal children are overrepresented in the figures.

**10 April 2014  RTR FM Radio, Perth WA, Morning Magazine**
**Kickstart Youth festival - Interview**
Interview with WA Police Sergeant, Graham White and Anna Copeland, School of Law Director of Clinical Legal Programmes at Murdoch University to discuss the Kickstart Youth Forum hosted by Ms Copeland.

**20 February 2014  Armadale Examiner, Perth WA; Canning Examiner, Perth**
**Document leak sparks privatisation debate:**
Director of Clinical Legal Programmes at Murdoch University Anna Copeland said the danger in privatising corrective services was the risk there would not be enough checks and balances in place to protect people in custodial care

**20 February 2014  Gold Coast Radio News; Smooth FM 95.3 Sydney, News, 6PR Perth, News**
**Asylum-seeker information on the net:**
The Immigration Department is being urged to contact every asylum seeker whose personal details were accidentally published on the internet. Anna Copeland, Murdoch University, says the privacy breach will leave many asylum seekers in more danger in their home countries.
30 January 2014  ABC 720 radio, mornings with Geoff Hutchison
Discussion of Tenancy Rights

Discussion of consumer issues with Dave Hillyard from Consumer Protection focused on tenancy rights and interviewed Anna Copeland about the tenancy advice offered through SCALES and the Murdoch Clinical Programme.

25 November 2013  RTR FM
Human Rights and Wrongs

Interview with Anna Copeland, Director of the Clinical Programme about the upcoming Arts for Amnesty event at which Ms Copeland is the keynote speaker. Included discussion of a range of human rights issues from refugee rights, levels of aboriginal incarceration and marriage equality.

25 October 2013  SBS World News Australia; Ethnic Radio Melbourne
The language used in the asylum seeker debate is again under scrutiny.

Discussion of the above topic with various academics: extensively quotes Anna Copeland Director of Clinical programmes.

25 October 2013  Pacific Island News Association
Australia ‘neglecting UN obligations’ by deporting West Papuan asylum seekers

Discussion of the situation including a quote from Anna Copeland, Director of Clinical Programmes regarding our obligations under the refugee convention and international law.

http://www.pina.com.fj/?p=pacnews&m=read&o=41885191452699adba309698256d74

24 October 2013  SBS World News Australia Radio
Is it right to describe asylum seekers as ‘illegal’?

Discussion of the above topic with various academics: extensively quotes Anna Copeland Director of Clinical programmes.

Forgotten: a lonely life lived without hope

Client of the Human Rights Clinic, Mr Peter Qasim has been on a bridging visa for 8 years...


26 August 2013 The Guardian

Juvenile inmates 'being singled out for harsher treatment' after riot

Discusses the work being done by the Human Rights Clinic for detainees


23 August 2013 ABC News

There is new pressure on the WA Government to ease the three strikes policy

There is new pressure on the WA Government to ease the three strikes policy for public housing tenants due to the consequences of eviction. The Department of Housing says that Frances Narrier, Tenant has had enough chances. Anna Copeland, SCALES Community Legal Centre, Murdoch University says a project they have undertaken hopes to change attitudes to eviction. Shelter WA wants the housing minister to abolish the category of minor complaints

23 August 2013 ABC Radio

Afternoons with Gillian O'Shaughnessy; The Word with Andrew O'Connor, presenter, 730 WA

O'Connor notes that a SCALES Community Legal Centre study at the Murdoch University is running test cases for a new provision in the Residential Tenancy Act that does allow scope for magistrates to weigh up the seriousness of the complaint versus the seriousness of the consequences of applying eviction. O'Connor plays a clip in which Anna Copeland, Murdoch University notes that evictions have detrimental effects on mental and physical health.
Law Clinic Students

Semester 2 2013

L390 General
Ai Mei Nguyen  
Alexander Bellotti  
Chadley Heslop  
Jessica Crouch  
Jessica Podmore  
Luci Carey  
Malcolm Bradley  
Yatiksha Magan  
Asha Devi Selathurai  
Michelle Trainer  
Nicole Harrowfield  
Nigel Lo  
Renae Smith  
Shota Hitomi  
Sri Krothapally

