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OUR TEAM

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Ross Savvas, **Treasurer (date) Chairperson from 28.11.2023**

Michael Donald, **Chairperson resigned (29.11.2023)**

Rachel Allen appointed 30 May 2023

Angela Kain appointed 30 May 2023, resigned (26.3.2024)

Gregory Parker appointed 27 June 2023

Fiona Endacott appointed 27 June 2023

Rebecca Clifton appointed 4 March 2024

Alexandra Douvartzidis appointed 28 May 2024

TEAM MEMBERS

SOUTHERN COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE

Solicitors

Natalia Kasprzyk, Senior Solicitor & Program Coordinator

Jessica Wakelam Solicitor

Harley Vincent, Solicitor (7.6.24)

Cody McFarlane, Junior Solicitor (5.1.2024)

Jessica Tite, Junior Solicitor

Jacque Nevin, Junior Solicitor

Jasmine Dallimore, Paralegal

Community Engagement

Jacqui Nuske, Community Engagement officer & Junior Solicitor (24.10.2023)

Tahlia Ferreira, Intake officer/ Community Engagement Officer

Family Advocate

Crystal Williams, Family Advocate

Admin / Intake

Michelle Leddra, Intake Coordinator

Sharee Koot, Intake officer

EXECUTIVE

Catherine McMorrine, **CEO & Principal Solicitor**

Helen Rose, **Operations & Finance Manager & Secretary appointed 26.9.2023**

LIMESTONE COAST COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE

Solicitors

Katherine Davies, Senior Solicitor

Jessica Feast, Solicitor

Kate Luey, Solicitor- (16.1.2024)

Intake / Admin

Carla Dent, Intake Officer (27.2.2024)

Tamara Shepherd – Intake Officer

Mental Health Worker

Victoria Burford-Snow, Mental Health Support Clinician

RIVERLAND COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE

Solicitor

Georgina Portus, Solicitor (29.2.2024)

Intake / Admin

Zoe Servin, Intake Officer

Diane O'Dea Intake Officer

Mental Health Worker

Paul Hills, Mental health Support Clinician

THE YELLOW GATE

Social workers

Frankie Gourley, Social Worker

Jesse Rankin, Social Worker

Admin / Program

Bianca Kennedy, Admin Program Coordinator

Shelly Jones Community Program Officer (19.6.2024)

CHAIR'S REPORT 2024

As I write my first report as Chair of the Board of Directors of Community Justice Services SA Ltd (CJSSA), I express my thanks to Michael Donald who served as its previous Chair and presided over significant change in the organisation.

The last year has seen considerable media coverage on the role of community legal centres in the provision of legal services to vulnerable members of the community. As we enter the final year of our current five-year funding period under the National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP), I am encouraged by the positive commentary by governments regarding increased funding for the services that we provide through that and other programs, noting an ever-increasing demand for legal services.

In addition to the legal services provided through NLAP, we continued to provide specific state funded services through the Disaster Relief Legal Advice Program, and the Mental Health Initiative which has seen significant assistance provided to clients with mental health issues

The Yellow Gate program has also continued to provide support for women experiencing family violence. This is a very significant initiative and important program at a time when the community is experiencing an increased level of family violence and demand for support services is at an all-time high.

Recently, we signed a new lease that will result in our Head Office and the Southern Justice Centre moving to the Noarlunga Centre. This is an important move as we have outgrown our current premises. The new offices, scheduled for opening in the first quarter of 2025, will provide a vibrant office space that will provide a welcoming environment for clients and a more appropriate workspace that meets safety standards for staff.

Strategically, CJSSA has developed its 2024 plan for the future. Unlike previous strategic plans, the 2024 and beyond is focussed on community impact rather than simple outcomes. Using the Theory of Change methodology with heavy involvement of staff, the plan is ready for implementation. The significant involvement of staff has ensured ownership by those charged with delivering the community impact.

The Board of CJSSA has continued its process of renewal as we seek the right mix of skills and commitment to the vision of the organisation. We farewelled a number of Directors and thank them for their contributions. We have welcomed new members to the Board, noting an injection of youth and enthusiasm for access to justice. I thank all continuing Directors for their commitment to CJSSA.

On behalf of the Board, I express my sincere thanks to the Attorney General's Department of both the State of SA and the Commonwealth and the Office for Women for the support that makes the provision of our services possible.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge and thank the legal and support staff and our volunteers, who have delivered the services to our community with passion for social justice. In particular, I acknowledge the strength and leadership of CEO Catherine McMorrine, and Helen Rose, Operations and Finance Manager and Company Secretary, for the support provided to the CEO and Board.

DR ROSS SAVVAS

BSc LLB MBA PhD

Chairperson

CEO'S REPORT 2023-2024

Community Justice Services SA staff, volunteers and Board of Directors have once again shown great resilience, professionalism and compassion during this last year. I am extremely grateful and privileged to be working with a fantastic team. As always, the support and professionalism of the team throughout all sites and programs is outstanding. I would like to thank all staff and the board this year for their support.

This year saw an increase in staffing levels, relocation of our Mount Gambier office and the addition of our new domestic, family and sexual violence prevention and recovery service.

Governance and Management

Due to changes in staffing in the previous year the opportunity was presented to review the existing leadership structure following significant growth in the preceding years. The review led to the creation of a new operations and finance role, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the hard work of our Operations and Finance manager Helen.

I also would like to thank our external partners and the teams at Lucent and Essential HR for their support in ensuring compliance and reporting obligations are met throughout this period.

Our staff and the board worked hard to development of new Impact Strategy with a clear future and client focus throughout the year, which reflects the strong passion the team has for social justice. I would like to thank them for their thoughtful input and dedication throughout this process.

Services

Legal and Integrated Services

Since 1 July 2023 Community Justice continued to deliver services in the Riverland, Southeast and Southern regions including continuing our very successful outreach programs throughout all regions. It has also been great to be able to continue to develop our specialist programs including the Disaster Legal Support Program, Family Law representation Program (FLAGS) and the Mental Health support program and integrate these programs into our legal service.

