

2022
ANNUAL
REPORT



community

Responding to the needs of our community

We acknowledge the Traditional owners of the lands on which we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first people. They have never ceded sovereignty, and remain strong in their enduring connection to land, water and culture.

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre, formally Murray Mallee Community Legal Service, commenced operating in 1996 and supports communities across more than 120,000 square kilometres and includes ten Local Government Areas, in the northern and southern Mallee of Victoria and south west New South Wales.

Co-located with Mallee Family Care, the Community Legal Centre uses a Health Justice Model to work collaboratively with over sixty other programs delivered by Mallee Family Care, addressing common legal issues confronting people in the region. With a commitment to meaningful stakeholder engagement and advocacy, the Community Legal Centre actively works to build and support community development initiatives, while ensuring it is equipped to meet current and emerging needs of the communities within the catchment.

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre promotes strong, connected and inclusive communities by embedding diversity and equity practices at the centre of everything we do.



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THE MALLEE FAMILY CARE STRATEGIC PLAN 20

The Mallee Family Care Strategic Plan focuses on five pillars for the organisation

Priority 1

Drive change around known inequities

- Halt further rollout and call for the abolition of the welfare card based on human rights
- Address the thin markets for NDIS services in regional southwest New South Wales
- Advocate for equitable regional transport, linking people to services
- Support the Raise the Rate campaign by regionalising and highlighting the impacts that will be delivered through an increase in support payments
- Attract community mental health investment
- Influence social housing investment

Priority 2

Empower individuals, families and communities to seek help early

- Promote and normalise 'early help' as a way to open up possibilities and take positive steps, especially post COVID-19
- Create an early help element to all Mallee Family Care services
- Introduce models and pathways that support community helping community
- Evaluate the impact on clients who have sought help early

Priority 3

Focus on children, families and individuals early, and build their capacity to transition through the key stages of life

- Support young people transition through each phase of adolescence
- Provide support and early help to parents and carers
- Provide support for financial and relationship issues associated with changes in circumstance
- Amplify the voice of the child across Mallee Family Care
- Improve educational attainment, and the mental health and wellbeing of every child in care



2022-2025

Our future success

Priority 4

Build an Organisation that reflects the diversity, intersectionality and lived experience of our community

- Build Mallee Family Care's capacity to provide sustained mental health support
- Identify fee-for-service opportunities to support increased demand for service provision

Priority 5

Increase our service capacity and innovative models to address current and evolving community needs

- Create governance approaches that enable services and support to be co-designed and co-delivered by people with lived experience
- Develop plans that support diversity and inclusion

POSTCODES VISITED

3500 Mildura	3483 Birchip
2717 Dareton	3533 Sea Lake
2715 Balranald	3527 Wycheproof
3496 Red Cliffs	3579 Murrabit
3490 Ouyen	3568 Cohuna
3549 Robinvale	3396 Hopetoun
3585 Swan Hill	3525 Charlton
3579 Kerang	3480 Donald