L385 Family
Joel Reitze  
Lyndsay Barrett  
Rebecca Leighton  
Sandy Roberts  
Zade Allen

L385 Human Rights
Hannah Lucas  
Farid Popal  
Najette Alaraibi  
Szu-shen Tham  
Rosie Blakey-Scholes  
Elyse Fernandez  
Llifen Palacios Nunez  
Lynda Tully  
Jasmine Watts  
Pauline Costins
Semester 1 2014

L390 General
Ashleigh Antoine
Caleb Mudhan
Elizabeth Htwe
Jaime Lee O’Brien
Katerina Dolega
Patricia Blake
Alison Ho
Brodie Lewis
David Marshall
Hayley Barbarich
Lisa Kitchen
Stephanie Moussart

L385 Human Rights
Alexandria Bishop
Ananya Mittra
Dawn Alfreds
Kate Reynolds
Matthew Poprzechny
Rhea Thomas
Saravanarajah Logarajah
Sumaiyah Abdul Kader

L385 Family
Wednesday
Aaron Brown
Berina Causevic
Christopher Watson

Human Rights Interns
Abbey Cross
Sophia Greenwood

L385 Juvenile Justice
Hannah Lucas
Uifen Palacios Nunes
Elyse Fernandez
Najelte Alaraibi
Student Gallery
Student Testimonials

My experience at SCALES has helped me learn a lot about myself as a future lawyer. One concern I had about studying law was whether I would find the work satisfying. I definitely have. I think my experience at SCALES has also helped me to think about the law in new and broader ways.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience at SCALES and feel as though I have learned so much in such a supportive environment. I found the workload to be perfect, and I liked the fact that the work was very varied. I feel as though I was given a lot of independence to learn and try while also knowing that my supervisors would keep me on the right track.

The seminars felt perfectly aligned with where we were at with the practical work. The seminars provided an excellent opportunity for me to reflect on the work I had been doing.

While I am only in the second year of my degree, I feel as though my experience at SCALES came at the right time for me. It allowed me to experience how the theory of law is applied to practical situations.

Michelle Trainer

It has been very challenging, very time consuming, but I think it is definitely the most accurate reflection of ‘life after university’ that one can ever hope to get without practical work placements. I am definitely glad that I have done it!

Sandy Roberts

Overall, SCALES has been an opportunity of a lifetime. I feel very lucky and blessed to have been able to participate in the general clinic where I have been exposed to a variety of legal problems. It has allowed me to evaluate what area of law I would like to practice in. I am grateful to all the SCALES’ staff especially Amanda, Clea, Rhonda, Raelene, Novela, Danielle, Gai and Anna for their patience and support throughout this experience.

Nigel Lo

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at SCALES. The experience I have gained has been invaluable. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to work at the clinic. I would definitely recommend the SCALES programme to other law students.

Lyndsay Barrett

I have really enjoyed my time at SCALES and really appreciate the help and experience that has been offered.

I also found the reflection presentations that took place in the seminars very interesting. It was great to hear from the human rights students and their experiences as it was quite different to the matters that come through the general clinic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my supervisors for their help throughout the semester and constant support that they gave me.

Yatiksha Magan
The reason I applied for SCALES was firstly to put my knowledge into practice, and secondly because I am interested in the types of law SCALES deals with and wanted to know whether it was for me or not.

I now know after my time at SCALES that I definitely made the right choice in studying to become a lawyer, the happiness I feel knowing I am on the right track to be working in something that I love and enjoy has been the greatest personal development for me.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at SCALES. It has given me great insight into life as a lawyer and confirmation that this is the right path for me.

Thank you to all the staff at SCALES.

Jessica Podmore

I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience I gained at SCALES. The staff are fantastic in the support they give to students and show an incredible amount of patience in answering all of our questions.