Our key partnerships have also continued throughout this period including partnerships with Legal Services Commission, Women's Legal Service SA, Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre and Relationships Australia SA. We are always grateful for the support and collaboration with key stakeholders in finding better ways to support the community.

During this period our lawyers and intake staff have continued to provide quality and professional assistance to over **2251** clients throughout all our regions and within all our current funding categories. Of the clients assisted during this period over **35%** identified as experiencing some form of family violence.

Legal staff across all regions delivered over **2565** advice and over **177** representation services on a range of

legal issues including family law matters (**53%**) relating to parenting disputes, property settlements, divorce and child support. Criminal matters (**11%**) relating to theft, traffic offences, assault and drink driving offences. As well as civil disputes (**36%**) involving motor vehicle accident property damage, debt recovery, contracts, both domestic and non-domestic intervention orders.

We have also been very fortunate to be able to continue our volunteer program throughout this period following a short hiatus due to still feeling the aftershocks of the global pandemic. I would like to thank our amazing volunteer law students, volunteer solicitors and Placement Students that provided over **855** hours of assistance to our service this year. This is an invaluable contribution and an essential component of our service delivery this year.

As mentioned above we have relocated our Mount Gambier office which has allowed us to work with other providers including the Legal Services Commission and Women's Legal Services SA. We have co-located services to increase access to the local community, which has been great for the community in the region having face-to-face access to statewide services.

DFSV Southern Hub

Following a strong southern community campaign and support from our State and Commonwealth Governments we were able to establish a much needed domestic, family and sexual violence prevention and recovery hub at Noarlunga, The Yellow Gate.

The team at The Yellow Gate has in a very short time created an amazing, welcoming and safe space for women in the south. The passion and dedication of the team has meant that they have created fantastic programs and connected with key community partners.

The strong community connection has continued, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Southern Domestic Violence Action Group, Southern Women Matter campaign, Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach and the Safe Centre for their support.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all our funders Commonwealth and State Attorney-Generals' Departments, Commonwealth Department for Social Services and the Office for Women for their ongoing support and funding.

CATHERINE McMORRINE

CEO and Principal Solicitor

OUR VISION

CJSSA aims to make access to justice available to all those in the community who would otherwise not have access to services by prioritising services and programs to those denied access to justice due to social or economic disadvantages which restrict their ability to exercise their legal rights. CJSSA aims to create a community that respects and upholds fairness, justice and human rights.

WHO WE ARE

Community Justice Services SA Ltd (CJSSA) operates as a not-for-profit Community Legal Centre providing support to individuals and communities since 1982. Currently operating as, Southern Community Justice Centre, Limestone Coast Community Justice Centre and Riverland Community Justice Centre. CJSSA provides justice services including advocacy, advice, information, referrals, and education for individuals and community living in, inner southern, outer southern, Southeast and Riverland regions of South Australia.

WHAT WE DO

- 1 LEGAL ADVICE
- 2 INFORMATION AND REFERRALS
- 3 ONGOING ASSISTANCE AND COURT REPRESENTATION
- 4 FAMILY ADVOCACY AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR CURRENT LEGAL CLIENTS
- 5 DISASTER LEGAL ASSISTANCE

SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES

- 1 Provide quality and streamlined assistance to the South Australian community.
- 2 Continue to and encourage innovation through the development of frameworks to maintain flexibility and remain adaptable to a growing and evolving organisation.
- 3 Maintain a thriving and diverse organisation to support professional client services.
- 4 Collaborate with community sector, Government and other services to deliver support, prevention and early intervention programs/services and to build quality relationships to leverage resources, expertise and knowledge to enhance communities.
- 5 Contribute to strategic advocacy to enhance the wellbeing of communities and individuals experiencing disadvantages

OUR SERVICES

This year has seen a notable increase in people accessing our services, with a 31.6% increase in clients across this financial year. This has translated into a 26.2% increase in the amount of legal advice provided to these clients. These increases are further reflected in the referrals completed for either our clients or community members being referred to other legal services for assistance.

TOTAL CLIENTS
2251 (2024) 1711 (2023)

LEGAL ADVICE
2565 (2024) 2034 (2023)

REFERRALS
3282 (2024) 2317 (2023)

Referrals for our clients also involve our non-legal team of mental health workers and Family Advocate referring clients to other agencies or services for assistance and support. A referral may be made to NDIS, specialist mental health support, financial counsellor, Centrelink, drug & alcohol counselling or housing as examples.

277 TOTAL REPRESENTATION SERVICES

A total of 277 Representation services were provided for our clients by our team of solicitors. Each area of representation is depicted below with a brief description.

180

COURT OR TRIBUNAL SERVICES

Our solicitors attend court and provide representation service.

154

OTHER REPRESENTATION

This is a representation of clients where our solicitors take carriage of a legal matter.

30

DUTY LAWYER

Our solicitors have performed the role of duty solicitor predominantly in Mount Gambier region, Kangaroo Island and Berri to support unrepresented defendants/parties.

13

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

Our solicitors attend lawyer-assisted mediation with our clients.



DISCRETE NON-LEGAL SUPPORT

260 (2024) 93 (2023)

This type of support includes the short term with our Mental Health Workers or Family Advocate providing mental health and well-being assistance.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

439

Our team has been extremely proactive to engage with relevant stakeholders, for expos, well-being and lifestyle events, aged care events, field days, and collaborative field trips involving for example CFS, NBN-Co to expand the awareness of our programs and the legal services we provide.

OUTREACH SERVICES

378 CLIENTS

Our team attend 18 outreach locations, to provide legal services to clients who reside a distance from or are unable to travel to our central office locations for legal services. Our travel by solicitors covers an area as far south as Kangaroo Island, northwest to Waikerie and Cadell Training Centre and northeast to Bordertown.

COMMUNITY LAW EDUCATION (CLE)

RESOURCES 47 + ACTIVITIES 139

Community Law Engagement activity are law related information sessions delivered to members of the community, groups or agencies, for example changes to the Family Law legislation, wills and estates.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION (CE)

RESOURCES 197 + ACTIVITIES 54

A resource for CLE or CE is the work undertaken by the team to develop a presentation of information about the law, non-legal problems or support services.