LGAs VISITED

Mildura
Swan Hill
Buloke
Gannawarra
Yarriambiack
Balranald
Wentworth

REACH

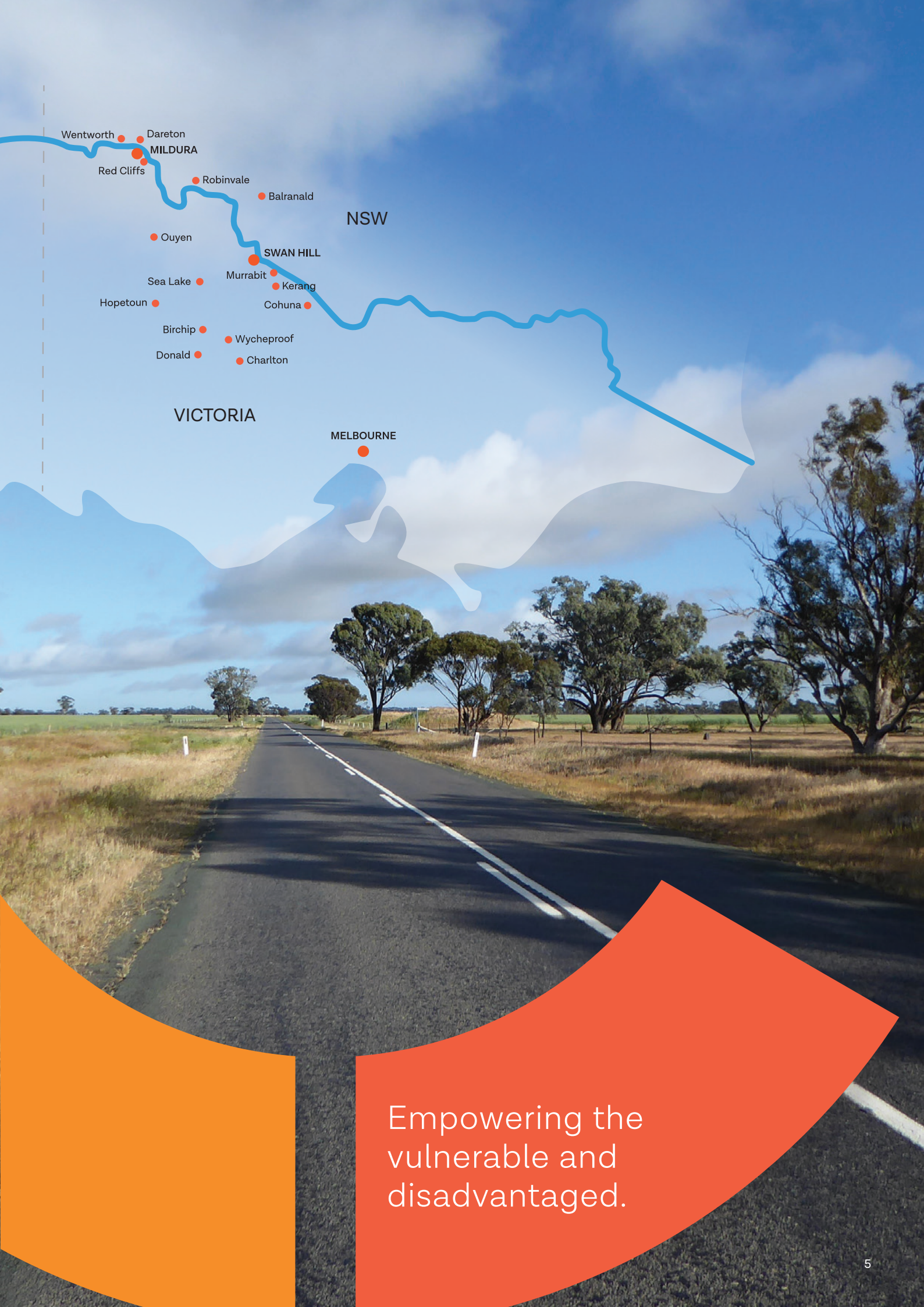
Presentations: **94** with **1,914 attendees**

Community events: **22** with **1,601 attendees**

Stakeholder engagements: **155** with **893 attendees**

Total activities/attendees:

271 events with
4408 attendees



Wentworth
Dareton
MILDURA
Red Cliffs
Robinvale
Balranald
Ouyen
SWAN HILL
Sea Lake
Murrabit
Kerang
Hopetoun
Cohuna
Birchip
Wycheproof
Donald
Charlton

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Empowering the
vulnerable and
disadvantaged.

COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER AND PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Throughout the past year we were, once again, witness to an abundance of community goodwill and care. While we continued to experience lockdowns during the first half of this reporting period, the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre (MFC CLC) maintained vital services alongside the wider organisation of Mallee Family Care (MFC). Staff continued to operate from the office and delivered services by phone or secure video conference appointments.

Lockdowns impacted on the then Federal Circuit Court from conducting its usual regional circuits in person, instead performed with the benefit of technology. MFC CLC provided duty lawyer services and social work support for the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia circuits, which occurred in November 2021 and February and May of 2022. Other impacts involved the Intervention Order Support Services (IOSS), postponement of outreach services and, with the mandating of COVID-19 vaccines, the CLC experienced a very high demand from the community to provide advice around this issue. However, throughout all this staff came together to ensure service continuity was maintained.

March signified the commencement of our outreach services and in-court presence.

The Health Justice Partnership (Domestic Violence Unit) commenced providing services from The Orange Door. Other outreach included SuniTAFE, Robinvale, Kerang, Dareton and Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council (SMECC). We also recommenced our afterhours appointments in February 2022, providing our community with more convenience in obtaining access to justice.