Patricia Blake

I think SCALES helped me a lot in improving my skills as a future lawyer and human rights defender. I received some good constructive feedback from my supervisors. In my opinion SCALES is making a valuable contribution to the community.

In our meeting with the staff from UWA, I highly recommended a similar service to be provided and run from UWA. The population in WA is significantly increasing and there is increasing demand for community run legal services.

Overall my experience with SCALES was positive and I was lucky to enrol and attend this unit. I thank all the staff at SCALES, particularly my supervisors for their time and effort to train me as a future lawyer.

Farid Popal

I truly believe my experience at SCALES has been an invaluable one and the opportunity of a lifetime. Not only has it helped me determine my career path, it has given me important skills to take into my professional career.

Alexandria Bishop
Experts in their field, our authors provide accessible information to WA lawyers through updated chapters in the specific areas of law that they specialise in.

The Manual has been supporting the legal profession in this way since 2005 and continues to be updated regularly by the team of local specialist practitioners who are our commissioned authors. The base of authors and areas of law being published in the Lawyers Practice Manual WA continues to expand.

In particular, SCALES supports this publication as being a highly valuable resource for law students and new lawyers entering the profession.

With the wide range of enactments being passed by our Federal and State Parliaments it is important to maintain the currency of the Lawyers Practice Manual WA. In order to do this, we have additional chapters being developed for the forthcoming year with other chapter under regular review.

Chapters updated and adapted for Western Australia over the past year published were:

6.5 Debt recovery by Centrelink and the Family Assistance Office
6.3 Using the Freedom of Information Act (Commonwealth)
18.2 Application for refugee status
12.1 Commonwealth Workers Compensation
18.1 Immigration law

During the financial year 2013/14 key updates were conducted by the following contributing Western Australian authors and SCALES would like to acknowledge the following work:

Chapter 5.1 Application for divorce, updated by Trevor McKenna, Legal Practitioner of the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Courts of Western Australia, NSW and Tasmania; and,

Chapter 6.6 Using the Freedom of Information Act (WA), updated by Tim Kennedy, Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

We are excited to have the following practitioners on board who have kindly agreed to write and update chapters in their specialty area for publication in the new year:

14.1 Residential tenancies in WA, Kate Davis, Tenancy WA Inc.
3.8 Pleas in mitigation; 3.9 Driving offences and 3.11 Social Security Fraud, Andrew Robson, Legal Aid
3.10 Stealing from a retail store, Natasha Erlandson, Legal Aid
4.1 Child protection orders, Stephen Walker, Fremantle Chambers
1.4 Acting for clients with AIDS; 3.3 Bail applications; 3.5 Appeals to the Supreme Court in criminal matters; 3.6 Preparation and conduct of criminal matters in the Magistrates Court; 12.3 Appealing Workcover decisions, Patrick Mugliston, Francis Burt Chambers.

We are delighted that Patrick has offered to write four new chapters to further develop the scope of the Lawyers Practice Manual:

- Criminal defences
- Civil procedure in Magistrates Court (as well as criminal)
- Use of expert evidence in all jurisdiction
- Therapeutic Jurisprudence.

It is my privilege to be the newly appointed WA Co-ordinator for this most worthwhile publication, and my thanks go to the team at SCALES and Thomson-Reuters for their support and ongoing encouragement.

Anna Notley
Coordinator LPM WA
Rockingham, Kwinana, Mandurah Domestic and Family Violence Conference

25 and 26 June 2014

Over eighty delegates took time out from their day to day responsibilities to attend the Rockingham, Kwinana and Mandurah Domestic and Family Violence Conference held on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June 2014 held at the Murdoch University Rockingham Campus.

Local domestic and family violence services were keen to recommence regular events to keep in touch and maintain best practices. This event provided opportunities to celebrate and showcase innovation, research and key trends. Delegates participated in professional development, networking, community awareness and education, training, sharing projects and ideas, as well as having time and space to share experiences with their peers dealing with similar issues and clients.

