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Cover: Some of the many thousands of people at Adelaide’s gathering in Elder Park on 13 February 2008 to watch the live telecast from Canberra of Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd apologising to the Stolen Generations and who joined together to celebrate the historic occasion.

ALRM is aware that many Aboriginal people are offended by the depiction of deceased members of their communities. While we have made every effort to ensure that only pictures of Aboriginal people still living are used, the Aboriginal community is respectfully advised that some photographs contained within this report may contain images of people who have passed away.

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Reply To: Adelaide

31 August 2008

The Hon Bob Debus MP
Minister for Home Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister Debus,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. for the Financial Year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

On behalf of the Board of ALRM I extend our appreciation to Australian Government for its ongoing financial and other support in regard to our programs to the Aboriginal peoples of South Australia. I particularly acknowledge the financial support given for our legal aid and native title services.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Frank H Lampard OAM
Chairperson
About ALRM

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc (ALRM) is an independent Aboriginal community controlled organisation governed by an all Aboriginal Board.

It is governed by a Board of 10 members appointed from Aboriginal communities from metropolitan and country centres across South Australia.

Through the provision of legal services and associated activities, ALRM promotes legal, cultural, economic, political and social rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as dispossessed peoples within South Australia.

ALRM’s major aim is to advance the legal interests of Aboriginal people in South Australia and to ensure that those interests and rights are protected by the law and not adversely affected by abuse or misuse of any powers under the law.

ALRM provides comprehensive legal advice and assistance through its staff lawyers and, where appropriate, private lawyers, to people of Aboriginal descent and their spouses.

ALRM also acts as a lobby group, and where able, implements support programs that assist in addressing some of the issues known to contribute to Aboriginal people coming into contact with the criminal justice system.
Welcome to my second Annual Report as Chairperson of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM). This Report covers the 2007-2008 Financial Year.

The current reporting period has seen significant change within ALRM, particularly in the expansion of programs and the separation of the Native Title Program into a new organisation. My report will now highlight a number of the changes that have taken place over the last 12 months on matters of importance for the organisation.

1. The Native Title Unit, which managed the Native Title Program within ALRM, was transferred to the South Australian Native Title Services (SANTS) effective 1 July 2008. The new CEO for SANTS is Parry Agius, who was the previous executive officer of the NTU within ALRM.

I take this opportunity to wish the Interim Board, Parry and his staff the best for the future in providing native title services to claimants. The NTU managed a crucial program within ALRM by providing native title services to claimants within the State of South Australia. Whilst I am saddened to lose such a significant program from ALRM, at the same time I am extremely pleased that ALRM has played an integral part in the development of native title in this State. I congratulate Parry and his staff for the quality of service provided to claimants over the last 14 years.

2. ALRM was recently awarded a $300,000 program by the Australian Government to provide child protection services following the Children on Apangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands Commission of Inquiry Report into Sexual Abuse (Mulighan Report). This has enabled ALRM to open a new office in Coober Pedy and for the reinstatement of a solicitor in Ceduna to address child protection in these regional centres.

3. The Australian Government has also provided $895,000 to ALRM to assist in providing accommodation to professional staff in some regional and remote centres. This will allow ALRM to negotiate salary packages for the recruitment of solicitors in a number of regional and remote centres. ALRM appreciates and acknowledges the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department for this funding.

4. I reported last year on the success of the Trevorrow Stolen Generations Test Case. This was a very pleasing result for Mr. Trevorrow and indeed all members of the Stolen Generations. The significance of this case has ramifications nationwide.
I am however saddened that, during this reporting period, the Aboriginal community lost Mr. Bruce Trevorrow due to ill health. Whilst ALRM has publicly acknowledged the passing of our dear brother, I again pass on my condolences to the Trevorrow family for their sad loss.

5. A workshop was scheduled for July 2008 on the options available to members of the Stolen Generations and to advise members of the Stolen Generations of ALRM’s future plans on this issue.

6. I am pleased to report that ALRM has been invited to make three presentations at international conferences. It is wonderful recognition of ALRM as a human rights organisation and follows on from our presentations at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues in 2006 and again in 2007. Unfortunately ALRM did not send any representatives to the 2008 Forum due to budget restrictions. ALRM will be represented at The 8th World Indigenous Women & Wellness Conference in Calgary, Alberta Canada, and the Leading Change: Blending Indigenous & Western Planning Tools Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Funding for our attendance is provided by the Australian Government to which we are appreciative.

7. ALRM will shortly be convening a workshop on the need for interpreters to assist Aboriginal people in the justice system.

8. It is pleasing to note the Prime Minister Mr. Kevin Rudd will be supporting the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The previous Howard Government was one of only four nations that did not support the Declaration when voted on by the United Nations in 2007. This support for the Declaration follows on from the Prime Minister’s Apology to the Stolen Generations. I am pleased to report that our CEO, Neil Gillespie was also able to obtain the signature of Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd on The Apology. The CEO has it proudly displayed in his office.

