

2023

# ANNUAL REPORT



JusticeNet<sup>SA</sup>  
Connecting social need to legal skill.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, JusticeNet SA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their continued connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

This report was released at the Annual General Meeting on 28 November 2023, held on the traditional lands of the Kurna people.

Always was, always will be.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

We are pleased to present our fifteenth annual report to our members and stakeholders on JusticeNet's key activities and achievements over the 2022-2023 financial year.

Continuing on from last year, there has been a lot of change within the organisation against a national and international climate of review and reconsideration of best practice in the legal assistance sector. However, an overall theme of the year was consolidation across the organisation and each of our services.

In this report you will see case studies and statistics from each of the three services JusticeNet delivered in 2022-2023; Pro Bono Connect, Federal Court Self Representation Service and Homeless Legal. You will also see details of the publications and events that we produced outside of this front line work in order to deliver training to the broader profession, raise awareness of the need for pro bono resources or grow JusticeNet support and resources.

Of note in August 2022, we held our inaugural Art for Justice event in partnership with the Art Gallery of South Australia and with artist Dan Withey. As well as being a fabulous fundraiser, it was a wonderful opportunity to give back to our donor circle and to have an intimate tour of the gallery with the sensational Dr Lisa Slade.

In May we had the most successful Walk for Justice in our 15 year history. With the support of a fabulous group of volunteers and our staff, 360 walkers and many more supporters, we hit our ambitious target of raising \$150,000 - making it the largest Walk for Justice in the country!

Throughout the year we have undergone an external evaluation with the Governors Leadership Group and we are very grateful to those stakeholders who gave up their time in order to provide us with external feedback on our model and the place of JusticeNet.

JusticeNet  
President,  
Tania Sulan

JusticeNet  
CEO, Rebecca  
Plummer



# FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

There has been a keen eye on pro bono work in the last 12 months and this is only set to continue. Ensuring South Australia has a place in that national debate and ensuring we stay in touch with the needs of the community, sector and profession when providing that representation is of utmost importance to us.

It remains the key purpose of JusticeNet to improve access to the justice system for people experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage in South Australia through partnerships with pro bono lawyers. This year we have strived to build on the work which started in 2021-22 in consciously analysing and ensuring we remain a meaningful, and sustainable aspect of the legal assistance landscape in South Australia.

The success of our operations are only made possible by the generous support of our members, sponsors, donors, funders and volunteers. Thank you. It remains a privilege to be involved in the leadership of JusticeNet and to connect legal skill to social need.



JusticeNet President, Tania Sulan and Justice Net CEO & Principal Solicitor, Rebecca Plummer at the opening of the 2023 Legal Year.



# OUR TEAM

JusticeNet is staffed by a small group of dedicated part time employees and governed by a generous and skilled volunteer Management Committee. In FY 22/23 we also had the assistance of 12 volunteers ranging from law students to secondee lawyers.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tania Sulan (President), Ben Opie (Treasurer), Scott Foreman (Secretary), Steve McDonald SC, Sue Brebner, Sarah Devenport (outgoing)

## STAFF



**Angela Hastings**  
Managing Solicitor, Federal Court Self Representation Service



**Antonia Kloss**  
Managing Solicitor, Homeless Legal



**Cassandra Altmann**  
Solicitor, Federal Court Self Representation Service



**Dharani Rana**  
Solicitor & Coordinator, Homeless Legal (outgoing)



**Hannah March**  
Managing Solicitor, Pro Bono Connect (job-share)



**Phoebe Richards**  
Managing Solicitor, Pro Bono Connect (job-share)



**Rebecca Plummer**  
CEO and Principal Solicitor



**Tracey Press**  
Administrator

## VOLUNTEERS

Annabelle Jones, Carlos Ayala, Daniel Hill-Brown, Hannah Goldman, Isabella Penna, Jordan Goudy, Jordan Sanderson, Kate Munn, Kerrin Burgemeister, Lyn Collins, Melissa Bruce, Raquel Araya, Taliah Hiller, Tayla Power

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To improve access to the justice system for people experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage in South Australia through partnerships with pro bono lawyers.

## WHO WE ARE

JusticeNet is an independent, not-for-profit legal service for South Australians who cannot afford a lawyer or get the legal help they need elsewhere.

## WHAT WE DO

We leverage the expertise of our pro bono network to help our clients secure just outcomes that improve their quality of life.