The aim was to host a local domestic and family violence (DFV) conference bringing together local and further afield specialist DFV people, services and mainstream agencies to discuss issues faced by this community, victims of DFV and services dealing with people who have been affected. During the two day event, over 30 presenters spoke on their work, issues faced by families experiencing domestic and family violence and introduced their services.

The Lucy Saw Centre for the Prevention and Intervention of Domestic and Family Violence, South Coastal Women’s Health Service and SCALES Community Legal Centre took on the role of conference organisers contributing with funds, staff time, contacts and expertise. All three services contributed to the content of the conference.

To broaden the reach of the conference, Day 1 included a morning “Introduction to Domestic and Family Violence” workshop held for new workers to the region and/or to the field of domestic and family violence. An information ‘Expo’ showcasing local services in Rockingham, Kwinana and Mandurah aimed at community members as well as local community and government services was held in the afternoon.

Sponsorship for the conference included a grant for $2,500 from the Department for Communities, use of rooms and lecture theatres as the Rockingham campus of
the Murdoch University. The Lucy Saw Centre and South Coastal Women’s Health contributed $2,500 each while SCALES oversaw the organisation of the conference. A call for papers went to the DFV sector, government, academia and the community to bring their experience, projects and expertise to conference.

Presenters included police officers, representatives from victims and perpetrator services, representatives of CaLD, ATSI and women with disabilities, court staff, counsellors and community legal centres.

Keynote speakers on the morning of Day 2 aptly set the scene for the day. DV survivor, Alison Aldagul opened the conference where she spoke of her and her children’s experiences as victims of domestic and family violence, outlining their encounters with various services following their escape from their abuser and the complexity of the ‘justice system’ in seeking safety for herself and her children. It was an inspiring and appropriate reminder to all present of the reason for our work.

The second keynote speaker Angela Hartwig, Chief Executive Officer of the Women’s Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) (Women’s Council) spoke of role of the women’s council’s work as a peak body for family and domestic violence services including women’s refuges. Her presentation on the importance of the language that we use when speaking about domestic and family violence was very powerful.

Delegates ranged from NGO admin workers through to Chief Executive Officers, government client liaison, student work placements and support workers through to policy makers. The range of delegate occupations and organisations reflect the complexity and diversity of the issues faced by victims or survivors of domestic and family violence.

Day 1 Introduction to Domestic and Family Violence Workshop

Anne Moore, Executive Officer, the Lucy Saw Centre for the Prevention and Intervention of Domestic and Family Violence.

Anne prepared the programme and was the keynote speaker.

Workshop presenters: Melissa Russell and Amanda Ahearn, WA Police with Anne Moore and Helen Lauwers, Lucy Saw.

Day 1 Community Services Expo
Babbingur Mia staff, Moira, Jodi and Karri
Sausage sizzle and tea and coffee

Workshop participants at the Expo
South Coastal Women’s stand  City of Kwinana Healthy Lifestyles stand

Relationships Australia, 4families and Royal Commission counselling service

**Day 2 Sundowner and conference close**

Cr Richard Smith and Bev Jowle  
Officially closing the conference

Shaman Sioux and Gai Walker
Keynote speaker Catherine Aldugul
With child health nurse Paula

Angela Hartwig, Women’s Council
With Anne Moore

Entertainment at the Sundowner was Catch music, they did a fantastic job, a great way to wind down after two busy days.
Domestic Violence Legal Workers' Network

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

Funding and coordination
The Network is funded by the State Attorney General’s Department and is coordinated by four community legal centres; Fremantle Community Legal Centre, Gosnells Community Legal Centre and SCALES Community Legal Centre (each of which employ a DV solicitor through the funding received) and the Women’s Law Centre (which employs the Network Coordinator).