*These figures have been collated from CLASS report S01

SNAPSHOT OF OUR CLIENTS

930

FAMILY LAW - LEGAL ADVICE

The top areas for the total family law related legal advice were parenting arrangements 45.1%, divorce/separations 21.09%, and family law property 19%

1135

CIVIL LAW - LEGAL ADVICE

Credit and debt 14.3% and neighborhood disputes 10.6% were two of the most prevalent civil law advice types

424

CRIMINAL LAW - LEGAL ADVICE

Notably traffic and vehicles offences were the highest civil law legal advice 45.8%, followed by abduction, harassment and other offences against the person 11.9%

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

The family violence indicator that identifies if a client is at risk or experiencing family violence was noted for 35.2% of our clients. Under the two categories of domestic violence protection orders in Civil Law and domestic / family violence matters in Family Law, 492 legal advice were provided for clients.

The diversity of CJSSA priority clients (groups identified in a certain field such as disability or family violence indicator) for representation services has highlighted the financial and well-being pressures being experienced in the community. Of the 2251 clients 1572 of these are experiencing financial disadvantage and 46 people are facing homelessness. Further evidence of these pressures within the community is 1070 clients are either receiving low income or no income at all, with over half our clients (1228) 50+ years of age. (reference client by priority group – all – C01)

The total number of **representation services** for vulnerable and disadvantaged clients in 2024 is **177 services**. The complexity of CJSSA clients is demonstrated with some of the clients belonging to more than one priority criteria or group depicted below, some clients in multiple groups.

REPRESENTATION SERVICES



EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL DISADVANTAGE



WITH A DISABILITY OR MENTAL ILLNESS



INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS



CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE



RESIDING IN RURAL OR REMOTE AREAS



CHILDREN OR YOUNG PEOPLE



EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SOUTHERN COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE



SCJC OVERVIEW 2023/2024

This year has been a busy year with our team at our Christies Beach office with team members delivering services in an environment that is increasingly challenging for clients. Our client services increased by 53.5% for new clients during this period compared to 2023 and is reflected in the below figures of services. With the vacancy

of a solicitor at Berri since February the team at Southern office and Mount Gambier have been travelling to Berri. This has added an extra demand on the team who have continually shown their dedication and commitment to community-based legal services.

During this period, we welcomed two new Junior Solicitors, who had both participated in our volunteer program and said goodbye to two solicitors' part of our Generalist Program. A new position, Community Engagement Officer, was developed and has undertaken this role with a high level of enthusiasm to participate in events, community meetings and attend our regions in person to increase awareness and provide information of our services and programs available to people.

Our volunteer program has a high level of interest and participation with the legal team providing valuable guidance and experience for volunteers working alongside the solicitors. With client consent, the opportunity of sitting in interviews with clients about their legal issues gives the students a genuine understanding of the intricacies of clients matters or issues. We also welcomed several law students and placement students this year through our ongoing collaborations with Uni SA, Flinders University, University of Adelaide and College of Law.

The legal team also delivered several Community Legal Education presentations on a range of topics including Child Focus Information Sessions (CFIS), Wills and Estate, Succession Planning, Family Law, and Intervention Orders. We also participated in the Well-being lifestyle Expo at Kangaroo Island.

We have maintained an active presence for our existing networks with team members participating in the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach and Southern Domestic Violence Action Group, Fleurieu ACD Project in collaboration with local councils' meetings on a regular basis.

Southern Community Justice Centre delivers services with the below figures for the financial year.

754

NEW CLIENTS

1381

LEGAL ADVICE

417

REPEAT CLIENTS

66

COURT / TRIBUNAL

2111

REFERRALS

81

OTHER REPRESENTATION

CASE STUDY

Our client was in their early 40s and diagnosed with a terminal illness. Unfortunately, the other parent died some years prior. The client was seeking assistance in formalising a care arrangement for their children after their death.

The client's sibling was able to and agreed to provide care for the children. This would mean that the children could remain in their family home and attend the same school they have been attending.

Within 10 days we were able to obtain instructions from our client in hospital and file Consent Orders with the then Federal Circuit Court giving sole parental responsibility and care to the uncle. Within a few days of these Orders being file, the client passed away. However, was able to complete this process for the care of the children prior to their passing.

OUTREACH SERVICES

Our solicitors maintained regular provision of services to outreach locations including Marion, Victor Harbor, Kangaroo Island, Yankalilla and Murray Bridge.

LOCATION	CLIENTS	ADVICE	REFERRALS	DUTY LAWYER
MARION	155	173	144	
MURRAY BRIDGE	46	50	42	
VICTOR HARBOR	45	47	40	
KANGAROO ISLAND	9	7	7	3
YANKALILLA	20	22	17	



LIMESTONE COAST COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE



LCCJC OVERVIEW 2023/2024

In the 2023–2024-year, Limestone Coast Community Justice Centre said farewell to one of our solicitors that was on maternity leave but gained a volunteer solicitor at the beginning of 2024. The office also said goodbye to an intake officer, with our newly hired intake officer towards the end of 2023 taking up the full-time position in early 2024.

The Limestone office moved into larger premises just down the street that provided an improved standard of office space and area to service the region. We have welcomed two sub-tenants into the office, Women's Legal Service and Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service (Legal Services Commission). The Limestone Coast now has a hub for free legal assistance!

The new premises is conveniently located under the new Centacare offices. This has proved to be highly beneficial for our clients needing support from the Limestone Coast Domestic Violence Service and Mediation. This collaborative relationship provides clients with safety concerns the ability to meet with a Domestic Violence specialist on the same day as having a legal appointment, to ensure the client receives the required support early. Their Lawyer Assisted Mediation to the Limestone Coast has been expanded, allowing our Limestone Coast clients to access the benefits that have usually only been experienced by metropolitan clients.

Our support to the Magistrates Court changed in early 2024. Previously our office provided the Duty Solicitor Service to the Magistrates Court. At the start of February, Legal Services Commission SA took over the provision of the duty solicitor services in the Mount Gambier region including to Naracoorte and Bordertown. Our representation of clients as an outreach service in Bordertown and Naracoorte continues.