# SERVICE REPORTS



## **PRO BONO CONNECT**

Phoebe Richards &  
Hannah March



## **FEDERAL COURT SELF REPRESENTATION SERVICE**

Angela Hastings &  
Cassandra Altmann



## **HOMELESS LEGAL**

Antonia Kloss





# PRO BONO CONNECT

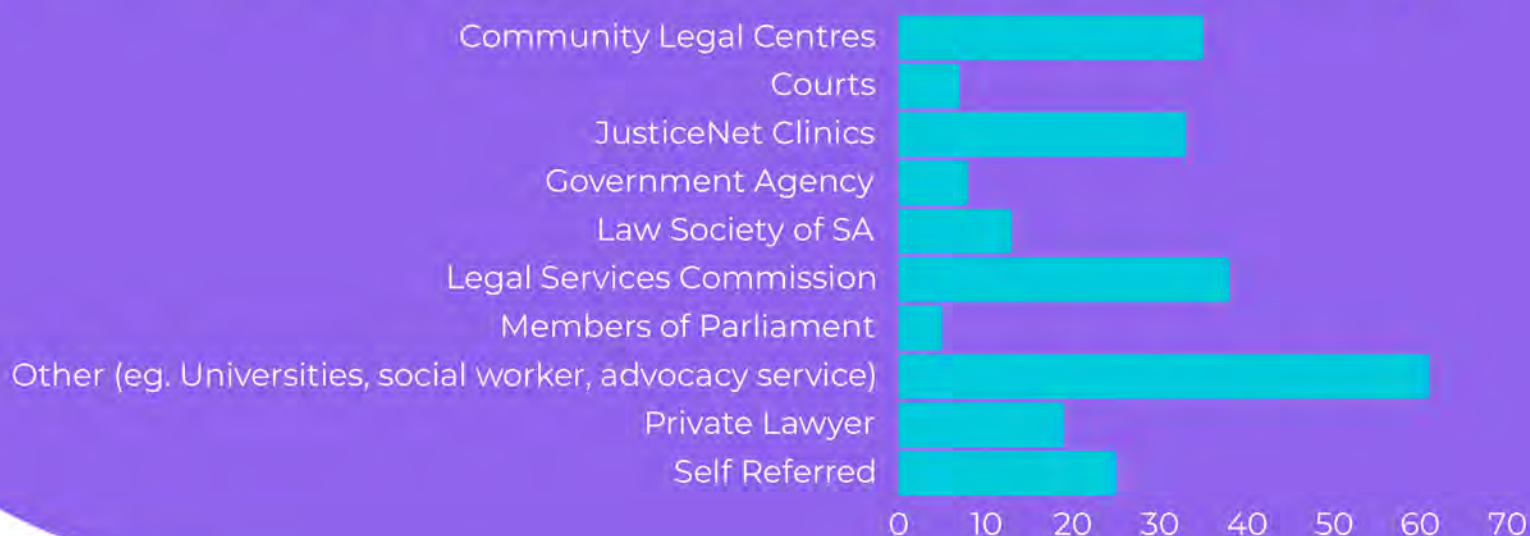
Pro Bono Connect (PBC) is the South Australian pro bono clearing house, operating as a referral service that connects eligible applicants with member law firms and/or barristers. Eligibility is based on a lack of means, legal merit, and no other avenues for funded legal assistance.

This year there was an 9% increase in new applications received (252, up from 231 last financial year) and a 12% decrease in matters eligible for pro bono assistance (95, down from 109 last financial year). 230 of the new applications were from individuals, and the remaining 22 were from not-for-profit organisations.

Of the reasons for ineligibility, the highest category was low prospects of success/non-threshold, followed by eligible for an alternate funded service, with the remainder exceeding the means test.

In 2022/2023 placing eligible matters with law firms has been the key challenge due to the high demand for legal assistance, with 5 eligible files unable to be placed with a referral partner. Accordingly, the PBC team spent considerable time this year working on growing our membership base and providing training to upskill lawyers to participate in pro bono work, including the PBC specialist service, the Refugee Asylum Seeker Program (RASP).

## PBC Applicants were referred to JusticeNet by:





# COMPLETED REFERRALS 2022-23

People assisted: 99

Average pro bono hours per file: 42

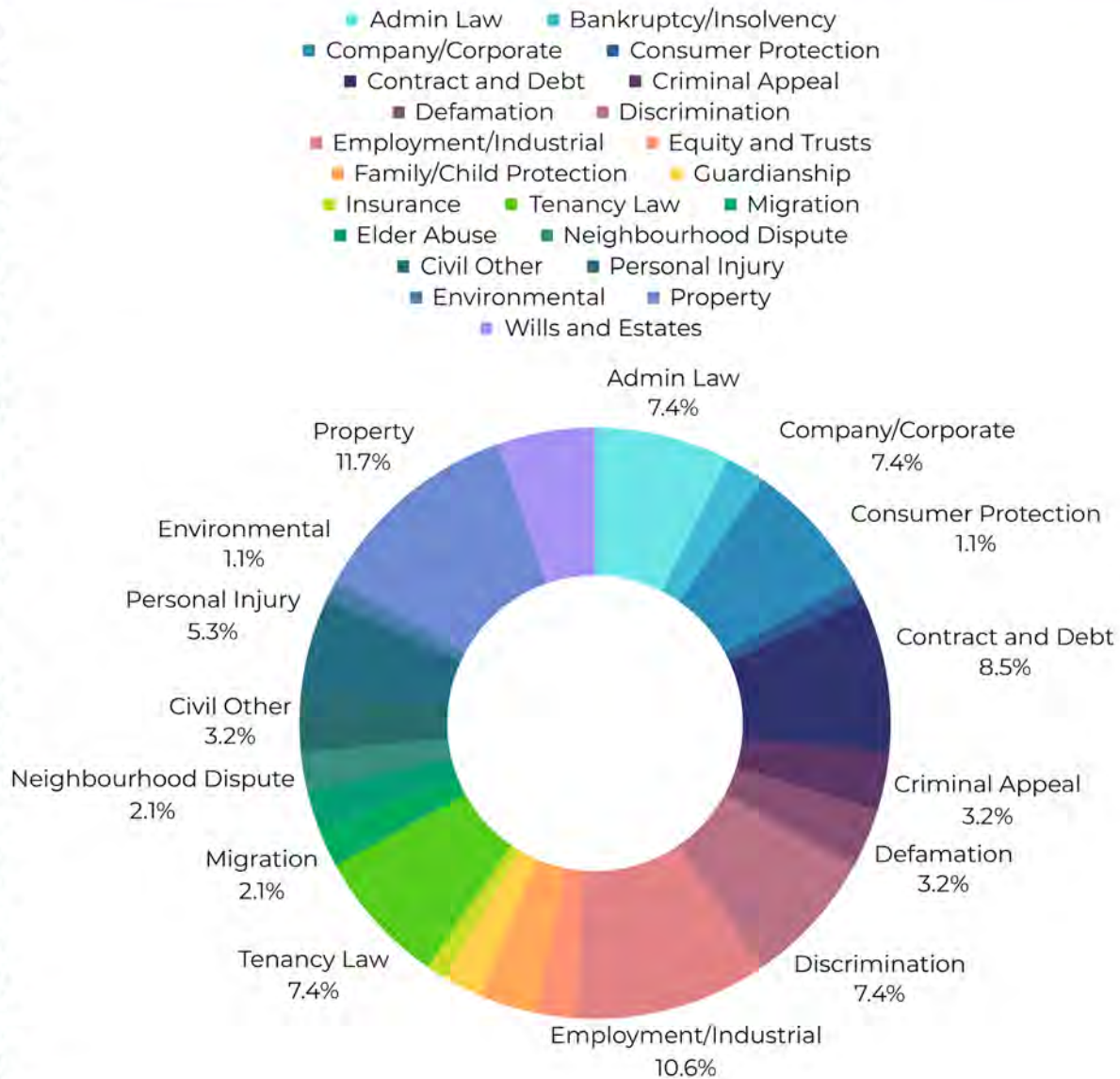
Average legal fees per file: \$12,460

Estimated total pro bono work performed that would have otherwise gone unaided:

## \$1,233,540\*

\*NB: this is a conservative estimate including referrals completed in 2022-23 from Pro Bono Connect only, it does not include ongoing matters, or the RASP matters

### AREAS OF LAW - ELIGIBLE MATTERS





## WHAT OUR APPLICANTS SAY

“Great organisation that helps people that otherwise could not afford legal help. I received quick response and a great lawyer, Very thankful”

“JusticeNet was able to connect me to the right resources to get the legal support I needed. It was quick, efficient and always a great experience.”

“The lawyer was able to help me with my legal needs and expertise. I found him easy to work with and very helpful.”

“My circumstance was dealt with in a caring, understanding, quick and efficient manner”

## CASE STUDY

### **A RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD STANDING FOR MR HILL**

Mr Hill\* had an action brought against him in an estate matter and applied to JusticeNet after the stress of self-representing in civil proceedings caused him to be hospitalised.

As there was a court date pending, JusticeNet was able to secure a barrister referral partner to appear as a Friend of the Court while we continued to search for a solicitor. Once solicitors were found, they were able to review the documents, the claim, and the probate file and formed a view that Mr Hill had a right to claim further and better provision in the estate matter.

The originating action and Mr Hill's claim for further and better provision were listed together for mediation. The pro bono work on the first action led to Mr Hill becoming a client of the referral partners on a payment-out-of-settlement basis. Mr Hill's health is much better with support from his friends, neighbours, and referral partners.

\*Details changed for privacy reasons



# FEDERAL COURT SELF REPRESENTATION SERVICE (FCSRS)



257

PEOPLE ASSISTED



181

FILES OPENED



720

LEGAL SERVICES



211

APPOINTMENTS

The Federal Courts Self-Representation Service (FCSRS) assists clients with matters commenced, or to be commenced, in the general federal law jurisdiction including bankruptcy, Fair Work, migration (excluding refugees and asylum seekers who are assisted by JusticeNet's Pro Bono Connect), appeals, judicial review, anti-discrimination, competition and consumer law.

The FCSRS continues to participate in the Fair Work Commission's Workplace Advice Service (FWCWAS) by facilitating one-off appointments for eligible applicants to the FWCWAS.

The FCSRS is grateful for the support of 10 participating law firms:

**COWELL CLARKE  
DENTONS  
DMAW LAWYERS  
FINLAYSONS  
HALL & WILCOX**

**HWL EBSWORTH  
MINTER ELLISON  
O'TOOLE LAWYERS  
PIPER ALDERMAN  
SPARKE HELMORE**

39 lawyers from the participating law firms and 1 barrister provided either telephone or face-to-face appointments to FCSRS Service Users during the financial year.

JusticeNet extends its sincere gratitude to those lawyers and law firms.

This was in addition to the hundreds of hours spent by the JusticeNet staff lawyers to provide legal advice and task assistance to clients, and to brief the solicitors who volunteered to provide appointments to the FCSRS clients.

The FCSRS is funded until 2025 by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.



## WHAT OUR APPLICANTS SAY

"I was amazed from my first contact with the SRS by both the professionalism and attention to detail. The friendly and courteous service suddenly removed all my fear and apprehension of going to court without being able to afford using my personal lawyer of over 25 years!

The way my problems were identified quickly, further put my mind at ease. The communications both my phone and email were faultless and made my task so simple. Both Pro Bono Lawyers who spoke to me were articulate and on point, and extremely helpful in preparing my affidavit. And to think that they both were probably doing so during their lunch break whilst in their own practice was remarkable. The office staff were without equal in all that they did. My final comment would be to encourage that funding for this service the SELF-REPRESENTATION SERVICE, be maintained or increased so that people like myself who have fallen upon hard times can take full advantage of what the courts offer to those who can no longer afford to pay their own way!"

"Preparing the drafts, easy to get appointments, advising all the aspects by providing forms and legal written sources makes things easy to understand."

## CASE STUDY

### EMPOWERING SIMONE TO KNOW WHERE SHE STANDS

Simone\* is a transgender woman who had been employed on a casual basis by a company who was contracted by a supermarket to supply "demonstrators" to hand out food and product samples to customers of the supermarket.

Some employees of the supermarket had approached Simone's manager to request that Simone use the disabled toilets at the supermarket complex instead of the female toilets, and Miranda's manager passed on the request to Simone. Several days later the Chief Executive Officer of Simone's employer called her to apologise on behalf of her manager for making such a request, and informing her that the manager of the supermarket was supportive of Simone using the female toilets.

Despite the apology and the assurances from the supermarket, Simone still felt uncomfortable about using the female toilets and felt that she had no option but to leave her job. She sought advice about her legal rights. Simone was provided with advice about the Fair Work legislation and the Sex Discrimination legislation.

\*Details changed for privacy reasons



# HOMELESS LEGAL

JusticeNet SA's Homeless Legal outreach program plays a vital role in connecting people at risk of or experiencing homelessness with pro bono legal support. By embedding pro bono lawyers in trusted spaces such as women's shelters and community centres, Homeless Legal's clinics are an integral part of the wrap-around health-justice-social support network needed to assist Adelaide's most vulnerable citizens.

During 2022/23 JusticeNet SA's Homeless Legal operated legal outreach clinics at four Adelaide locations - Hutt St Centre, Catherine House, Baptist Care and SACAT. 204 people were assisted via the clinics in relation to 222 different matters. (Up from 110 and 119 in 2021/22).