Collaborative support model
Recognising that DV solicitors often work in isolation, the Network was developed as a collaborative support model. Regular meetings for caseworkers encourage a collegiate and collaborative approach to one’s work and ensure that solicitors are supported with opportunities for networking and collaborating, can explore and strategise ways to overcome individual casework issues, are able to collectively identify training needs, identify issues and trends within policy, law and procedure, to strategise for resolutions and reform, and to ensure the best outcomes for clients.

Resourcing the Network
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, programmes, 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.

Representation and consultation
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.

Policy and law reform
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 is in relation to family law, restraining orders, criminal injuries compensation, anti-discrimination, the State Prevention Strategy (FDV), the National Plan of Action to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, the National Human Rights Action Plan and Human Rights Law. Accordingly, we undertake projects and monitor legislation in all of these areas and also in other areas as issues arise.

An example of our work this year

The main project the Network championed this year was in relation to the Law Reform Commission of WA’s Inquiry into Enhancing Laws Concerning Family and Domestic Violence. Caseworkers from the Network met with the Law Reform Commission shortly after the Inquiry was announced to provide preliminary views and information to inform the consultation. We also met with the Commission further into the consultation to provide more feedback and follow up information. We also provided the Commission with some of our previous law reform advocacy work relevant to the terms of the Inquiry.

In conjunction with the Women’s Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA), the Network held a joint consultation forum for professionals who work with clients navigating through the legal system in relation to FDV-related issues. We also jointly develop a community survey to further gauge and consult in relation to developing a submission. Caseworkers also met separately to further strategise. The end result was a widely-consulted submission to the Inquiry which addressed all 53 proposals and 29 questions and drew on the experiences of professionals working in the area and their clients.

The Network was thrilled to be extensively quoted in the Final Report, with many of our arguments taken on board. You can review the Discussion Paper and Final Report here: http://www.lrc.justice.wa.gov.au/P/proj ect_104.aspx?uid=2210-2663-2419-3272

The Network eagerly awaits the next stage of the process which involves the Government response to the Final Report.

Getting involved

If you are interested in finding out more about our policy and law reform work, are interested in contributing your views or clients’ case studies or wish to be a member of the Network, please feel free to contact our centre.

On behalf of the Network, thank you to all people and organisations who contributed to the objectives of the Network this year. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to social justice and the promotion and protection of the rights of victims of FDV.

Heidi Guldbaek
Coordinator, DVLWN
FRC Legal Assistance Partnership Programme

Child disputes and family law

In recent years family law in Australia has shifted away from long and costly court battles between separating parents, towards encouraging parents to settle their disputes about arrangements for their children outside of Court.

Underpinning the current family law system is the importance of promoting healthy family relationships, preventing conflict during separation, encouraging agreement rather than litigation and, where a child’s safety is not at risk, promoting the right of children to have meaningful relationships with both parents.

This shift has partially been achieved by requiring disputing parties to attend compulsory family dispute resolution (FDR) before they are able to make an application to the Court for a parenting order.

Generally (unless there is an issue of family violence/child abuse or urgency), applicants cannot file an application for a parenting order with the Court unless they have a certificate from a family dispute resolution practitioner confirming that FDR was unsuitable or an agreement was unable to be reached.

Partnering with Family Relationship Centres to provide collaborative service delivery

In December 2009 the Federal Attorney General announced funding arrangements for a 12 month Australia-wide pilot project for community legal centres (CLCs) and legal aid commissions to provide child focused early intervention legal services at Family Relationship Centres around Australia (FRCs). FRCs provide family dispute resolution to separating parents, as well as a range of support services to families at all stages.

This change in policy was aimed at providing greater support to families in resolving their disputes and to help build a more integrated and collaborative family law system, whilst ensuring that the best interests of the child remain the primary focus of dispute resolution processes.