9. Aunty Marj Tripp made a presentation to the ALRM Board advising of plans for an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander war memorial. This initiative is supported by ALRM.

10. The Executive Board and Senior Management of ALRM attended a two day workshop to develop ALRM’s Strategic Plan for 2009-2011. It is expected this document will be implemented by the end of October 2008. We were able to develop the Strategic Plan with funding assistance from the Australian Government.

11. ALRM has signed its legal aid contract with the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department covering the next three years. Whilst funding is again effectively static on the 2006-2007 funding, it is pleasing to report that ALRM did not have to go through the tedious process of submitting another tender.

12. Both the State and Australian Governments have formally advised ALRM that Aboriginal legal aid will be an agenda item at the July 2008 meeting of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General. This is a significant achievement and one that ALRM has provided leadership on over recent years. The aim is to address the demarcation between the Australian and State Governments on funding Aboriginal legal aid.

13. Members will recall ALRM had planned to withdraw its court services in May and June 2008 due to budget constraints. I am pleased to report that the Australian Government provided a one-off top up of $240,000 to address this budget shortfall. It is important to note that this one off funding is actually recouping our legal aid funding that was reduced over the last two financial years.

14. Our General Counsel, Chris Charles will be proceeding on a two months sabbatical to finish his Prisoners Handbook. This opportunity is the result of one-off funding by the Australian Government as part of NAIDOC funding.

15. Board Member, Troy McNamara has resigned from the Executive for personal reasons, but will remain as a Board Member. Sandy Miller filled the vacant Executive position.

16. Mitch Dunnett from Ceduna has resigned from the Board. The Board Appointment Committee will be convened to select a replacement.

17. Finally I am pleased to report the Board has approved a change to ALRM’s Traditional Acknowledgement. The new Acknowledgement is provided at Appendix (III).

On behalf of the ALRM Board I would like to thank the ALRM CEO, Neil Gillespie and staff of ALRM for their support and hard work in what is often a challenging, but rewarding profession.

Frank H. Lampard, OAM
Chairperson
I am once again pleased to report to Members of ALRM another year of successful delivery of services for the financial year 2007-2008. The following report highlights the most significant of our achievements, expansion of services and programs over the last 12 months, which certainly would not have been possible without the support and dedication of the ALRM Board and the hard work of my colleagues.

1. In all our legal aid targets areas, and as determined by our legal aid contract, ALRM has met prescribed service targets.

2. In my response to Prime Minister Rudd’s Apology to the Stolen Generations, I highlighted that the Prime Minister recognised the gross violation of basic human rights imposed on Aboriginal peoples through government Assimilation Policies. The Apology was the first step in the long road to addressing the hurt and is the catalyst for focus on the many issues that contribute to ongoing trauma, marginalization and disadvantage of Aboriginal peoples. To this end, the Prime Minister and the Labor Government have taken steps to improve the access to justice for Aboriginal people by providing additional programs and one-off funding for specific projects to ALRM. It is also pleasing to acknowledge the Prime Minister’s commitment to agreeing to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and support for a new national representative body for Aboriginal peoples.

3. It is unfortunate the South Australian State Government continues to deny it has any responsibility to fund ALRM for legal aid, and I once again express concern that the State Government continues to fail to recognise Aboriginal peoples as citizens of this State.

4. Whilst ALRM has approached the State Government about a State based compensation scheme for the Stolen Generations, the State has to date not responded, and has unfortunately lodged an appeal against the Trevorrow Stolen Generations decision. It is with sadness and disappointment the State has continued with its appeal even after the passing of Mr. Trevorrow. The callousness of this decision is difficult to fathom. ALRM continues to wait on the State Government to involve ALRM in the development of a suitable compensation scheme for members of the Stolen Generations following the success of the Trevorrow case.

5. The Federal Labor Party in its pre-electioneering advised that its policy is to “ensure the effective and efficient operation of the courts and tribunals by strengthening funding to Aboriginal legal aid agencies.” To ALRM these words suggested Labor was going to do something positive on the unmet, critical need, but it has instead meant retaining our legal aid funding at the same level as 1996 – despite its own reports recognising how efficient and effective ALRM is in serving its clients. This is unsatisfactory to ALRM, to social justice and to human rights.

Whilst ALRM has publicly acknowledged on a number of occasions, the positive steps taken by the Rudd Government to address disadvantage and recognise Aboriginal peoples rights as citizens,
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clearly and sadly, we are still being treated differently. ALRM’s legal aid funding continues at about the same level as that of 1996, while at the same time mainstream legal aid has received a 120% increase. Treasurer Wayne Swan in the 2008 Budget announcement told the Australian public that all promises have been kept by the Rudd Government. The evidence since however suggests that the Treasurer forgot to add that promises had been kept EXCEPT those to Aboriginal people.