The unique Homeless Legal program:

- Embeds weekly legal clinics staffed by pro bono lawyers in trusted spaces such as community centres and shelters, thereby making legal assistance accessible.
- Offers a range of legal services, including advice, referrals, and

limited follow-up assistance.

- Collaborates with support staff at outreach sites to address the multifaceted needs of those facing homelessness.

HL is grateful for the support of 4 participating law firms to service their weekly outreach clinics:

- MinterEllison
- Dentons
- JWS
- Gilchrist Connell

JusticeNet extends its sincere gratitude to the lawyers and law firms who have staffed the clinics during 2022/23.

Many additional hours were spent by the JusticeNet team members, Dharani Rana and Rebecca Plummer, who staffed Homeless Legal during the 2022/23.

However Homeless Legal would not be possible without the generous Homeless Legal Donor Circle lead by its Patron The Hon. John Sulan KC and its supporters who fund the program.





# HOMELESS LEGAL DONOR CIRCLE

During 2022/23 Homeless Legal was funded with the generous support of:-



**Donor Circle  
Champions &  
Members**

**Donor Matching  
from LK & Day Family  
Foundation**

**Double the impact  
in the community**

## CHAMPIONS

\$2500 EACH/FINANCIAL YEAR

**Don and Veronica Aldridge**  
**John Brimacombe**  
**Kieren Chester**  
**Tom Cox KC**  
**Megan Ferris**  
**Scott and Caroline Foreman**  
**Chris Gray**  
**Associate Professor William Griggs AM**  
**ASM and Dr Maree White**  
**Skip Lipman**  
**Tom and Kate McFarlane**  
**Carolyn Mitchell**  
**Josh Simons**  
**Tania Sulan and David Bentley**  
**John and Ali Sulan KC (Patron)**

## MEMBERS

\$500 EACH/FINANCIAL YEAR

**David Bleby KC**  
**Paula Davies**  
**Benjamin Doyle**  
**Brian Hayes**  
**Mark Hoffmann KC**  
**Stephen McDonald SC**  
**Jo O'Callaghan**  
**Damian O'Leary**  
**Ian Robertson SC**  
**Joanne Staugas**  
**Stacey Thomas**  
**Jonathan Wells KC**  
**Kate White**

## OUR IMPACT



# 85%

growth in the number of  
people assisted from 21/22 to  
22/23



# 87%

growth in the number of  
matters from 21/22 to 22/23

Homeless Legal's pro bono lawyers have assisted people in relation to a wide variety of legal issues throughout 2022/23, including:

- tenancy disputes,
- eviction,
- personal injury,
- MVA,
- contract/debts,
- fines,
- wills and estates,
- discrimination and human rights,
- police complaints,
- criminal law,
- family law and child protection,
- immigration,
- insurance,
- neighbourhood disputes and
- administrative law.



## WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

“Extremely helpful & concerned for my future did everything they could do for me... I am so very grateful for the help & assistance I received. Very professional in obtaining information from SAHA etc Thank you so very much”.

“I feel like this is the first time I've been heard in two years.”

## CASE STUDY

### GIVING TAMARA'S VOICE A PLATFORM

Tamara\* was a model tenant for several years. She always paid her rent on time and received great references from landlords in the past.

Tamara had been renting a unit for three years until one day, she was told by her landlord that her lease was not going to be renewed at the end of its term. Unfortunately, landlords can legally terminate a lease at the end of its term without a reason if they give at least 28 days' notice. Although a reason was not needed, Tamara's landlord told her it was nothing personal – they needed the unit for their son to move in.

Due to the ongoing housing crisis in South Australia, Tamara struggled to find suitable alternative accommodation within 28 days. The number of places available in her area was scarce and of the few options she found, she was outbid by other applicants.

With her minimum wage job, she could not afford to keep up with rent bidding. She was also ineligible for public housing as her income exceeded the stringent thresholds for housing support. Tamara ultimately ended up living in her car for quite some time before finally finding a place in her budget.

Tamara felt like she was being punished for still having a job and for not being 'poor enough', despite clearly being homeless and in urgent need of housing. Tamara wanted to share her story and to feel heard, so more people are aware that homelessness isn't easily fixed just by 'getting a job'.

We took Tamara's case study to various statewide roundtables and advocacy campaigns on housing and homelessness, and connected her with a media outlet to tell her story. It became one of the stories that informed the amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act reform in 2023.

\*Details changed to protect privacy.



# EVENTS



**ART FOR JUSTICE**



**LEGAL TRAINING**



**WALK FOR JUSTICE**





# ART FOR JUSTICE 2022

On Friday 28 October 2022 JusticeNet launched its inaugural event Art for Justice in partnership with the Art Gallery of South Australia.

The highly-acclaimed [Dan Withey](#) joined us as our very first artist for justice, and embarked on the extraordinary challenge of creating an artwork, inspired by one of JusticeNet's 2022-23 matters as selected by those in attendance, in just two hours.

Whilst Dan was hard at work AGSA Associate Director Dr Lisa Slade took an incredible VIP tour of the closed gallery after hours, which had guests in awe.

With their ticket, each guest not only had a wonderful experience on the night but received a limited edition fine art print of the piece Dan created on the night to add to their private art collection - with Hanson Chambers successfully bidding on the original.

The night was made possible by the following who donated their time and talents to make the evening a success; photographer [Rachel Scholich](#) who took all the wonderful photos you see on this page and the next; jazz trio [The Tail Coats](#) who created a wonderful atmosphere; delicious wines from [Unico Zelo](#); an abundance of beautiful native flowers from Sonya's Stems; and sponsorship from Credit Union SA to cover the catering from AGSA\_Eats.

The event was both a successful fundraiser raising just over \$15,500, and wonderful way to thank our regular donors; and has become an annual fixture on the JusticeNet calendar. Hope to see you there!









# WHERE'S NEXT?

Upskill, side-step or  
start your legal career.  
We're ready  
when you are.