During the reporting period, we were successful in gaining additional funding for the Family Advocacy Support Service (FASS), through Victoria Legal Aid, and the Health Justice Partnership (DVU).

The extension of the Health Justice Partnership program enabled the appointment of a Mental Health Social Worker to deliver support alongside the Solicitor operating within an integrated practice framework.

In November 2021, we paired with the great staff at Think Impact to assist us to develop a mechanism for measuring the impact of the CLC. The outcomes measurement framework was developed over several months and many workshops. We commenced the implementation of this model in July 2022 and look forward to receiving our first report.



John Tadros - Principal Solicitor

We were thrilled with the new appointment of a Principal Solicitor, John Tadros, who commenced at the end of May 2022. John benefited from a co-Principal operation with Lauren Dinning until the end of June. John has brought a sense of energy and innovation to the MFC CLC and we look forward to developing the CLC further with John at the helm.

This next period of 2022-2023 will see us move to a new data recording and file management system, allowing the CLC to progress to a paperless practice.

Corrina Graham
Community Services Manager

Lauren Dinning
Principal Solicitor

CLC would like to take the opportunity to give our heartfelt thank you to Lauren Dinning.

Lauren stepped in initially as acting Principal Solicitor in March 2020, before accepting the role in November 2020, to assist the CLC through a period of change.

Lauren brought with her years of experience and knowledge, and she was instrumental in the development of new lawyers and graduate lawyers.

Beyond her experience Lauren also brought with her a nurturing wisdom and a positive and bright

nature that helped to create an encouraging learning environment. Lauren will continue with MFC, CLC in a part time capacity as a Senior Solicitor with a focus on mentoring and development of our great team of lawyers.

Thank you, Lauren, we are pleased you have not left us entirely.



Left: Lauren Dinning with Corrina Graham

DIRECTORS



Ross Lake OAM - Chair
Non-executive Director

Qualifications

Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Economics, Diploma of Education

Experience

Board member for most of the period since the inception of Mallee Family Care in 1984. Mr Lake holds a number of other Directorships including the Mallee Regional Innovation Centre Strategic Advisory Panel and Institute of Post Colonial Studies.



Jenna Yetman - Deputy Chair
Non-executive Director

Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting), Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice, Company Directors Course

Experience

Ms Yetman was appointed Deputy Chair in 2020. Ms Yetman holds a number of other Directorships including Madec Australia and Country Fire Authority - Patchewollock Brigade.



Ms Belinda Hudak
Non-executive Director
(appointed April 2022)

Qualifications

Masters of Leadership and Management, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts

Experience

Belinda is the Principal of Mildura Senior College. Belinda was appointed Principal in June 2017. She is also on the board of the Northern Mallee Local Learning Employment Network, Independent Chair of Mildura headspace Consortium and the Mallee representative of the State-wide Committee of the Victorian Association of Secondary School Principals.



Dr Suriya Hariprakash
Non-executive Director

Qualifications

MBBS, DCH, MRCP (Paediatrics), MRCPCH, CCT in Paediatrics and Paediatric Intensive Care Medicine, FPCCM, FRACP

Experience

Dr. Hariprakash is the Senior Staff Specialist in Paediatrics and the Clinical Director of Paediatrics at Mildura Base Public Hospital. He received the Lucas Excellence Award in recognition of his contribution to the health and wellbeing of children in this region. Dr. Hariprakash is a member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy.



Christine Cottrell

Non-executive Director

Qualifications

Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Experience

Ms Cottrell has spent 20 years working in Not-For-Profit Services including Australian Institute of Company Directors, Australian Sonographers Association and Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators. Ms Cottrell currently holds a Directorship with Mildura Community House.



Geoff Dea

Non-executive Director

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business (Accounting), CPA

Experience

Mr Dea is the CEO of Sunraysia Institute of TAFE and is a member of the Board and Audit Committee of Mildura Regional Development.



Dr Andrew Kremor

Non-executive Director

Qualifications

PhD (Engineering Geology), Master of Business Administration, GAIDC

Experience

Dr Kremor has held various executive and non-executive directorships with private and public companies including Zero Emissions Water, Salinity Accountability Advisory Committee, Babcock and Brown Finance, Flinders Power, Sparq Solutions, Alinta Energy, Allgas Networks, Energy Networks Association and Windmill Performing Arts Company. Dr Kremor is a General Manager at the Murray Darling Basin Authority.