Our Mount Gambier Prison outreach continues with the majority of appointments being facilitated via telephone. This remains an effective way to assist our clients in the Mount Gambier prison as we are still able to offer the level of assistance that we have done in the past. In instances where there is an open file or ongoing assistance for prisoners, our solicitors attend in person to ensure fair access to legal advice and representation is delivered personally.

The sitting of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia in Mount Gambier has had its moments of being busy throughout the year, with a significant number of advice appointments translating to referrals to our specialist family law representation program (FLAGS). It has been of significant assistance to have the solicitor and family advocate of the FLAGS program attend in Mount Gambier regularly and expand their community engagement across the region.

Our service continues its membership and participation of the Limestone Coast Family Violence Action Group, Limestone Coast Community Services Round Table and the Limestone Coast Drug Action Team, with our Senior Solicitor, , continuing her role as secretary for the Family Violence Action Group, and our Mental Health Social Worker representing the Service at the Drug Action Team and the Community Services Roundtable.

323

NEW CLIENTS

584

LEGAL ADVICE

163

REPEAT CLIENTS

82

COURT / TRIBUNAL

725

REFERRALS

47

OTHER REPRESENTATION

CASE STUDY

We represented a client who had an Intervention Order issued against them with their ex-partner as the Protected Person. Our client was Indigenous and were also removed from their family as a child and due to this early childhood experience held significant fears around the safety of their children.

The Interim Intervention Order arose in circumstances very soon after a separation, where the couple had 2 children, and the Protected Person attended our client's home and took the children. An argument began and Police were eventually called after an alleged assault.

Over the course of the Criminal matter, the Protected Person frequently would attend our client's home and verbal argument led to the police being called. This happened several times.

The client accessed our Mental Health Social Worker for ongoing support and would have regular appointments to help establish their own support system.

The client required both lawyer and mental health social worker to engage/work with each other (with client permission) to ensure all relevant information was received from the client, and to confirm that they understood the advice given or next steps in the matter.

Following extensive negotiations with Prosecution the Interim Order was withdrawn.

MOUNT GAMBIER OUTREACH SERVICES

Our Naracoorte and Bordertown outreaches as duty solicitor for the Magistrates Court of South Australia ceased in February 2024, with the services to the Mount Gambier prison continuing to be busy. Services to the Millicent outreach were put on hold intermittently.

LOCATION	CLIENTS	ADVICE	REFERRALS	DUTY LAWYER
BORDERTOWN	10	2	5	9
NARACOORTE	26	15	25	13
MT GAMBIER PRISON	31	38	43	

RIVERLAND COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE



RCJC OVERVIEW 2023/2024

The Riverland Community Justice Centre (RCJC) has been unwavering in its commitment to serve the community driven by the dedication and commitment of its entire team with the departure of our solicitor to travel overseas. The recruitment for a

solicitor in the regional area has been challenging. The service delivery to the Riverlands has been maintained at a high level of face-to-face and telephone appointments.

Team members from Christies Beach and Mount Gambier have travelled regularly to Berri and participated in the Riverland outreach locations. Although, there has been the challenge of maintaining legal service to the Riverlands we have increased the number of clients during this period.

Our dedicated mental health clinician increased his availability from two days to four days a week to meet the level of demand for clients. He is instrumental in assisting clients navigate the complex landscapes of legal issues. It is further noted he supports the legal team with communication or engagement strategies with clients, to assist address the underlying mental health challenge that can act as substantial barrier to social justice.

We welcomed a new intake admin officer joining our existing staff member who also works part-time. Staff's significant efforts are recognised contributing to support Riverland clients and enhancing the effectiveness of our services. Both team members have extensive local knowledge that is invaluable to our team.

Our mental health clinician actively engaged with other service providers at various community events to enhance referral pathways and improve the community's understanding of our services. This outreach has not only strengthened our network but also increased awareness of RCJC's place within the community.

Staff have continued our participation in the Riverland Domestic Violence Action Group, demonstrating our obligation and involvement to addressing critical community issues.

CASE STUDY

Client sought assistance with a criminal charge, being an assault. The Client faced significant barriers engaging in the police, Court and general legal process, including mental health, living regionally, and lack of ongoing supports. Given client's presentation upon the Service, the client was offered and agreed to additional support from our Mental Health Support Worker.

The client was engaged with a solicitor for ongoing representation in the Magistrates Court and a Mental Health Support Worker for assistance in actively engaging with the legal process, attending appointments, both legal and non-legal and engaging with other external ongoing supports.

With the support of the Mental Health Worker the client was able to actively engage in the legal process, including attending appointments at our service with the solicitor and attending Court as required. Through negotiations between the Solicitor and Prosecution a positive outcome was achieved, resulting in the criminal

charge being withdrawn and the matter being resolved by way of a civil intervention order. A further positive development for the client was they were better engaged with a range of supports engaging with our Mental Health worker.

CASE STUDY

Our client attended out service for advice regarding matrimonial property settlement and parenting arrangements. The client is living in the Riverland region and identified as Aboriginal.

The client and their former partner had been together for several years, the property was in joint name and had children. The client was the primary caregiver. During the relationship, the client had experienced severe and continuous verbal, emotional and financial abuse and for their own safety had to flee the relationship into temporary housing. This move negatively impacted the children as they struggled to adjust and absenteeism from school was increasing. Initial discussions allowed the client to return to the family home with the children and the other party moved out. The parenting arrangement was challenging and caused ongoing psychological abuse.

Property settlement proceeded, which took a year to negotiate and achieve a just and equitable resolution. Our assistance needed to be provided with support and awareness of both the cultural and family violence issues in play.

If we were unable to provide support, it is likely the other party would have refused to engage in property settlement leaving the client with nothing and potentially homeless. To avoid homelessness and being separated from the children again, it is likely the client would return to the family home with the other party and children where the family violence would continue to occur.

OUTREACH SERVICES

We maintained our presence and service delivery at outreach locations in Renmark, Loxton, and Waikerie upon request. Furthermore, efforts were made for continuation of face-to-face outreach at the Cadell Training Facility. This ensured that our services are continuing to be accessible and available to all members of the community.