6. I have sought an explanation on our static funding from the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs, The Hon. Jenny Macklin as it is my understanding her staff vetoed the above Labor pre-election promise and also its policy on a funding increase for Aboriginal legal aid. This is an unusual situation where the bureaucracy has overruled the Government on funding of Aboriginal legal aid. ALRM’s understanding on the role of the bureaucracy causes us concerns, which must be addressed by the Minister or the Prime Minister Mr. Rudd.

This deplorable discriminatory behaviour by both tiers of Government on ALRM’s funding should not be tolerated by any Australian. I add that the current Australian Labor Government is the same Labor Party that: supported the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody which contained numerous recommendations; chaired the Senate Inquiry in Legal Aid and Access to Justice that recommended an immediate increase in Aboriginal legal aid; and supported the Parliamentary Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit 403 Report recommendation on increased Aboriginal legal aid funding. Of course there are other significant reports from the Australian National Audit Office and the Office of Evaluation and Audit that also recognise the need for increased funding. These all seem to be ignored by the Rudd and Rann Governments and their bureaucrats. Aboriginal people appear to be regarded as non-core citizens of Australia that warrant non-core promises that are not honoured. For such a rich nation, Australia treats our most disadvantaged appallingly. So much for a fair go!

7. As a result of the lack of essential legal aid funding, ALRM will be lodging a formal complaint to the United Nations Human Rights Council under the Convention for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) Article 2 because of the discriminating polices of the Australian and State Governments.

It is ALRM’s view that the only course open for Aboriginal people to access justice to the same degree as the rest of the community is to bring international attention to our plight. It is hoped that the international community will put pressure on the Rudd and Rann Governments to stop their dispute over whose responsibility it is to fund ALRM, and address the discriminatory policies of denying funding for Aboriginal legal aid and to instead work towards addressing the appalling incarceration rates of Aboriginal people in this country.

8. Our issues in relation to human rights and social justice are very real. I note the Ceduna Council has introduced a security system that includes dogs. Patrolling the foreshore in Ceduna has been welcomed by some within the Aboriginal community – others though have grave reservations. I am pleased to announce representatives of our Board and I met with the Ceduna Council, where it was agreed we would work towards a Memorandum of Understanding on a number of social issues that we may both be able to address.

9. I am pleased to report that the Australian Government has funded new programs on Restorative Justice, Early Intervention Prevention, Financial Counselling and Child Protection. These new programs assist ALRM in better serving clients throughout the State.

10. ALRM is meeting with the State Government with the view to providing statewide services under our Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and the Low Income Support Program. There are obvious economies of scale opportunities. The expansion of AVS and LISP services will enable more Aboriginal people to access these much needed services.

11. Under the new program for child protection following the Mullighan Inquiry, ALRM is pleased to announce we will have a new office in Coober Pedy shortly and we are now in a position to reinstate a solicitor in Ceduna.

12. The Board has asked that I look at options to redevelop ALRM’s property in Ceduna, which will include the building of new offices.

13. As advised by the Chairperson, ALRM will be presenting papers on a number of issues in Calgary Alberta, Canada and Anchorage, Alaska. For ALRM to be invited to make presentations at these international conferences is recognition of our organisation as a key player in human rights both within and external to Australia.
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I like to think that ALRM’s advocacy at the United Nations Permanent Forums on Indigenous Issues in 2006 and 2007 contributed to the Rudd Government supporting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and also our invitations to two international Indigenous conferences. It is due recognition of our leadership role in this country.

14. I must acknowledge the very quick response of the Rudd Government in providing funding to ALRM for child protection, which was a key recommendation resulting from the Mullighan Inquiry. ALRM Board Member, Faith Thomas was a member of the Mullighan Inquiry.

15. I am pleased to report that at the time of writing, ALRM had presented a workshop for members of the Stolen Generations. This is the first of a number that will be conducted throughout the State to enable potential claimants to receive advice and make informed decisions on how they wish to proceed with any claims against the State.

16. Financial Year results for 2007-2008 look impressive, however please recognise that some funds received need to be spent during this coming year. I am pleased to report that the budget for 2008-2009 provides for a breakeven position – considering funding will remain effective static.

17. The Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) met in late July 2008. At the time of writing I am still considering the impact of decisions made by SCAG, but my first impressions do not indicate a satisfactory resolution to the dispute between the Australian and State Governments on responsibility for funding Aboriginal legal aid.

I sincerely hope the July 2008 SCAG meeting has finally addressed this issue of funding responsibility on Aboriginal legal aid, because the inaction by both the State and Federal Governments on increasing our funding is detrimental to Aboriginal people as indicated by the worsening incarceration rates of men, women and youth.

18. I am pleased to report that Chairperson, Frank H Lampard has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to Aboriginal people and education. This is overdue recognition of a pillar within the Aboriginal community for his public and community service.