Dr Chelsea Todd

Non-executive Director

Qualifications

Bachelor of Psychology (Hons), Doctor of Philosophy, and has completed the Advanced Leadership Program with the Australian School of Applied Management.

Experience

Chelsea has worked as a senior researcher and evaluation officer at Universities and Government Departments in South Australia as well as in policy and Management within Victorian Government Departments.



Mr Eelco Vugs

Non-executive Director
(appointed December 2021)

Qualifications

Masters in Mental Health, Masters in Criminology Experience

Experience

Mr Vugs has more than 15 years' experience in child protection and safeguarding roles for both government and non-government organisations in Australia and overseas. He is currently the Regional Safeguarding Manager East and South Asia for British Council.



Ms Cynthia (Cyndi) Power

Non-executive Director
(resigned February 2022)

Qualifications

BSc (Public Relations), BSc (French)

Experience

Ms Power was elected as a Councillor for the Mildura Rural City Council in November 2020, where she holds the portfolio of Community Health and Wellbeing. She is an advocate for women's health with a particular focus on birthing education and birthing services.



OUR TEAM

Darren Boon
Generalist Solicitor

Leanne Bosman
Specialist Family Violence Solicitor

Allison Collyer
Community Legal Education Worker

Corrina Graham
Manager Community Services

Emily Craig
Generalist Solicitor

Lauren Dinning
Principal Solicitor (Part-time)

Sarah Merry
Administration Officer
- Legal and Financial

Setaita Miki
Intake and Assessment Coordinator
- Legal (concluded 19/10/2021)

Lauren Moore
Generalist Solicitor

Anadil Nusrat
Generalist Solicitor

Tania Pearce
Community Engagement Worker
- Legal and Financial

Alana Pollard
Administration Officer
- Legal and Financial

Carly Staley-Schreiber
Community Services - Internship

Samantha Stitt
Generalist Solicitor

John Tadros
Principal Solicitor

Sarah Taha
Social Worker - Family Violence

Joanne Turner
Mental Health Social Worker
- Legal

Wayne Walsh
Generalist Solicitor

CLC address common legal
issues confronting people
in the region.

This year we delivered seven activities as part of a busy Victorian Law Week.

The Community Legal Centre held an information stand at the Swan Hill Library following a successful event in 2021, a Legal Health Check information stand and delivered a presentation to students at SuniTAFE Mildura.

We also held activities in Birchip, Donald, Charlton and Wycheproof.

We focused on Neighbourhood Houses in the Buloke Shire, as they are key referral organisations in these regional towns where service providers are limited.

Due to COVID-19, and changes of staff in the houses, the CLC wanted to build connections and enhance referral pathways.

We were able to build relationships and create a greater understanding of our services and how we can help their communities.

Since the recruitment of the Family Violence Social Worker back in 2020, their role has significantly increased. The Family Violence Social Worker continues to work alongside the Family Violence Solicitor to provide legal and non-legal assistance to victim survivors of family violence.

A total of 124 clients were supported by our Family Violence Social Worker in 2021-2022.

The Family Violence Social Worker attends appointments with the Family Violence Solicitor and provides a social work and family violence lens to legal issues.

The Family Violence Social Worker has not been limited to only supporting the Family Violence Solicitor. This service has been extended to support the Generalist Solicitors when they have identified family violence issues or for more education about family violence.

The most common legal issues identified included family law, which includes parenting and property issues and family violence intervention orders.

Outside of direct service provision, the Family Violence Social Worker has also contributed to implementing family violence tools into Mallee Family Care to support the agency's safe and consistent response to family violence.

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Many people experience problems that they don't realise are legal issues. Often these problems are very stressful, especially if you don't know where to go for help. Complete a free 'legal health check-up' to help uncover any hidden legal and financial issues. Find out how your local community legal centre or financial counsellor can help.

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INTERVENTION ORDER SUPPORT SERVICE (IOSS)

For the majority of this year, COVID-19 significantly continued to affect the delivery of court services Australia-wide, as practitioners and court users alike were still required to attend court hearings remotely via video conference.

However, as the year unfolded and the pandemic slowly subsided, we saw a gradual return of in-person hearings. We are pleased to note that as of September 2022 the Magistrates' Court has reverted back to pre-pandemic attendance practices.

We continue to provide outreach services to Magistrates' Court locations in Robinvale, Swan Hill and Kerang, and now also offer a telephone advice line for affected family members who are seeking assistance with their intervention order matters in Wentworth.



MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER

In June 2022 the Community Legal Centre recruited a Mental Health Social Worker to the team. The role of the Mental Health Social Worker is to work alongside solicitors and provide a holistic approach to supporting clients accessing the legal service.

The Mental Health Social Worker provides a range of non-legal supports and can sit in appointments with solicitors to support clients or can receive

referrals to assist clients who may have mental health concerns due to the challenges they are facing. The Mental Health Social Worker provides non-legal assistance through risk assessments and safety planning, referrals, information, psychosocial education, and emotional support.

Collaboration between solicitors and the Mental Health Social Worker has been beneficial to clients who may not have accessed supports for their mental health previously as they are unsure of the processes to access assistance, or for people who have been too overwhelmed with their legal matter. The Mental Health Social Worker provides short-term support and discusses options for ongoing supports with the client should they require this.

Any referrals made are assisted by the Mental Health Social Worker as much or as little as the client would like to ensure the work is client-driven.

The Mental Health Social Worker also attends meetings with other mental health services in the catchment area. This builds networks and ensures knowledge of outside programs and referral options is current to best assist clients who may require this support. Networking with other professionals and engaging with solicitors within the service ensures the best possible holistic approach in working with clients who have accessed the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre.

As with all new roles, this role will continue to evolve to ensure best practice and client-centred support is offered by the Mental Health Social Worker.

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COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

The aim of our Community Legal Education (CLE) program is to inform, empower and enhance understanding about the law.

Sessions are delivered in a friendly and supportive manner, without judgement, and encourage attendee participation. We help our audiences identify and prevent legal issues and promote awareness of how to seek help if they need it.

This year the CLE program delivered more activities than any previous year to a record number of participants. This is despite COVID-19 affecting much of the first half of the financial year. Our aim this year was to reconnect with our communities and focus on communities outside of our major towns. When collating our statistics for the locations we had delivered CLE activities for the year, we were delighted to see that we delivered activities to 15 towns outside of Mildura, encompassing seven of our 10 local government areas (LGAs). The travel involved in visiting some of these locations is significant and can create logistical headaches, however it is important we ensure all community members in our catchment have access to our services.

We had some intensive weeks with up to 11 presentations being delivered over five days. For example, a trip to Cohuna and Murrabit involved 10 information sessions (including two after-hours) over three days, which was a big undertaking but hugely rewarding for those attending and for our service.

Fostering networks in our communities is a crucial part of our role and we attended 40 networking meetings this year. Our attendance is important to ensure that community workers are aware of our services and how to refer clients to us, create better understanding of the assistance MFC CLC can provide, find out updates of other services and their programs and also look for collaboration opportunities. The value of this networking cannot be underestimated, and it has resulted in many CLE opportunities. The relationships built with other service providers is very important and an ongoing commitment of our service.

In May 2022 we welcomed a new community engagement worker (CEW), Tania Pearce. The CEW role aims to connect and engage with community and stakeholders to

create critical links and coordinate pathways for service referral. Tania is working on fostering and building on relationships with stakeholders across our 10 LGAs.

Since commencement, she has linked into existing CLC collaboration channels, including student wellbeing, family violence, justice and seniors networks, Neighbourhood Houses and a range of community agencies and events.

The role, alongside the CLE position, enhances our service by identifying current and emerging legal issues in communities and increasing service accessibility for more vulnerable population groups, including people living in rural/remote areas.

In summary, it has been a wonderful year for CLE and the addition of the CEW will enable us to reach more people and communities in the future.

We are excited for 2023 and what we will be able to achieve.

Increased service accessibility for more vulnerable population groups.

YOUNG PEOPLE CONSENT AND SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

With many schools postponing information sessions for the past two years, we were inundated with requests once restrictions were lifted.

The CLE program delivered 49 presentations on consent and sharing of intimate images to young people in Mildura, Swan Hill, Robinvale, Dareton and Cohuna this year to overwhelmingly positive feedback.

It is crucial that young people understand the law in relation to these topics to help them make informed choices and understand healthy relationships.

Feedback/takeaways from the sessions:

“The only consent is a clear and affirmative, clear yes.”

“Laws are changing regularly to keep people safe.”

“I liked the use of no metaphors and the clearness of the message.”

“The information was very clear and easy to understand.”

“Silence is not consent.”