LOCATION	CLIENTS	ADVICE	REFERRALS
LOXTON	11	13	5
REMARK	7	8	7
WAIKERIE	11	11	7
CADELL	7	7	3

323 NEW CLIENTS

300 LEGAL ADVICE

79 REPEAT CLIENTS

32 COURT / TRIBUNAL

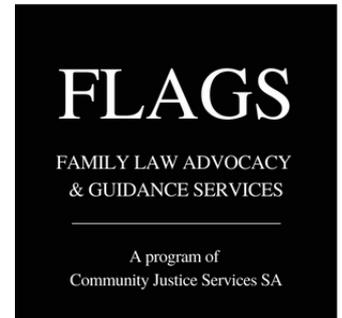
466 REFERRALS

26 OTHER REPRESENTATION

FAMILY LAW ADVOCACY & GUIDANCE SERVICES

OVERVIEW

Family Law Advocacy and Guidance Services (FLAGS) is a specialist Family Law Pilot Program that offers free advice and ongoing assistance to eligible members of the community with Family Law issues. The FLAG's team consists of a Senior Solicitor and a Family Advocate who work closely together to support their clients with their family law legal issues and mental health/ wellbeing strategies respectively.



FROM THE FAMILY ADVOCATE

The Family Advocate from FLAGS provides information, advocacy, support, and referral pathways for clients who present at CJSSA with additional non-legal needs.

Over the 2023/2024 financial year, the Family Advocate worked with 94 clients. There are six life domains of non-legal areas of assistance for clients: Housing, Mental Health, Social/Community, Health, Safety and Financial. For the same cohort of clients, the Family Advocate identified a total of 293 needs across these domains, highlighting the complexity or numerous challenges clients are managing.

The Family Advocate provided specialised advocacy of referrals, and support over this period. This comprised of advocacy with external services, being provided with information and, providing clients with referral pathways to promote self-efficacy, referrals to external agencies support letters and ongoing support as their legal matter progressed.

The Family Advocate has been working on a community resource. Advice and guidance from the Family Advocate has been well received from clients struggling this issue.

FROM THE SENIOR SOLICITOR

The nature of the work under the FLAGS program continues to be property settlements and children's issues. With 81 new clients and one solicitor, the program has continued to grow and with the ever-increasing cost-of-living the assessment of each client's circumstance comes with increased complexity of individual circumstances.

Over the last financial year, Family Law Advocacy and Guidance Services program has been developing collaborative relationships and increasing stakeholder engagement to provide Community Legal Education in Family Law areas.

Building on the SCJC existing partnership with the Family Relationships Centre (FRC) FLAGS is to be a first point of contact for the FRC when offering their clients lawyer-assisted mediation. The aim is to advise the client as the mediation progresses. Our role is purely to offer advice during the mediation to enable the client to feel supported and make a legally informed decision about their child/ren arrangement.

FLAGS provides outreach services to our new Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence support service at The Yellow Gate. This involves various levels of family violence and other family violence related complexities such as the involvement of DCP, intervention orders of police matter etc.

Presentations on the recent Family Law Act amendments to parenting laws and the Family Court process were developed and delivered to various service providers who collaborate with The Yellow Gate. These presentations were also delivered in Mount Gambier at Centacare and Family Relationship Centre. From the positive feedback received from these sessions, information sheets were developed that explains parenting, property and the Family Law Court process in simplified terminology and explanations of certain procedures. The benefit of this simplified information is for individuals to gain an understanding of the processes and reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed or not informed.

81 NEW CLIENTS

107 DISCRETE NON-LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICE

32 LEGAL ADVICE

24 ONGOING NON-LEGAL SUPPORT

359 REFERRALS

13 COURT / TRIBUNAL

Referrals includes referrals to external agencies for services that beyond the scope of our Family advocate, such as ongoing mental health support, letters of support to agencies such as NDIS, Centrelink or housing.

CASE STUDY FAMILY SOLICITOR

B came to us in October 2022 having only been in SA for a very short period after fleeing a domestic violence relationship interstate. Given B's presentation during that initial appointment our Solicitor, with B's consent, asked our Family Advocate to join them.

Our Family Advocate was able to connect B with other relevant support services, helped A apply for a Crisis payment, gave them immediate support with an Escape Bag from our partner program and provided B with a letter of reference to help B obtain housing.

When B first came to us C's solicitor had proposed a settlement that included a cash payment to A of \$20,000 and a superannuation splitting payment to A of \$50,000. We did not consider this proposal to be just and equitable and that this property settlement was an opportunity for B to have some financial resources to set themselves up.

We negotiated with C's solicitor on B's behalf and an agreement was reached whereby B received a cash payment of \$35,000 and a superannuation splitting payment of \$106,590.

CASE STUDY FAMILY ADVOCATE(FA)

Client was an ongoing FLAGS client and was referred to Family Advocate (FA) after struggling to independently engage with the NDIS to find out any further information about her children's NDIS plans.

The client had experienced significant childhood trauma and several abusive relationships in adulthood, one being with the other parent of their children.

FA assisted client with contacting NDIS, providing court orders and requesting that parent be added to children's plans which would allow parent to request a review of the plans to allow for additional funding that would support a reunification with the mother. While this occurred, the court had ordered visits for the client to travel to visit the children.

Client was able to secure a visit to see the children after two years.

DISASTER SUPPORT LEGAL PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

This year the focus for the Disaster Legal Support Program (DLSP) has moved from providing legal advice and support for the recent bushfire and flood disasters, to stakeholder engagement and building sustainable community relationships. The importance of this period is "Preparedness" for communities and its members. This has involved developing schedules to areas of South Australia where awareness of our program has not been shared, to allow the community to learn about our program, the legal support we offer and information or advice we can provide.



DLSP organised and/or presented several collaborative engagement events at locations including the Yorke Peninsular, Eyre Peninsular, Limestone Coast, Riverland, Murray lands and the Fleurieu Peninsula. The purpose of these field trips was to:

- Promote community resilience and disaster preparedness.
- Build community relationships and awareness about DLSP
- Strengthen ties with event collaborators and allied services.
- All attendees will receive some practical factsheets, information about services available and a "show-bag" with resources from each service.