The policy also had the intent to enable better partnerships between FRCs and legal professionals. Following this Pilot, funding for the FRC Legal Assistance Partnerships Programme was allocated for a 3 year period from June 2010 - June 2013 and has now been extended to June 2015.
Objectives of the Partnership Programme

The Partnership Programme objectives are to:

- Assist clients to better understand their legal responsibilities and advise them in resolving their own disputes where possible;
- Increase the FRC’s flexibility in how they provide services to separated parents;
- Increase the likelihood that clients will be able to utilise legal assistance in the FRC in a timely, non-adversarial way; and
- Help maximise client safety, as clients go through separation and divorce.

Operation of the FRC Legal Assistance Programme in Western Australia

In Western Australia, a consortium of 13 CLCs practicing family law, in collaboration with the 7 FRCs have formed a child focused cooperative model of service delivery to collaboratively deliver non-adversarial, child focused family law services to the WA community, under the Programme.

To achieve the objective, the model is inclusive of:

Resource Unit (hub)

The Women’s Law Centre of WA is the resource unit or “hub” for this model and facilitates networking and professional development for solicitors in the network, as well as liaising with FRCs and other legal service providers. These hub services are managed by the Programme Coordinator.

Partnership community legal centres (spokes)

The participating CLCs or “spokes” are each partnered with a particular FRC to ensure that legal services are available to FRC clients, and delivered in partnership with FRCs in ways that enhance separating parents options and ability to resolve family law issues safely and in the children’s best interests. These services include the following and are negotiated individually between each partnership:

- Legal Advice appointments at FRCs;
- Legal advice by telephone, and at CLCs for FRC clients;
- Information sessions at FRCs;
- Information and referrals;
- Community legal education for FRC workers and clients; and
- Consent orders for clients referred from FRCs, where appropriate.

The following CLCs are partnered with the respective FRCs:

- Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre with Joondalup FRC
- Peel Community Legal Service with Mandurah FRC
- Kimberley Community Legal Service and Pilbara Community Legal Service with Broome FRC
• Geraldton Resource Centre with Geraldton FRC

• Gosnells Community Legal Centre, Goldfields Community Legal Centre, Sussex Street Community Law Service with Midland FRC

• Albany Community Legal Centre, Bunbury Community Legal Centre with Bunbury FRC

• SCALES Community Legal Centre, Sussex Street Community Law Service, Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre, Fremantle Community Legal Centre, Women's Law Centre with Perth FRC.

Network activities over the 2013/2014 year

During the 2013/2014 year the Resource Unit (Women's Law Centre) supported the Network in a variety of ways, including:

• Coordinating and resourcing network participants in both CLCs and FRCs;

• Coordinating community legal education and professional development events and resources for solicitors and FDRPS engaged in the partnership;

• Convening meetings of network participants;

• Representing the interests of the Network at stakeholder meetings;

• Providing regular updates relevant to the Network;

• Representation on the Family Pathways Network Steering Committee and the Conference and Events Sub-Committee.

WLCWA would like to thank all CLCs and FRCs involved in the Partnership Programme for their commitment to collaborative service delivery. Overall the Programme has been a success and we look forward to striving to continually improve our collaborative service delivery approaches to ensure the best outcomes for clients and their children.

Heidi Guldbaek
FRC Programme Coordinator
Committees and Networks

Staff participated in the following committees and networks:

- Better Futures/ Local Solutions (Centrelink)
- CLCAWA Legal Practice and Profession Indemnity Committee
- Clinical Legal Education Network Australia
- Community Law Australia (*to October 2013*)
- Community Legal Centre Association (CLCAWA) Executive Committee (*to October 2013*)
- Community Legal Education Workers Network WA
- Domestic Violence Legal Workers Coordinators Network
- Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network (DVLWN)
- Emerging Issues Forum – Rockingham/Kwinana
- Family Abuse and Advocacy Support Team (FAAST)
- Lawyers Practice Manual WA Editorial Committee
- Mandurah Family Relationships Centre Consortium
- National Human Rights Network
- Rockingham Family Violence Court Operational Committee
- Rockingham/Kwinana Homeless Interagency Group
- School of Law Research Committee
- South West Metropolitan Regional Working Group on Homelessness
- St Nicholas Community Centre Management Committee
- Tenancy WA Steering Committee
- Tenancy WA Board of Management
- WA CLCs Family Relationships Centre Consortium
- WA Tenancy Network – Managers and Tenant Advocates
Memberships

- Community Legal Centres Association WA
- Family Law Practitioners Association
- Law Society of Western Australia
- Migration Agent Regulation Authority (MARA)
- Migration Institute of Australia
- NACLC
- Refugee Council of Australia
- Shelter WA
- South Coastal Women’s Health Service
- 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)
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, Refugees and asylum seekers.