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# LEGAL TRAINING 2022-23

In 2022-23 JusticeNet continued its tradition of providing high quality legal education and continuing professional development (CPD) seminars to the profession, both in South Australia and nationally. The following events were held either free of charge or with proceeds going toward continuing the JusticeNet services:

## Identifying jurisdictional error in migration decisions, particularly asylum seeker decisions: What works and what doesn't from the perspective of the bench.

RASP Lunchtime Series sponsored by LK Law, 7 July 2022

Presented by Former Hon. Judge Heffernan

## The Migration Process: the journey of a client through the system in the context of credibility findings.

RASP Lunchtime Series sponsored by LK Law, 4 August 2022

Presented by Min Guo

## Identifying reviewable error and drafting grounds of appeal.

RASP Lunchtime Series sponsored by LK Law, 1 September 2022

Presented by Dr Rachael Gray

## Practical Guide to being an instructing solicitor in a RASP matter.

RASP Lunchtime Series sponsored by LK Law, 6 October 2022

Presented by Emily Rutherford

## Innovation for Social Justice Impact

Flinders Law School, 26 October 2022

Panelists:

- AGD Executive Director, Adam Kilvert
- APBC Head of Policy & Strategy, Alice Rolls
- Flinders Law School Dean, Tania Leiman
- JusticeNet CEO, Rebecca Plummer







# LEGAL TRAINING 2022-23 CONTINUED

## **A Conversation about Sexual Harassment and Bullying: Bystanders and Firms**

*In partnership with College of Law, 20 October 2022*

### Panelists:

- South Australian Chief Justice Kourakis,
- Former Legal Profession Conduct Commissioner Greg May,
- Legal Advisor to the CE of Attorney General Department Steph Halliday,
- Barrister and President of South Australian Women Lawyers Marissa Mackie

### Facilitator:

JusticeNet CEO Rebecca Plummer

## **Access to Justice: A Matter for You?**

*Law Society CPD Forum 2023, 10 February 2023  
Presented by Rebecca Plummer*

## **More Than File-Flicking: Getting the Most Out of Working With Pro Bono Referral Organisations**

*Australian Pro Bono Centre, 14 March 2023*

### Panelists:

- Rebecca Plummer of JusticeNet SA,
- Kate Fazio and Amy Schwebel of Justice Connect (NSW and VIC),
- Alana Dowley from Law Access (WA) and Rose Mackay from Law Right (QLD).

## **Power of Pro Bono**

*Law Society of South Australia, 8 June 2023*

### Panelists:

- APBC Head of Policy & Strategy, Alice Rolls
- JusticeNet CEO, Rebecca Plummer
- Partner, Thompson Geer, Josh Simons

### Facilitator:

Margaret Castles, Adelaide Law School





# WALK FOR JUSTICE 2023



On 16 May over 360 people gathered at Adelaide Oval in the early hours of National Pro Bono Day for this year's Walk for Justice.

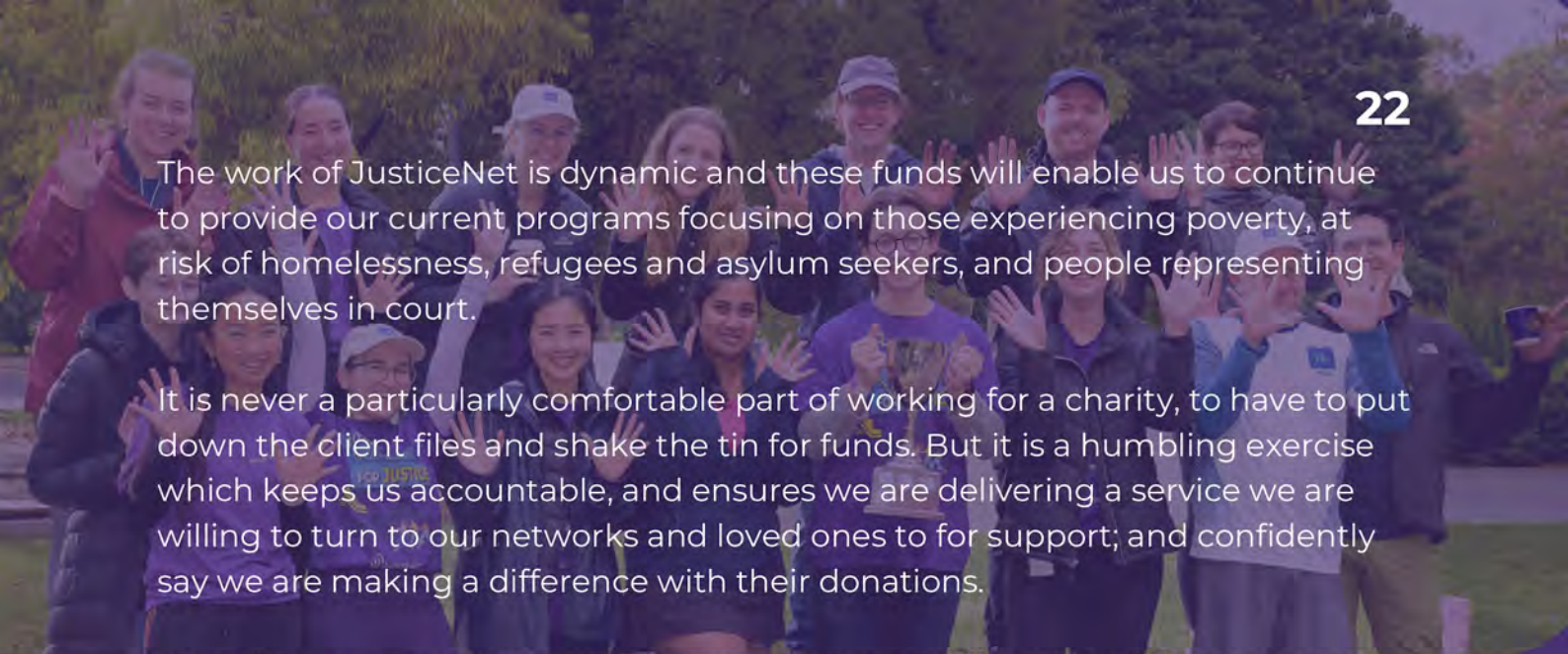
The crowd included lawyers, paralegals, court administrators, politicians, members of the judiciary, independent commissioners, and people passionate about justice. The morning started with poignant words from Senior Kurna Man Corey Turner, Attorney-General Maher, and a ribbon cutting by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson.