It was recognised since COVID, attendance at events received higher levels of participation where there was a collaborative approach with a few services providing different but related information for communities at risk of an environmental disaster, bushfire or flood. Examples of these engagement events are outlined below.

Our aim to engage with the community and attending events in local areas has three outcomes we aim to achieve. They are:

1. Increased understanding by community members, and business owners of their consumer rights and legal options in high-risk locations.
2. To increase the motivation of people in high-risk locations to increase protection in preparation for a disaster, for example, commitment to review insurance policies annually.
3. Increase awareness of the support and services available with DLSP, to prepare for, and respond to, natural disasters for individuals, communities and businesses.

The visit to Eyre Peninsular was a RRRR Roadtrip with Country Fire Service, NBN Co and WestSide Lawyers to Streaky Bay, Wuddina, Cleve, Cowell, Port Lincoln and Cummins. Yorke Peninsular field days event was attended in collaboration with Westside Lawyers. This enabled the community engagement with the DLSP and the opportunity to book outreach appointments with Westside Lawyers. Further, it provided an opportunity to deliver Community Legal Education sessions covering Wills, Estates and Advanced Care

Directives and /or a “Crash course on Insurance” to local communities. Locations covered included Wallaroo, Kadina, Moonta, Paskeville and Ardrossan.

During the reporting period a community road trip with CFS and SAPol through the Limestone Coast region attending ten towns over a week period providing a holistic “Disaster Resilience” presentation to these communities.

Local CFS - Bushfire Resilience and Preparing your property and family for an emergency in the bushfire season.

DLSP - “Is your Insurance Disaster-ready?” (a practical guide to insurance law) + “Where to get Free Legal Help in the Limestone Coast”

SAPOL - “NOMAD” Initiative: “A collaborative approach in educating and raising awareness in the wider community on the proactive Police response to the Fire Danger Season.”

In May 2024, A “Summer Ready” roadshow was coordinated for the Limestone Coast region, with Red Cross “Emergency Preparedness” and NBNCo ‘Connecting during Disasters’ focusing on increasing community engagement and disaster preparedness. These “Summer Ready” events are an annual community education event to further enhance the awareness and referral pathway to our legal services with the ability to book advice appointments immediately.



SERVICES PROVIDED

24

REFERRALS

15

CLE ACTIVITIES

11

CLE RESOURCES

8

CE ACTIVITIES

6

CE RESOURCES

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Mental Health program is now in its second year with two Accredited Mental Health Social Workers based in Mt Gambier and Riverland, and telehealth options for metro areas. The program continues to operate with professional and timely support with a range of therapeutic interventions for clients of the CJSSA solicitors.

The adjustment to the intake process and ongoing training of team members related to the referral process in 2023 resulted in client numbers increase significantly, enabling improved access to the service. Both MHW's have maintained on average about 25 active clients at any given period, and the support work continues to involve referral and facilitating pathways to other community services, eg housing and NDIS, medical and other social supports.

For clients with high or complex needs, the provision of intense social, psychological and practical support, to attend Court hearing(s) and engage with solicitor(s) is provided. MHW's regularly write background reports or assessment and support letters for the Court and solicitors which seem to be helpful in legal deliberations.

The service delivery model provides a variety of therapeutic interventions, including, counselling and psychotherapy; case management; referral and linking clients with other local services; advocacy; and community development.

The work undertaken through the strategic planning process over this reporting period in workshops highlighted the aims and goals of the mental health program and provided the environment for team members to contribute feedback and highlight the importance of the Mental Health Program alongside the legal services. A core topic was the engagement of clients and building client capacity.

The utilisation of the mental health program by team members acknowledge supports for clients and an alleviation of client stress and mental health challenges, enabling smoother engagement during solicitor / client communication. Solicitors have approached the mental health workers for assistance and guidance in communication strategies with the more complex clients, and the court support correspondence adds further support for solicitors regarding client outcomes.

BERRI

For the Riverlands, approximately 50% of the case load is from the local Riverland area with face-to-face contact, and 50% of other referrals come from various other regional and metropolitan areas and necessarily only have phone support. Paul is an accredited as a Mental Health First Aid Instructor and has completed four - 2-day training programs in the last financial year - three of these training sessions have been with team members across our regions, and one training session was delivered to local service clubs in the Adelaide Hills CJC catchment area.

The MHW based in the Riverlands there is a high level of mental health acuity (over 90%) amongst referrals; half of these clients also struggle with chronic health issues (eg pain, cardiac, diabetes etc); and approximately 25% of clients have significant to high suicide risk. Homelessness and severe financial distress are a major social factor in many presentations. Relationship breakdown or separation/family issues is also significantly reflected.

In the Riverlands, building closer links with Mental Health Services, Correctional Services, Drug and Alcohol programs, and the Aboriginal community and services will be a continuing priority in the next reporting period.

CASE STUDY

Client is a 53yo born overseas client who attended legally for divorce matters. The client suffers severe PTSD from their experience as a refugee. They are extremely social isolated, and the mental health worker supported them with counselling, linking with various community services (including literacy education), and they are also connecting with NDIS assistance for long term support. The mental health worker is working closely with their Consultant Psychiatrist to provide ongoing support.

MOUNT GAMBIER

In Mount Gambier LCCJC, predominantly used therapeutic interventions where a counselling approach is beneficial incorporating a trauma-informed lens aligned with a strengths base and empowerment focus, and often benefits from skill development and mindfulness utilising CBT or DBT. For Mount Gambier the client base is approximately 80% for Adelaide and outer regions and 20% clients Mount Gambier community.

The partnership in Mount Gambier with UniSA Social Work department has been enhanced and grown more secure with each social work student placed. MHW attends the local Drug Action Team meeting monthly run by SAPOL, where a wide range of local services attend, along with the bi-monthly Community Services Roundtable meetings chaired by Ac Care, which again offer a significant opportunity for networking with a range of local services.

Program promotion has included being accepted into the International AASW conference for social workers held in Melbourne in November 2024 where Victoria will be presenting on the integrated model of care focusing on legal services and mental health social work services, after my abstract and then my presentation was accepted by the AASW panel.