We strive to create a society where all members of society can participate fully and have their contributions recognised. SCALES’ role is the provision of legal services to disadvantaged members of the community and clinical legal education to students. We work towards the removal of barriers in both these areas and 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:

Physical surroundings:
- Accessible by public transport (bus stop 100 metres from building).
- Access for people with disabilities (wide door ways, ground floor, disabled parking within 10 metres, play area, toys and activities for children etc).
- Interview rooms with enough room to accommodate wheel chairs, prams and support people to attend interviews.
- Environment with artwork, posters, information for people from diverse backgrounds.

Service attributes
- Flexible free client centred service including the option for telephone advice in appropriate circumstances.
- Friendly, welcoming atmosphere at reception.
- Appropriately qualified Interpreters are provided free for all clients who need them where available including Auslan and other languages.

Attitudinal
- Respectful service to diverse cultures including religion, young people, indigenous people, people from NESB, same sex and transgender people
- A commitment to access and equity underpins all operations of SCALES.
- SCALES’ staff, students and volunteers must operate within SCALES’ access and equity policies.
Funding

Funding is a constant issue for community organisations. SCALES is no different. There is a lot of discussion in the community legal services sector about the need for diversification of funding sources. We are in a better position than many as we do already have a number of funding sources. However that should not make us complacent, we need to continually seek funding to broaden our funding base.

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**TOTAL INCOME** $1,042,375

**In Kind Support**

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<td>IT Support, EAP, training</td>
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<td>School of Law, Murdoch University</td>
<td>$156,163</td>
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<td>$9,281</td>
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**TOTAL IN KIND** $198,944

**TOTAL INCOME AND IN KIND** $1,241,319

CCLSP  Commonwealth Community Legal Services Programme
CLSP WA  Community Legal Services Programme Western Australia
DCPFS  Department for Child Protection and Family Support
DoC  Department of Commerce
DVLW  Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network
Treasurer’s Report

Statement of Operations

This surplus in the current year, as following on from a surplus in the 2013 year, is reflective of the continued tenancy advice services and related income earned in the current year as well as a further drive for strong cost control.

Consistent with the prior year, the not-for-profit sector continues to face an ongoing competitive funding environment that currently exists across the not-for-profit sector as sources of public finance contract whilst cost increases associated with market conditions and an increasing drive and expectation of improved service quality continue to exist.

Statement of Financial Position
The continued operating surpluses has ensured that the balance sheet continues to remain strong, with net current assets of $226,965 and total net assets of $273,562.

As set out in Note 4(a), cash and cash equivalents includes $177,796 of short-term deposits. These funds have been set aside from the cash at hand to settle any long-term employment liabilities as and when they arise.

Employee entitlements continue to grow each period as SCALES retains the large majority of 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.

As set out in Note 7, there was a minor capital addition during the year of $1,660, spent on computer equipment. This minor addition was more than offset by depreciation for the year of $25,388, reducing the written down value of property, plant and equipment from $70,325 in 2013 to $46,596 in the current year.

Treasurer’s Statement
This year I have taken on the role of Treasurer, filling the position previously performed by Darryn Hall. I would like to acknowledge the warm welcome and assistance I have received from all staff and Management Committee Members, in particular Managing Director Gai Walker and Finance Officer Novela Aleksic.