Every year the Tuesday morning of National Law Week is set aside for the Walk for Justice to be held in capital cities across the country, generally hosted by the relevant jurisdiction's Pro Bono Public Interest Legal Clearing House.

2023 marks the 15th Anniversary of both JusticeNet and the Walk for Justice, and it seemed only fitting to hit an equally remarkable target for the event. Thanks to the incredible walkers' fundraising efforts as well as our amazing event sponsors we hit the target of \$150,000, almost double the previous best.







The work of JusticeNet is dynamic and these funds will enable us to continue to provide our current programs focusing on those experiencing poverty, at risk of homelessness, refugees and asylum seekers, and people representing themselves in court.

It is never a particularly comfortable part of working for a charity, to have to put down the client files and shake the tin for funds. But it is a humbling exercise which keeps us accountable, and ensures we are delivering a service we are willing to turn to our networks and loved ones to for support; and confidently say we are making a difference with their donations.

We talk a lot about the return on investment of pro bono work. Whilst we work to the metrics of achieving great scale, value and impact, there are the intangibles that come with ensuring we have a broad and diverse legal ecosystem in which public organising and events such as Walk for Justice have a place. Some of these are togetherness, community, collaboration and altruism. Very few people became lawyers without prioritising some of these values, but sometimes we can feel unable to demonstrate that in our usual work. This can feel counter-intuitive at times. Because whilst the zealous advocacy model can make us lean into individualistic interpretation of the law, in a democratic society, law can only ever be collective.

Whilst looking at the Adelaide Oval lit-up in purple as the sun rose, and watching the forecourt fill with colleagues and friends who had every right to still be in bed, it felt like just that – a collective. An important reminder that in what can at times feel like the busiest moment in our lives, with many issues on the precipice, that we have strength in showing up for each other; not solely as a profession, but as a community.

So thank you to our incredible sponsors, donors, walkers and members for supporting the community that is JusticeNet SA for 15 years. We would not be able to do it without you, but we wouldn't want to either.

**Walk for Justice 2023 was sponsored by The Day Family Foundation, The Van Diemen Foundation, The Lang Foundation, College of Law, The Law Society of South Australia, and Prizes donated by Soi 38 x Fire, Adelaide Oval, Adelaide Zoo, Maniax, Haighs Chocolates, Adelaide Central Markets, Burbrook Vineyard, Page and Turner, and Dormico.**

*Original article published at in the June edition of the Law Society of South Australia Bulletin, [Access online here](#), written by Rebecca Plummer CEO & Principal Lawyer of JusticeNet SA*



# PUBLICATIONS

In February 2023, JusticeNet SA made a submission to the Parliament of Australia's *'Inquiry into the extent and nature of poverty in Australia'*. Homeless Legal contributed to this submission by providing several of our clients' stories as case studies. The submission stressed that legal problems and social problems are closely related, and that we cannot address legal problems without concurrently addressing social ones.

The submission is now publicly available and can be read [here](#).



At the end of 2022, Homeless Legal wrote an article for *Parity* magazine's December 2022 edition, which focused on Homelessness and the Law. *Parity* is Australia's national homelessness publication and is by the Council to Homeless Persons. Our article entitled *'Contemporary Housing Case Studies from South Australia'* shared the stories of several Homeless Legal clients, including Tamara, to put statistics on homelessness into context and show that these are not just numbers, but real people living in difficult conditions. If you are interested in reading our article, please contact [hlegal@justicenet.org.au](mailto:hlegal@justicenet.org.au).

In 2022-23 JusticeNet wrote a further two articles, and contributed to a third, which were published in the Law Society of South Australia Bulletin - you can read it [here](#).





# MEDIA

In 2022-23 JusticeNet developed a communications strategy in order to grow participation, awareness and understanding of JusticeNet and pro bono work more broadly. The following is a snapshot of that work.

Emails sent	Open rate	Click rate
44,233	42%	2.5%
--	↑ 20%	↑ 5.6%

Email output over 365 days and indicating much higher open and click rates compared to audience averages.



One final tick off the 2022 goals list - and it is a big one! ✓

We are delighted to welcome back SA government lawyers from ODP and CSO to our pro bono ranks in 2023, following rule changes which have now passed.

Thank you to everyone who helped prioritise this piece of work - what a great way to end the year!

See the article featured in In Daily below for more!



Rule change allows government lawyers to resume pro bono work - InDaily  
indaily.com.au • 2 min read



We're thrilled to share that lawyers from the Crown Solicitors' Office and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions can finally resume pro bono work referred by JusticeNet SA.

We welcome this boost to South Australia's pro bono legal sector, and we can now make strides towards improving the state's pro bono capacity.

Thank you to Attorney-General [Kyam Maher](#) and the Legal Practitioners Education and Admission Council for working collaboratively to change this rule.

#LegalProfession #Lawyers #AccessToJustice #ProBono

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"I'd like to thank the Crown Solicitor and her staff, the Legal Practitioners Education and Admission Council, and JusticeNet for their ongoing efforts to ensure this important work could continue."