CASE STUDY

Client who previously moved due to family violence was required to attend court regarding the family violence in which an intervention order was placed on her ex-partner, the client was the protected person. A counter claim presented, that our client initiated the violence, and the ex-partner was provoked. They both attended court at the same time on same day that presented safety concerns for the client.

Being in the presence of the ex-partner, the client experienced a high level of anxiety and this triggered trauma responses. The attendance at the court by the Mental health worker enabled significant reassurance and the ability to work together, to maintain a manageable level of function. The client was left homeless for period of time, couch surfing until a room to rent was secured. The matter was adjourned, and the client returned to our solicitor for representation for the next court date.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

A partnership has strengthened between CJSSA and UniSA's Social Work program providing joint benefits for the office and the student gaining knowledge and experience working closely with the team member. Social work students on placement in Mount Gambier through UniSA (now 2 completed) have developed and provided presentations on vicarious trauma in team meetings.

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NEW CLIENTS

140

DISCRETE NON-LEGAL SUPPORTS

48

REPEAT CLIENTS

167

DISCRETE NON-LEGAL SUPPORT

THE YELLOW GATE

In October 2023, CJSSA received funding from both State and Federal governments to enable CJSSA to diversify its services to include a prevention and recovery service model for women who have / are experiencing Domestic, Family, or Sexual Violence (DFSV) – The Yellow Gate.



OUR VISION

A southern community where women and families are empowered to live a life free from domestic, family and sexual violence and provided with opportunities for personal growth and development.

The Yellow Gate is a separate service delivery within CJSSA focussing specifically on our core values of prevention and recovery where women and families are empowered to live a life free from domestic, family and sexual violence. Yellow Gate is about building a community where Southern Women find strength, support and resources needed to build a brighter and safer future, accessing expert support.

OUR PURPOSE

The Yellow Gate receives funding from state and federal governments for the delivery of domestic, family and sexual violence services. A requirement of that funding must ensure that the Yellow Gate is implementing actions around The National Plan, which is the overarching national policy framework that will guide actions towards ending violence against women and children over the next 10 years.

The courage it takes for someone to reach out for support, take that first step can not be highlighted and valued enough. We wanted to create a safe, friendly space for women to feel comfortable and at ease to share their stories and allow our team to support each person with their own individual needs.

WHAT WE DO

The Yellow Gate delivers services and programs in partnership with local service providers regardless of age, social and cultural background and sexual orientation with a trauma informed care approach to women to recover from the complexities of domestic violence. A key focus is culturally appropriate and sensitive delivery of services to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander women and families by our DFSV counsellors and in the delivery of programs.

Our team consists of two social workers, Admin Program Coordinator and Admin Intake officer, started providing services to women in Southern Adelaide Region from late January 2024. Their diligent efforts and their commitment to the work they do, is reflected in the developed collaborations, stakeholder engagement and identifying / establishing programs to meet our purpose in a short amount of time. This was no mean feat.

The position of Community Engagement Officer was originally developed to enable the development and delivery of programs specifically by The Yellow Gate. These successful programs included Art as Therapy, Early Bird Wellbeing and My Game Plan, enabling women to enhance their levels of empowerment and feel part of a community. With the resignation of this position, we reviewed our progress and aims moving forward.

PROGRAMS AND COLLABORATIONS

The development of programs continues with an “outside the box” approach. Programs are being developed with a full schedule for the next year. Our social workers are actively taking part in the delivery of some programs in the financial year ahead that further diversify their interaction with clients on their recovery journey. Offering these different types of programs enables the opportunity for personal growth, healing and confidence building in diverse ways, in addition to 1:1 counselling and have been very well received by clients.

Whilst our service is focused on women, we also have men reach out to our hub for information or referrals to support women, whether it be a sister or a friend, and concerned about DFSV, and we are more than happy to do so.

Yellow Gate is co-located with Cedar Health who provide holistic care and support to people 16 years and over who have been subjected to abusive and unsafe behaviour from a partner or ex-partner.

Collaboration with the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach, SDVAG, and Women’s Legal Services has developed opportunities for programs or information sessions to be delivered not only to women in the community but also other services or agencies. Our own FLAGS program has also been involved in providing important information sessions covering Family Law topics. Examples of these are Esafety Workshop, Women are Strong program, Community Justice Family Law sessions, and Community Justice Legal outreach.

Establishing strong relationships with SAPOL is important and initiating meetings to explain our service, led to an increase in referrals for women to gain support with our service. We are now part of the Family Safety meetings and refer women to help those at risk of serious violence.

OUR RESULTS

... WE THINK THAT CLIENT FEEDBACK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT

“It’s the first time I felt that anyone had cared whether I lived or died.”

- Client quote after having Safer in the Home organised by Yellow Gate to attend her home and provide security upgrades.

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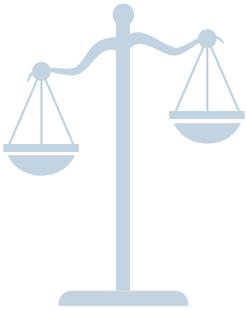
COUNSELLING CLIENTS

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PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
(ACROSS 3 GROUPS, COMMENCED IN APRIL)

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

LEGAL SERVICES



You really went above and beyond for me. You kept me calm and focussed on the task in hand. You listened to me endlessly sounding off and have lived every detail of my family situation since March 2023!

I really can't thank you enough.

*I really appreciate the help and advice that J**** has done for me. Thank you again.*

I would like to personally thank you, as you took my file on and resolved things very timely and professionally but also with understanding and I really appreciated that knowing that I was on a tight deadline you ensured that everything was done on time.

So grateful for your support. You were a real pillar of strength during a real difficult time. Thank you!

I've really appreciated having someone listen to me and not be judgemental.

The accessibility and voluntary nature of the service meant that students and families would feel safe attending

...how valuable this service will be for families at the school as they have a high number of families engaged with DCP and high majority of students with generational trauma.

Just liked the friendly and welcoming feel, it's like somewhere you've been.