19. Still on good news, the NAIDOC Elder of the Year was awarded to our past Chairperson Barbara Wingard. Again this is due recognition of outstanding community service by a tireless servant to the Aboriginal community.

20. A further piece of good news is that ALRM Board Member, Rosney Snell, our Secretary Treasurer, was recently awarded a position on the Women’s Honour Roll by the State Government because of her work in providing services to the Aboriginal community and women in domestic violence situations. I add that Frank Lampard, Barbara Wingard and Rosney Snell’s awards are recognition of their commitment to our community in unpaid service. Without people such as them and the many others devoted to serving our community, Aboriginal disadvantage and marginalisation would be even worse than it currently is.

21. I turn now to the separation of Native Title from ALRM to SANTS and support the words of Chairperson Lampard. I sincerely wish Parry and the new Board well for the future. I express my disappointment however that there is no Aboriginal person on the Interim Board. I note that following SANTS first AGM this situation will be addressed, however I cannot but express surprise that FaHCSIA does not consider there are any suitable Aboriginal people in SA to sit on the interim Board. This despite the fact that Aboriginal people have governed ALRM for the 14 years that native title was part of ALRM. In this regard I have sought an explanation from Federal Minister Jenny Macklin as to why her Department does not consider there are suitable Aboriginal people in SA to sit on the SANTS interim Board.

22. I am very pleased to note that the Rudd Government is undertaking consultations on the framework of the proposed Aboriginal representative body that will replace the former ATSIC.

I thank the Board of ALRM for its support and confidence in me during what has been a very demanding year. This support has enabled expansion of programs and increased funding in some areas to ensure the sustainability of ALRM. Whilst I am committed to addressing the many challenges faced in the legal aid program due to static funding, it is very pleasing to acknowledge the support of the Board and staff in assisting me to face those challenges.

I also take this opportunity to thank my staff for their support in a very difficult year, particularly in the Criminal Law Section where we have seen a number of senior staff changes as a result of our inability to match salary levels and opportunities that are available external to ALRM.

Finally I thank our funding agents and in particular the Attorney-General’s Department for its continuing support in a difficult environment.

Neil E. Gillespie
Chief Executive Officer
ALRM’s Achievements 2007-2008

ALRM is pleased to report the following significant achievements over the Financial Year 2007-2008.

1. ALRM’s relationship with the various funding agents continues to strengthen.

2. The Policies and Procedures Manual was again reviewed, updated and approved by the Board in December 2007. It meets best practice requirements.

3. Invitations were received for ALRM to make presentations in Calgary, Alberta Canada and Anchorage, Alaska in September and October 2008 on three areas of service delivery and administration to Aboriginal people. ALRM acknowledges the financial support of the Australian Government for travel.

4. ALRM is pleased to receive additional funding under the Australian Government’s AGD’s expensive cases program.

5. ALRM received funding for a new child protection program from the Federal AGD, which has enabled preparation for the opening of an ALRM office in Coober Pedy and the planned reinstatement of our lawyer in Ceduna. This funding was as a result of the Mullighan Inquiry.

6. In August 2007, ALRM published its book “Reflections: 40 Years On From The 1967 Referendum”. Contributors included the then Attorney General, Philip Ruddock and Minister, Mal Brough, SA State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, Jay Weatherill, Professor Larissa Behrendt, Donna Odegaard, Mary Buckskin, Brian Butler, prominent lawyers Chris Kourakis and Anthony Kerin, and a number of high profile academics, including Paul Memmott, Diane Bell, Liz Grant and Chris Cunneen and a host of other prominent individuals.
7. The Trevorrow Stolen Generations test case was successful thanks to a wonderful dedicated team and a brave man in Bruce Trevorrow (deceased). ALRM acknowledges the financial support of the Australian Government in this long running case and continues to advocate for a fair and equitable State compensation scheme.

8. The Native Title Unit’s program was successfully transferred to South Australian Native Title Services Ltd on 30 June 2008.

9. ALRM continues to operate its various programs efficiently and effectively in an environment of shrinking budgets in both actual and real terms.

10. ALRM continues to advocate for additional funding from the Australian Government and for contributions from a recalcitrant and less than supportive State Government to ensure the same access to services as is currently available to non-Aboriginal people.

11. ALRM was able to negotiate funding for staff accommodation in regional and remote service areas and acknowledges the very significant contribution from the Australian Government.

12. ALRM has formally urged the Australian Government to support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and openly and strongly supported the Prime Minister in his commitment to support the Declaration.

13. ALRM presented a submission to the new Australian Rudd Labor Government on behalf of all Aboriginal Legal Services to increase funding. It was presented to the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon. Bob Debus MP, in January 2008. This submission resulted in the issue of Aboriginal legal aid being an agenda item at the July 2008 Standing Committee of Attorneys-General.

14. ALRM has undertaken a refurbishment of its premises with new carpets, furniture and painting. The lift in the Adelaide office was also upgraded.