**Kyam Maher**

Attorney-General of South Australia

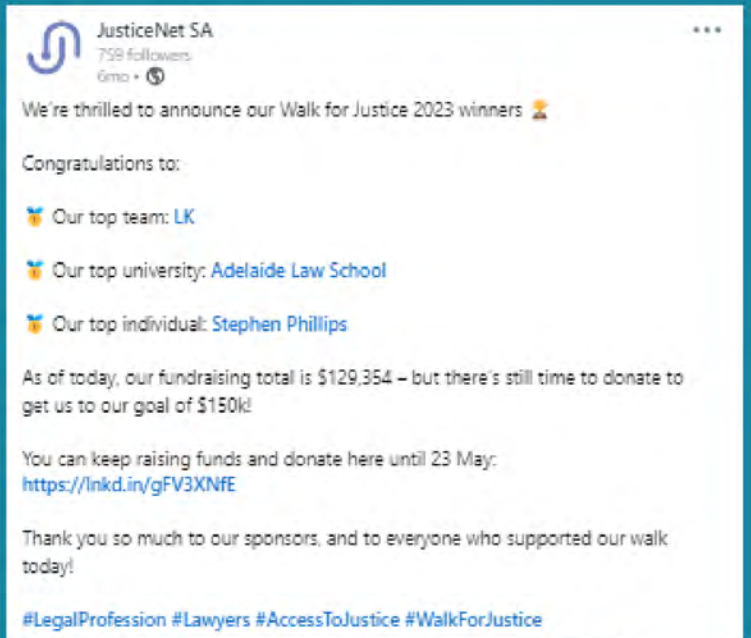
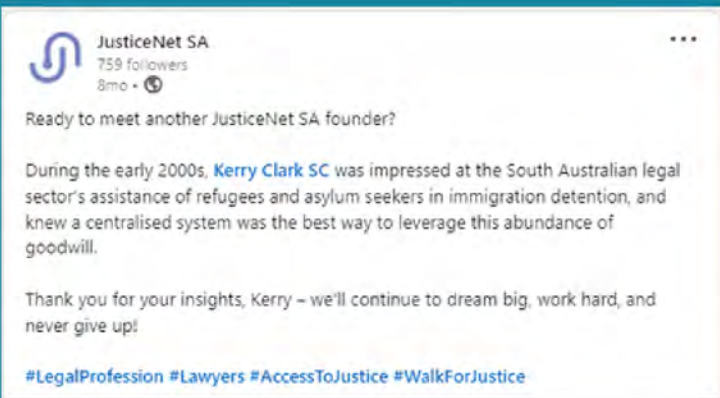
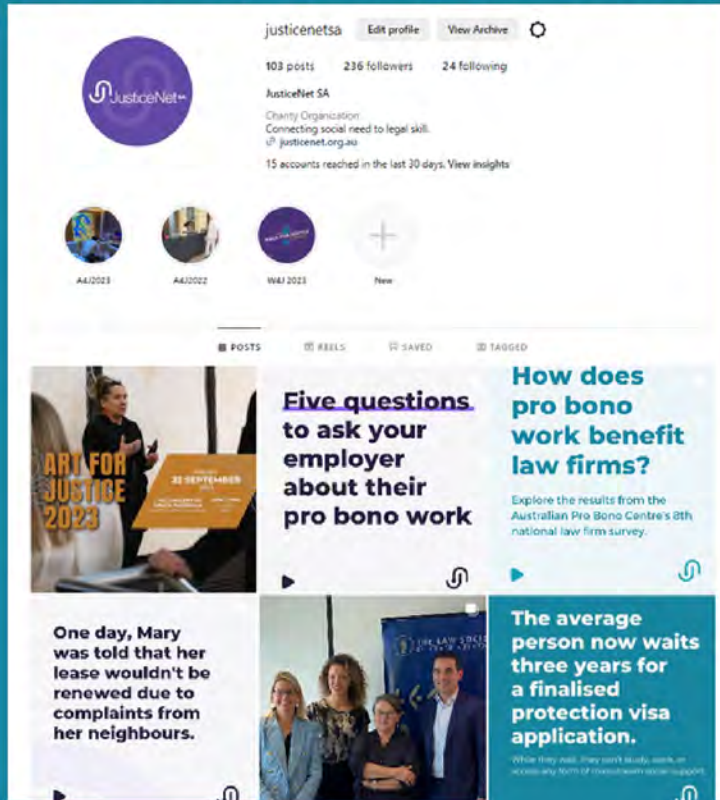


**CROWN SOLICITORS:  
AG COMMENT  
1582 IMPRESSIONS  
81 REACTIONS  
7.9% ENGAGEMENT**

**CROWN SOLICITORS:  
RULE CHANGE ARTICLE  
1086 IMPRESSIONS  
55 REACTIONS  
9.48% ENGAGEMENT**



Instagram account with an average 90 day reach of 719 accounts (138 followers, 581 non-followers.)