YELLOW GATE



VOLUNTEERS

CJSSA is extremely grateful to the students and volunteer solicitors who provide valuable input to the service. The support provided covers all solicitors based across our three regions. This financial year we were supported by 11 volunteer university students, and 3 volunteer legal placement students completing 855 hours in a volunteer capacity. We have now employed two junior solicitors at Christie's Beach because of the professional work, and engagement as a volunteer to support the legal team.

At our Mount Gambier office, a volunteer solicitor provided valuable input to the service and as a result was offered a part-time Junior Solicitor.

The ongoing high interest and enthusiasm for the volunteer program in 2023 /2024 is showing to be highly successful with students completing PLT requirements for their legal experience of their studies.

STUDENTS

Student Volunteers assist with:

- Administration, and data entry
- Assist solicitors with drafting letters and other documents
- Legal research
- Transcribing documents
- Attending court with a solicitor
- Participating in client interviews observing
- Other tasks as required

FEEDBACK

Volunteering over the past 12 weeks at Community Justice has been such a valuable learning experience, I asked to extend my time to increase my learning experience.

Thank you so much for hosting my placement and for allowing me to volunteer for you. I really appreciate the time and effort everyone invested in me. I was able to learn a lot from everyone and everyone made this experience very valuable for me.

Thought I would take this opportunity to say how grateful I was to be allowed to undertake a placement at the legal centre. Not everyone gets this opportunity. I felt that everyone was extremely nice and very helpful to me which made the process of learning a little less stressful.

I acquired a great deal of knowledge and felt that all of the lawyers were very good at what they did in helping their clients.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,731,647	1,521,134
Trade and other receivables	7	8,995	234,809
Prepayments		102,656	35,764
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,843,298	1,791,707
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	98,783	88,453
Right-of-use assets	9	801,432	588,374
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		900,215	676,827
TOTAL ASSETS		2,743,513	2,468,534
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	221,795	177,058
Lease liabilities	9	133,506	67,794
Employee benefits	11	184,663	155,010
Deferred income	12	998,801	981,599
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,538,765	1,381,461
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	707,394	534,319
Employee benefits	11	99,636	75,465
Long-term provisions	13	55,000	60,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT		862,030	669,784
LIABILITIES TOTAL		2,400,795	2,051,245
NET ASSETS		342,718	417,289
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		342,718	417,289
TOTAL EQUITY		342,718	417,289

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Community Justice Services SA Ltd

ABN 96 663 878 869

Directors' Report

30 June 2024

1. General information (continued)

Principal activities

The principal activities of Community Justice Services SA Ltd during the financial year were the provision of legal, non-legal support services, and the delivery of domestic, family and/or sexual ("DFSV") prevention and recovery services for southern women.

The provision of domestic, family and/or sexual ("DFSV") prevention and recovery services for southern women commenced in January 2024 – The Yellow Gate. This is a new service model providing counselling and programs based at Noarlunga.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's provision of legal service activity occurred during the financial year.

Short term objectives

The Company's short term objectives are to:

- Provide legal advice and representation to residents of the southern areas of South Australia including the Fleurieu Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, the Riverland and South East.
- Provide integrated practice to support the wellbeing of clients.
- Collaborate with the community sector, government and education to deliver support and early intervention programs.
- Offer a drop-in service or via referral for women experienced / experiencing DFSV.

Long term objectives

The Company's long term objectives are to:

- Provide access to justice for the South Australian Community.
- Respond to emergency situations where legal intervention is deemed necessary.
- Provide specialised legal assistance to people experiencing financial disadvantage, limited literacy skills and limited access to technology.
- Promote innovation in the legal sector.
- Establish itself as a provider of strategic advocacy services that enhance the well-being of the community.
- Maintain a thriving and diverse organisation to support professional client services.
- The Yellow Gate deliver free trauma-informed counselling, services, and programs in partnership with local organisations for the prevention of, and recovery for, women experiencing DFSV (Domestic, Family and / or sexual Violence), regardless of age, social and cultural background, and sexual orientation.

Strategy for achieving the objectives

To achieve these objectives, the Company has adopted the following strategies:

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30 June 2024

1. General information (continued)

- Deliver professional legal services including: legal advice, referrals and legal representation.
- Holistic support working closely with non-legal service providers as required.
- Building partnerships and collaborate with key stakeholders.
- Building capacity in the community through support of volunteer programs, community education, developing partnerships and community outreach, and legal publications and information.
- Ensuring value is placed on funding received.
- deliver counselling, information, referrals and DFSV trauma informed programs

How principal activities assisted in achieving the objectives

The principal activities assisted the Company in achieving its objectives by:

- Operation of three Community Legal Centres at Christies Beach, Mt Gambier and Berri, together with associated outreach services.
- Appearances in Magistrates Courts in Adelaide, Mt Gambier and Berri, Family Court, Federal Circuit Court and Superior Courts.
- Building partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Operation of volunteer program, community education, publication of various legal information and raising awareness, and participation in the Legal Assistance Sector Programs.
- Implementation of appropriate financial management and accountability.
- Operation of a DFSV hub located at Noralunga.

Performance measures

The measures used by the Company for monitoring performance involve collating key data regarding services delivered, including but not limited to:

- Total number of clients assisted
- Number of legal advices
- Total number of cases opened
- Cases closed
- Court appearances
- Number of non-legal support services

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Directors' Report

30 June 2024

1. General information (continued)

- Management of budget to actual income and expenditure
- Net equity in the company

Members' guarantee

Community Justice Services SA Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of \$10 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the company. As at 30 June 2024 there was only one member. The total amount that member of the company is liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$10.

2. Operating results and review of operations for the year

Review of operations

The Company continued to engage in its principal activities, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Operating results

The loss of the Company amounted to \$ (74,571) (2023: \$ (61,276)).

3. Other items

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year.

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

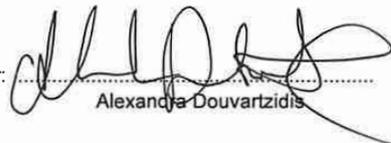
No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of Community Justice Services SA Ltd.

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012* for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been received and can be found on page 6 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director:
Ross Samuel Savvas

Director: 
Alexandra Douvartzidis

Dated this day of 2024