15. In May 2008, the Board and Senior Management attended a workshop to develop ALRM’s Strategic Plan for 2009-2012. The Plan is close to finalisation. ALRM acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in developing this Plan.

16. The Board and Senior Management attended Governance Training in late 2007 which has resulted in accreditation of the Board.

17. ALRM’s legal aid contract with the Australian Government has been extended for a further three years.

18. ALRM has been advocating on a number of important issues relating to access to justice and other matters, including holding the Australian Government accountable for its pre-election promises on funding Aboriginal legal aid, the Federal Intervention into Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory, the need for Aboriginal people to be on the Board of SANTS, the issue of security dogs in Ceduna, and expanding legal aid services.

19. ALRM has received funding to enable its General Counsel to take leave to complete a comprehensive publication to assist prisoners.

20. ALRM received funding for an Early Intervention Prevention Program based in Port Augusta.

21. ALRM submitted a large number of funding submissions to expand its suite of services and programs and continues to focus on improvement in the quality and range of services to the Aboriginal peoples of South Australia.

22. ALRM continues its push for the State Government to introduce an Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and an Inspector of Custodial Services. The implementation of an ICAC and the inspection role will enhance access to justice for Aboriginal people and ensure their rights are protected.

23. The Board has undertaken a review of ALRM’s Constitution that is expected to be presented to members at the AGM in October 2008.
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation. It is governed by 10 Board Members who are representative of areas across the State.

Board Members are appointed by a Board Appointment Committee for a period of three years. The Board meets bi-monthly.

ALRM Board at 30 June 2008:

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Mr Frank H. Lampard, OAM

Vice Chair
Mr Michael Wanganeen

Secretary/Treasurer
Ms Rosney Snell

Executive Member
Ms Sandy Miller

Regions represented by the respective members

Chairperson’s Position (Independent)
Mr Frank H. Lampard, OAM

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Ms Faith Thomas
Ms Bebe Ramzan
Mr Troy McNamara

Wangaka-Willurarra Region
Mr Mitch Dunnett
Ms Andrea Nicholas
Mr Jamie Edwards

Patpa Warra Yunti Region
Mr Michael Wanganeen – Murrundi Ward
Ms Rosney Snell – Kaurna Ward
Ms Sandy Miller – Kaurna Ward
Organisational Structure

FIGURE 1: ORGANISATIONAL CHART AT 30 JUNE 2008

BOARD

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Assistant

Corporate Services
ALRM Inc.

Finance

Information
Technology

Community
Legal Education

Human Resources

Aboriginal
Visitor Support

Low Income
Support Program

Financial
Counselling

Civil and Family

General Counsel

Law Reform
and Advocacy

Restorative
Justice

Criminal

Native Title

Field Operations

Regional Field
Operations

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Nina Turner  Information Officer
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Colin Darcy  Field Officer
Kellie Dutton  Field Officer
Michael Ellul  Field Officer
Jacob Habner  Research Officer
Anna Nelligan  Field Officer
Bianca Lena  Legal Officer
Osker Linde  Legal Officer
Thomas Jenkins  Senior Project Officer
Christie Maree Groves  Legal Officer
Amy Roberts  Research Officer
Steven Bromley  Admin. Support Officer
Brooke Rigney*  Project Officer
Gavin Agius*  Admin. Support Officer

*denotes staff either resigned/finished their contract or ceased employment.
Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Section comprises of the Finance Department, Information Technology Unit, Payroll, Human Resources Department and Management of Contract and Funding Agreements with the funding body, the Attorney-General’s Department and the Commonwealth.

Further to supporting and managing the above, Corporate Services also manages the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS), Community Legal Education (CLE), Low Income Support Program (LISP), Financial Counselling outreach services located in Port Augusta, the Early Intervention and Prevention Program, Port Augusta (EIPP) and The Financial Literacy and Consumer Awareness Project (FLCA Project).

The core responsibility of Corporate Services is to provide on time delivery of quality, professional administrative services that will ensure compliance with ALRM policy and procedures.

THE CORPORATE SERVICE TEAM:

Finance Section

Finance management at ALRM is outsourced to Vlassis & Co on a week-by-week basis.

The Finance Section has had numerous challenges over the last twelve months. With the approval of a capital grant, the team worked hard to ensure the delivery and implementation of the capital grant. ALRM would like to acknowledge the AGD for approving and providing the capital grant.
Our notable achievements over the last 12 months are:

- Implementing the Finance and Human Resources software – Greentree. With the new software, ALRM is able to process expenses and generate reports in a timely manner.
- Replacing the second floor air conditioning unit.
- Installing a new lift.
- Providing new digital dictaphones for all lawyers.
- New furniture and painting of the interior and carpets. Old furniture which is over 10 years old was replaced. The board room was upgraded with new furniture, carpets, painting and lighting.