WFJ WINNERS  
61 REACTIONS  
1410 IMPRESSIONS  
9.72% ENGAGEMENT

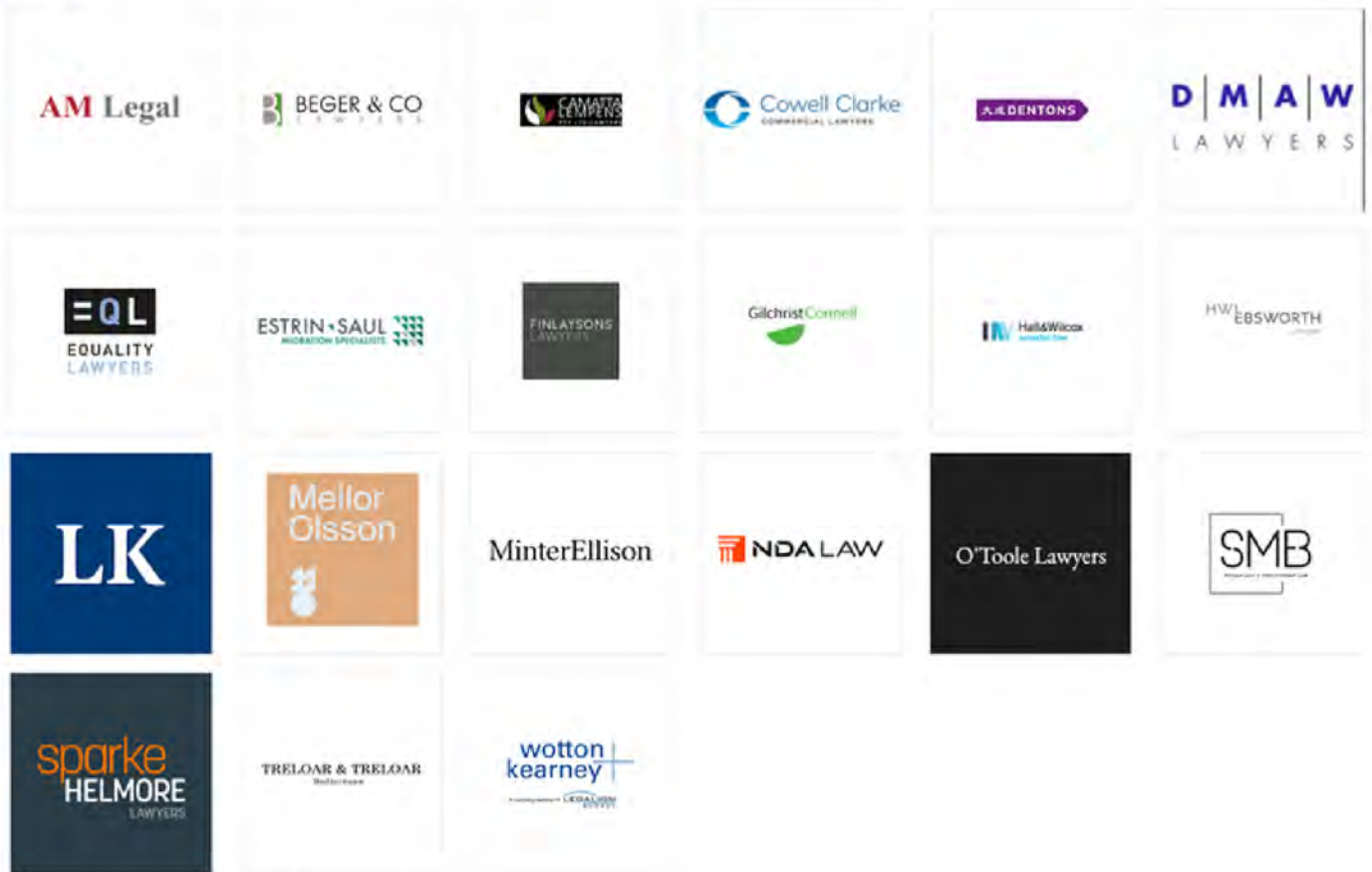
MEET THE FOUNDER:  
KERRY CLARK SC  
1003 IMPRESSIONS  
24 REACTIONS  
63.21% ENGAGEMENT



# Corporate Members

JusticeNet thanks its 2022/2023 financial members both corporate and individual for their crucial support through membership to support the operation of JusticeNet and donation of pro bono hours to assist the South Australian community.

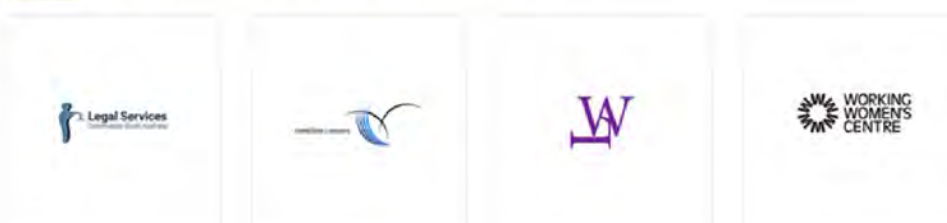
## LAW FIRMS & PRACTITIONERS



## BARRISTERS' CHAMBERS



## OTHER CORPORATE MEMBERS



If you are interested in becoming a member please reach out via our website below.



# Individual Members

**Martin Anders  
Michelle Barnes  
Samuel Blackman  
Seamus Brand  
Kerry Clark SC  
Nicholas Cooney SC  
Tom Cox KC  
Kaz Eaton  
Graham Edmonds-Wilson KC  
Sallie Emmett  
Scott Evans  
Rachael Gray KC  
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Friends of JusticeNet make a monthly tax-deductible donation to support the work of JusticeNet SA. The contribution made by our Friends of JusticeNet provides reliable income, plan effectively and deliver services more efficiently.

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See page 15 for expanded information on the HLDC.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

By Ben Opie

JusticeNet recorded an operating deficit for the year ended 30 June 2023 of \$36,878, following a deficit in FY22 of \$52,220.

Revenue increased 10% in the current year, attributable to growth in both grant related income and donation and fundraising efforts.

Cost management remains a key focus of the organisation, with JusticeNet managing to reduce its core operating costs this year – an extraordinary achievement in the prevailing economic environment.

Total salary and wages expenses were marginally higher than last year, due to careful and clever recruitment of staff, and a certain existing staff being prepared to reduce their hours in the interests of JusticeNet's sustainability.

The substantial output and commitment of JusticeNet's small team is to be commended.

JusticeNet remains ambitious in its fundraising efforts, making further investment this year in growing its 'Art for Justice' event, which built upon the success of the inaugural event last year. JusticeNet's other flagship event, 'Walk for Justice', continues to go from strength to strength.

JusticeNet continues to engage with non-government organisations and other generous supporters to diversify the funding of its services. The financial support provided by our Homeless Legal Donor Circle, the Day Family Foundation and LK Law are ongoing examples of these efforts and are hugely appreciated.

JusticeNet continues to operate in the absence of ongoing funding for our core operating expenses and flagship Pro Bono Connect service. These costs continue to be funded from various sources including fundraising, memberships and donations. JusticeNet's search for a more long term funding model is ongoing, and its reserves of approximately \$250,000 at 30 June 2023 provides the buffer that is needed for this search to continue.

I wish to acknowledge on behalf of the Management Committee all of our members, funders and donors for the generosity of their contributions to JusticeNet, in terms of money, time and effort, which enables the extraordinarily important work that JusticeNet performs every day.

A copy of our audited financial reports can be found at [www.justicenet.org.au](http://www.justicenet.org.au). Our sincere thanks again to Nexia Edwards Marshall for auditing our financial reports on a pro bono basis.



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