“Silence is not a yes.”

CLC delivered:

49 presentations

to young people in our region.

CASE STUDIES

Health Justice Partnership - Case Study One

Our client initially sought advice and assistance in relation to varying her safe contact FVIO to a full no contact order and with parenting arrangements in circumstances where there was no parenting plan or court orders in place and current Child Protection involvement due to concerns with the other party.

The other party subsequently abducted one of the parties' children (aged three years) from daycare and took the child to Melbourne without our client's

agreement. Our client was subsequently arrested for an outstanding warrant at Victoria Police Station when reporting the abduction and seeking a variation to her FVIO. The solicitor advocated with the Child Protection worker about concerns for the abducted child and seeking assistance from the Child Protection worker in contacting the other party to have the child returned to her mother.

The solicitor advocated with Victoria Police in relation to the arrest of our client and having their

FVIO varied and provided legal advice. The solicitor assisted our client with a VLA application for litigation funding and warm referral to private family law solicitors to initiate proceedings in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) for the return of the child and parenting orders.

The solicitor assisted our client with referrals to criminal lawyers for assistance with her criminal charges.

Health Justice Partnership - Case Study Two

Our client's teenage daughter disclosed sexual abuse by a member of the father's household.

Final Parenting Orders were in place where all three children of the parties live with the father and spend time with our client. All the children were staying with our client and not wanting to return to the father's home. The solicitor

provided initial advice to our client about the best interests of the children and contravening Final Parenting Orders. The solicitor confirmed with Centrelink the changed living arrangements for the children and provided a letter to the father enclosing an Interim Parenting Plan to override Final Parenting Orders in relation to live

with and spend time arrangements in the circumstances with a review in six months' time. The solicitor assisted our client with a VLA application for litigation funding and warm referral to private family law solicitors to respond to a Contravention Application subsequently brought by the father in the FCFCOA.

Mental Health Social Worker - Case Study

A client recently attended the service for legal support as he was wishing to obtain a divorce however was not sure of the process to do this. He and his ex-partner had separated many years ago, the client had re-partnered and wished to marry his new partner.

Through the legal appointment the solicitor noted that client was venting about several issues in which were not related to the legal appointment. The client had several complexities which

provided barriers to him accessing support, especially in relation to his mental health.

Following the legal appointment and with the client's consent, a referral was made to the Mental Health Social Worker, who promptly booked an appointment with the client. The client spoke openly and at length about the divorce and other matters which he stated he had not received counselling for but would like to speak with someone in an ongoing capacity.

With the assistance of the Mental Health Social Worker, the best referral pathways were explored with the client stating he felt empowered to be able to make the connection and self-refer to supports.

The Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre not only provided legal advice, but also looked at the client from a holistic perspective and was able to empower the client to access his own ongoing mental health supports, ensuring he made an autonomous choice regarding his mental health.



Left: Allie Collyer with Tania Pearce

PARENTS AND CARERS NAVIGATING TRICKY ONLINE ISSUES

This year the CLE team delivered three school-based sessions for parents and carers aiming to empower them with information to keep their children safe online, help them to have difficult conversations and provide them with tips and resources.

The sessions were very successful with excellent feedback. We covered issues like social media, sharing of intimate images, grooming and digital reputation in a friendly and non-judgemental manner.



FEEDBACK/TAKEAWAYS FROM THE SESSIONS:

“Frightening but very informative and stuff we need to know.”

“This has made it easier for myself to feel comfortable enough to talk to my children.”

“Have the awkward conversations.”

“Be calm and brave in regard to having conversations with teens.”



Left to right: John Tadros, Lauren Dinning, Leanne Bosman and Sarah Taha

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MALLEE FAMILY CARE LTD

We have audited the accompanying financial statements ("the Statement") of Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre for the financial year ended 30 June 2022. The Statement has been prepared by management using the basis of accounting as outlined in Note 1 of the Statement.

Managements' Responsibility for the Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Statement in accordance with the basis of accounting as outlined in Note 1, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a Statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the Statement 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, if any, made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Statement.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MALLEE FAMILY CARE LTD

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting as outlined in the Note 1.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the terms and conditions of the Agreement between Commonwealth of Australia, Victoria Legal Aid and Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre, which describes the basis of accounting. The Statement has been prepared to assist Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre to meet the requirements of the Service Agreement. As a result, the Statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre, Mallee Family Care Ltd and Victoria Legal Aid and should not be distributed to any other parties.