Information Technology

- Replacing old leased personal computers and providing laptops, with docking stations, to all lawyers.
- Upgrading of the server.
- Upgrading of Xerox machines for all offices.

Community Legal Education

- Coordinating Christmas gifts for children under the care of Aboriginal Family Support Services. A $4986.00 cheque was presented to the AFSS.
- Working in partnership with the University of South Australia in redeveloping the ALRM website.
- Facilitating and organising school visits.
- Providing shirts, caps and pens to all staff for the NAIDOC Week March.

Aboriginal Visitors Scheme

- With limited funding, the AVS undertook a total of 688 visits – 351 visits more than the allocated budget provided for the Financial Year 2007-2008.
- Facilitation and organisation of Steering Committee meetings in Adelaide and regional areas.
- Providing training for all Visitors.

Financial Counselling – Port Augusta and Northern Region

- Successful implementation of financial counselling services aimed at grassroots level.
- Providing 170 clients with case management, budgeting advice and consumer advocacy and successfully negotiating having over $150K worth of debt written off.
- Providing financial counselling outreach services to people residing in the APY Lands, Nepabunna, Copley and Davenport communities with networks being established in Whyalla and Port Pirie.
- Developing close links with the Commonwealth Bank and Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC).
- In May 2008 the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement was approached by the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division of the State Department of Premier in Cabinet in relation to funding an innovative culturally-specific program regarding Financial Literacy and Consumer Awareness on the APY Lands.

Low Income Support Program

- Continuing to assist clients and saved thousands of dollars for clients through teaching budgeting.
- Continuing to operate with Volunteers who contributed 1349 hours of service.
- Continuing to work with other agencies to deliver our very successful budget courses.
- Continuing to support and work with two anti-poverty forums; Western Region Anti-Poverty and Inner City Assistance Network.

Other Notable Achievements

- Organising Governance Training for eight Board Members and two staff members.
- Management and implementation of capital funding.
- Delivery of key programs.
- Ensuring compliance with finance policies, processes and procedures.
- Compliance with all reporting requirements as per contract.
ALRM’s Activities

Corporate Services

TABLE 1: PROGRESS REPORT

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<th>Services Provided in 2007-2008</th>
<th>Location</th>
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Legal Casework Representation and Assistance

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ALRM is also required to provide quarterly progress reports on a number of initial legal advice, minor assistances, referrals, duty lawyer assistances, legal case work for criminal law matters, family law matters and civil law matters (Refer to Table 1 above).

I take this opportunity to thank the respective funding bodies for their assistance, especially the Attorney-General’s Department team who have continued to work very closely to ensure the implementation and delivery of key programs.

I also thank and acknowledge the Board and the leadership of the Chair, Mr. Frank H Lampard OAM for their tireless and fearless approach to providing support in the implementation of programs, funding grants, contracts and services.

And finally, I would like to personally thank the Corporate Services team for their dedication with limited resources and with a great deal of multitasking. They have continued to exhibit professionalism in their endeavor to accomplish their tasks and goals on a daily basis. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to each one of you for your hard work and endless efforts to meet deadlines.

George Benzier
General Manager, Corporate Services
This report reflects the major events and changes which impacted upon the Finance Section and also the financial position of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement during the Financial Year 2007-2008.

STAFFING

There were five full time/permanent staffing positions and one part-time position within the Finance Section. Additionally, Vlassis & Co has provided finance support on a week-to-week basis.

With the assistance and support of Finance Section staff members, the quality of reporting to the Board continues to improve.

FINANCE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Governance Committee is responsible for the good governance of ALRM’s financial reporting to the Board. At the date of this report, this committee consisted of the following members:

Rosney Snell
Secretary/Treasurer – Chair
Finance Governance Committee

Michael Wanganeen
Vice Chairperson

Neil Gillespie
Chief Executive Officer

George Benzier
General Manager, Corporate Services

Keith Thomas
General Manager, NTU

Trevor Vlassis
Acting Finance Manager

Con O’Neil
Acting Criminal Practice Manager

Aldona Pretty
Civil Practice Manager

ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
FINANCIAL RESULTS

The consolidated results of ALRM for the 2008 Financial Year recorded a $11,516 deficit as compared to a deficit of $545,634.00 in the previous year.

2007-2008 FUNDING SUMMARY

Individual activity results for main recurrent activities – includes non-cash items for depreciation and employee entitlements.
TABLE 2: FUNDING SUMMARY 2007-2008

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**FUNDING ISSUES**

As reported, annual ALRM Law and Justice Unit funding is provided by The Federal Attorney-General’s Department pursuant to a Contract that expired in June 2008. It was renewed for the period 1 July 2008 through to June 2011. Pursuant to the new contract, the current Funding Allocation Model (FAM), distribution of the Legal Program estimates for the next three years will be as follows:

- **2008-09**: $3,594,000
- **2009-10**: $3,595,000
- **2010-11**: $3,677,000

The Minor Grants are funded by the State Government of South Australia and Commonwealth Government.