In my time with SCALES, I already see an abundance of enthusiasm for the continued advancement of the Association, by both staff and the Management Committee members, especially in the competitive and uncertain funding environment. I look forward to continuing to see the benefits derived by the community from the valuable services provided by SCALES.

Joshua Watts
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 2014.

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 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 2014 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
17 July 2014
Auditor's Certification

Southern Communities Advocacy Legal & Education Service Inc
Year ended 30 June 2014

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: 

[Signature]

Alan Thompson
Registered Company Auditor No 13797

Thompson Hughes & Co
17 July 2014
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

for the year ending 30 June 2014

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<td>Closing balance of accumulated surplus</td>
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# SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES ADVOCACY, LEGAL & EDUCATION SERVICE INC.

## BALANCE SHEET
as at 30th. June 2014

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<td><strong>Total non-current assets</strong></td>
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### Current liabilities

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### Equity

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### Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2014

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### Statement of Cash Flows
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<td>Receipts from funders, donations</td>
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<td>and government grants (GST inc)</td>
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<td>(887,598)</td>
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<td><strong>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</strong></td>
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<td>Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment</td>
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<td>(4,760)</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash used in Investing Activities</strong></td>
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<td>Cash at beginning of financial year</td>
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The attached notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with this statement.
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, state 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:

AASB 7 - Financial Instruments: Disclosures
AASB 112 – Income Taxes
AASB 124 – Related Party Disclosures
AASB 132 – Financial Instruments: Presentation
AASB 1004 - Contributions

(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.

(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.
Notes to and forming part of the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 30th June 2014

(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.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line and diminishing balance basis on all property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to allocate the cost or valuation less estimated residual value at the end of the useful lives of the assets against revenue over those estimated useful lives.

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.
Notes to and forming part of the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 30th June 2014

(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 programme in which it is recognised on a matching basis with respect to the stage of completion of the programme.

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.

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 dependent 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.
Notes to and forming part of the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 30th June 2014

(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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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:

| Petty Cash float          | 300   | 300   |
| Cash at bank              | 203,946| 191,852|
| Short term deposits       | 177,796| 170,704|
|                           | **382,041** | **362,856** |

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

| Operating result          | 14,681 | 23,264 |
| add/deduct non cash items:|        |        |
| Depreciation              | 25,388 | 28,558 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities |
| (Increase)/ decrease in trade and other receivables | 12,469 | (13,180) |
| (Increase)/ decrease in other assets                | 2,006  | (2,052) |
| Increase / (decrease) in trade and other creditors | 56,033 |         |
| Increase / (decrease) in employee entitlements     | (6,156) | (177) |
| Net cash provided by Operating Activities            | **8,897** | **92,447** |
Note 5 - TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade debtors--
  Other receivables  1,507 13,976

Note 6 - OTHER ASSETS

Prepayments  7,741 9,747
  Other  7,311 7,311
  15,052 17,058

Note 7 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT  2014

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Note 8 - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

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Note 9 - EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

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Note 10 - AUDITOR REMUNERATION

Audit fees

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Note 11 - GOODS & SERVICES RECEIVED IN KIND

In kind contribution from Murdoch University School of Law for the year ended 30 June 2014 was $198,944 (2013-$143,232) comprising Senior Lecturer wages of $156,163; Admin wages of $9,281 (2013-$109,732) and $33,500 (2013-$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.

Note 12 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no known contingent liabilities at balance date.

Note 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant events have occurred after balance date which would materially affect either the Association's operations or results of those operations.
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 2014 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 as set out in Note 1 (a)

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

Joshua Walls
Treasurer

Gal Walker
Managing Director
Sponsors, Supporters, 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 and Family Support, WA Department for Commerce, WA Department of Community Legal Centres Association Western Australia
Community Legal Services Programme, Commonwealth
Community Legal Services Programme, Western Australia
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 for the Prevention and Intervention of Domestic and Family Violence Service
MSLS Social Justice Quiz Night
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
Thomson Reuters
Welfare Rights and Advocacy Service
Women’s Law Centre