William Buck (SA)
ABN: 38 280 203 274



G. W. Martinella
Partner

Dated this 26th day of July, 2022.

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre Consolidated Income and Expenditure Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Consolidated		
Surplus/Deficit from Previous Year		
Surplus/Deficit from previous year	423,536	239,406
Approved Expenditure from Surplus	-	-
Net Surplus Deficit from previous year	423,536	239,406
CLSP Income		
Commonwealth	1,317,583	1,235,214
State	376,333	400,870
Service Generated Income	750	1,000
Total CLSP Income	1,694,666	1,637,084
CLSP General Purpose Income (Total CLSP Income plus Net Surplus/Deficit)	2,118,202	1,876,490
CLSP Expenses		
Salaries	1,199,235	996,297
Superannuation	117,411	97,422
On Costs	15,374	20,685
Rent	66,699	50,920
Repairs and Maintenance	3,469	7,616
Other Premises Costs	44,973	37,581
Staff Training	10,014	11,964
Staff Recruitment	30,290	16,458
Communications	3,392	6,523
Office Overheads	47,179	99,691
Insurance	-	7,375
Finance, Audit & Accounting Fees	-	-
Library, Resources & Subscriptions	19,772	11,294
Travel	29,770	18,246
Programming and Planning	137,336	23,834
Client Disbursements	-	-
Leases	5,681	4,202
Minor Equipment	2,022	42,846
Auspicing or Management Fee	96,995	-
Salary and Related Expenses	1,332,020	1,114,404
Total Operating Expenses	497,592	338,550
Total CLSP Expenses	1,829,612	1,452,954
Surplus/Deficit for Current Year	(134,946)	184,130
Other Income (Not to be added to CLSP Funds Surplus/Deficit)		
Total Funds received from Other Bodies	-	-
Less Actual Capital Expenditure in Current Year	-	-
Surplus /Deficit for Next Year	288,590	423,536

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current Assets		
National Australia Bank Operating Account	391,275	493,387
Total Current Assets	391,275	493,387
Total Assets	391,275	493,387
Current Liabilities		
Creditors		
Accrued Wages	19,119	14,428
Employee Entitlements		
Annual Leave	42,705	22,690
Long Service Leave	18,070	15,459
Total Current Liabilities	79,894	52,577
Non-Current Liabilities		
Employee Entitlements		
Long Service Leave	17,913	12,396
Total Non-Current Liabilities	17,913	12,396
Total Liabilities	97,807	64,973
Net Assets	293,468	428,414
Accumulated Funds		
Retained Surplus/(deficit) at Beginning of Year	428,414	244,284
Surplus/(deficit) for Year	(134,946)	184,130
Total Accumulated Funds	293,468	428,414

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre Cashflow Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2021 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts			
Operating grants from Government		1,863,308	1,799,692
Other income		825	1,100
		1,864,133	1,800,792
Payments			
Payments to employees		(1,299,186)	(1,103,973)
Payments to suppliers and providers		(547,351)	(372,405)
GST paid		(119,707)	(129,853)
		(1,966,244)	(1,606,231)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(a)	(102,112)	194,561
Net increase (decrease) in cash for the year		(102,112)	194,561
Cash at beginning of financial year		493,387	298,826
Cash at end of financial year		391,275	493,387
(a) Reconciliation of net cash from operating activities to surplus from operating activities:-			
Net (deficit) surplus for the year		(134,946)	184,130
Add (Less):			
Increase (Decrease) in employee provisions		28,143	(678)
Increase (Decrease) in creditors		4,691	11,109
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(102,112)	194,561

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre Notes to The Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

NOTE 1: Basis of Accounting

Income in these Income and Expenditure Reports is recognised on a cash basis, while expenses are recognised on an accrual basis.

NOTE 2: Scope of Reporting

The term consolidated is used in the Income and Expenditure Report to indicate that the report includes income and expenses for all programs and projects funded by Victorian Legal Aid.

ORGANISATION'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

1. These financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre as at 30 June 2022 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Notes 1 and 2.
2. The financial statements are in accordance with the funding agreement, applicable Australian Accounting standards and are based on proper accounts and records.
3. The Organisation has maintained complete and proper accounting records in respect of the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre.
4. The funds received by Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre from Victoria Legal Aid under the funding agreement have been properly spent in accordance with the funding agreement.



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