Federal Grants are a major source of income for Law and Justice and the Movement relies heavily on the Commonwealth AGD. The audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2008 have been completed on the basis that the Movement is a going concern.

A one off capital grant of $316,743 (excluding GST) was received from the Attorney-General’s Department in relation to a capital expenditure in 2006-2007.

This amount has been capitalized in The Balance Sheet and only an amount of $197,119 was returned as income which relates to the purchase of the Greentree accounting software, office equipment and furniture, new carpet and painting. Without this amount being received and treated as income Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement would have recorded a net consolidated deficit of $208,635.
We have addressed these issues surrounding additional permanent funding for the organisation and senior management is exploring its options. This additional funding is required for the ongoing financial stability of services provided to the Aboriginal peoples of South Australia.

Also additional funding received for the Mullighan Inquiry Response of $300,000 and Property Purchases of $895,000 (excluding GST) have been capitalized in the Balance Sheet in relation to expenditure which is to occur in 2008-2009.

Other one off grants for specific needs have been received and accounted for in accordance with proper accounting principles.

The Native Title Unit received funding from both the Australian and State Governments, and it is noted that their funding for 2008 had slightly increased from the previous years.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS)

New reporting standards were introduced into Australia’s reporting regime from 1 January 2005.

The adoption of AIFRS has been reflected in the Association’s financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2008.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

The consolidated figures for this year produced mixed results between the two Units of ALRM.

The Law and Justice Unit’s surplus of $77,426 (includes minor grants) was mainly due to the efficient cost cutting measures by Senior Management.

In relation to minor grants, any deficits recorded above were offset against surpluses of the previous year mainly due to timing differences in the receipt of funding income.

The Native Title Unit has experienced a deficit for the year as follows:

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<td>Native Title</td>
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<td>ILUA</td>
<td>($70,872)</td>
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<td>Net Loss</td>
<td>($88,942)</td>
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This loss included an accounting adjustment of $59,028.00 due to the transfer of Fixed Assets to the new entity SA Native Title Services Limited.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement will no longer administer the Native Title Unit and Indigenous Land Use Agreement from 1 July 2008. All costs incurred by these units will be paid in full from the balance of income expected to be received from claimants after 30 June 2008 as confirmed by Senior Management of NTU and ILUA.

CONCLUSION

The consolidated results of our organisation for 2008 were an improvement from the previous year mainly due to sound cost cutting measures by Senior Management and “one-off” grants provided by the various State and Commonwealth funding bodies. As indicated, had it not been for the grant of $197,119 accounted as income for 2008, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (“ALRM”) would have been in a substantial deficit position.

ALRM is always appreciative of extra grants received from both the State and Commonwealth Governments during times of need, especially for special purposes and towards the maintenance of legal services to its members. It is absolutely critical that both levels of government continue to inject further funds in order to maintain the long term viability of ALRM, otherwise its services will be severely restricted due to lack of financial resources.

Efforts from the Board and Management in addressing twelve (12) years of poor funding have highlighted the fact that existing funds as per the Attorney-General’s contract with ALRM will not be enough to cater for the future needs of South Australian Aboriginal peoples. Previous years and certainly the latest financial reports prove this to be the case.
The Board and Management is pursuing strategies to highlight the lack of funding and its consequences.

The financial pressures this year were also felt by the Native Title Unit which includes ILUA. Funding that was invoiced throughout the year was not necessarily received and accordingly resulted in that Unit’s deficit position for 2008 – although there was an expectation of a healthy surplus from last year’s AGM. Senior Managements’ expectations in receiving additional funding in 2008 due to timing differences did not eventuate.

As announced previously, the Native Title Unit and Indigenous Land Use Agreement Section will no longer be part of ALRM. All costs and legal obligations will be met by the new entity as per an agreement signed between ALRM and SANTS.

Other matters included the installation of the Greentree accounting system which has been operational throughout the year. ALRM is assessing the additional productivity gains that this system may have brought to the organisation, however it has been identified that ALRM needs to up-skill personnel in the Finance Section in order to appreciate the added functionality of the system. More training and skill sets are required.

To this end management will be pursuing the appointment of a full time Finance Manager to assist with the day-to-day needs of the Finance Section along with assisting the skills training of its staff to better manage accounting systems and improve management reports.

Trevor Vlassis
VLASSIS & CO
Since the last Annual Report I have continued to work as the General Counsel of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement. I continue to assist the Civil and Criminal Sections with case work and to provide law and justice advocacy and law reform services for ALRM and other specific tasks and functions, including advice to the CEO and Board.

LEGAL PROFESSION BILL

In my last report I made mention of the Legal Profession Bill and ALRM’s involvement in the provisions of the Bill that deal with community legal centres. Regrettably the Legal Profession Bill is stalled in the Parliament of South Australia with an apparent deadlock between the upper and lower houses. At the time of writing this report the matter remains unresolved. It is a matter of great regret to ALRM that the Bill has not been passed. It is to be hoped by the time of the Annual General Meeting the situation will be clearer in relation to the passing of the Legal Profession Bill.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Since the appointment of the new Board, a Board submission has been created by the General Counsel with the agreement of the Chief Executive Officer which has gone to the Board. It makes specific recommendations for amendments to the ALRM Constitution in line with the fact that ALRM is no longer the Native Title Representative Body for the State of South Australia. Other consequential and related amendments are also being recommended. At the time of writing this report, a sub-committee involving the CEO, General Counsel and the Executive is being convened to consider changes.

NATIVE TITLE REVIEWS

During the reporting period ALRM assisted the Chief Executive Officer by coordinating a review process of administrative procedures under the Native Title Act pursuant to the Native Title Policy & Procedure Guidelines. That was the Bungarla Native Title Review.

The parties were not satisfied with the initial report and a further report was sought from the review officer, pursuant to the guidelines. The Board of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement then made a final determination in the matter.

OTHER REVIEWS

General Counsel provided assistance to the Chief Executive Officer in late December 2007 by preparing a review of procedures in relation to accessing ALRM lawyer’s files for the purposes of litigation to which ALRM is a party. As a result, the Board of ALRM has approved new procedures that satisfy the interests of all parties.

NATIVE TITLE REPRESENTATIVE BODY STATUS

ALRM ceased to be the Native Title Representative Body for South Australia on 1 July 2008. In preparation for the process of separation, ALRM General Counsel gave general advice to the Chief Executive Officer regarding the safeguarding of the position of ALRM in relation to the separation process.
CROSS BORDER JUSTICE PROJECT

Since the 2006-2007 Annual Report, the South Australian Attorney-General’s Department has produced a Cross Border Justice Bill.

ALRM General Counsel advised relevant legal officers of the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia, Central Australian Legal Aid Service and Northern Australian Justice Agency with a view to a combined submission.

At the time of writing this report, joint meetings have been arranged with the Legal Services Commission of South Australia, ALRM, and the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia. It is seen that this cross-border justice project is a matter of such importance that a combined approach to government is required that includes legal services from various states.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JUDGES CULTURE AWARENESS COMMITTEE

ALRM General Counsel was advised in early 2008 that this committee has been abolished and has been replaced by a Judges only committee. ALRM General Counsel still maintains informal links with various judicial officers in relation to the operation of the new group and provides assistance and advice as requested.

LAW SOCIETY ABORIGINAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

ALRM General Counsel is still the Chairman of this committee and it is used to maintain important links between ALRM and the legal profession. Current projects include the preparation of a South Australian edition of a protocol for lawyers dealing with Aboriginal clients. Various submissions to government in relation to bills and legislation before Parliament were also prepared by the committee on behalf of the Law Society.

DAVENPORT DRY AREAS LEGISLATION

This matter was raised in the Annual Report 2006-2007 and has been the subject of various submissions to the ALRM Board. At the time of writing, the proposed regulations for Davenport community could not proceed and various proposals have been put to Davenport community regarding options.

PRISONS WORK

ALRM General Counsel continues to attend PADIC (Prevention of Aboriginal Deaths in Custody) Forum meetings and has attended meetings this year at Moblorg Prison, Yatala Labour Prison, Port Augusta Prison, Cadell Prison and Adelaide Women’s Prison.

I was unable to attend at Mount Gambier. I regret to inform members that having regard to the issues that I raised last year, I am still raising the same issues. They include natural justice and use of Section 24 Correctional Services Act powers over change of regime and revocation of home detention, inadequate mental health resources, prisoner pay regime, overcrowding and doubling up of prisoners, problems with arrangements for prisoners to attend funerals and issues relevant to cell safety.

Regrettably, I must report that little progress has been made on any of these issues, however it is recognised that prison reform is a long term project and it is important that ALRM continues to maintain pressure for reform of the prison system. At the time of writing, an academic article is being finalised which discusses the relationship between reform of the coronial system and reform of the prison system in South Australia. I express gratitude to the Field Section for their continued support and assistance in this area.

PRISONERS HANDBOOK

The Australian Government Attorney-General’s Department has provided funding to enable ALRM General Counsel to take sabbatical leave from ALRM to complete and have printed the Prisoners Handbook. I wish to express my gratitude to the Attorney-General’s Department for making this leave available for this work.

LAW AND JUSTICE ADVOCACY GENERALLY

ALRM General Counsel is primarily employed now as the Law and Justice Advocacy Officer and attends regular meetings of such other officers throughout the reporting year. In particular a meeting was held in Sydney in early 2008 which dealt with such issues as the National Indigenous Law & Justice Strategy, international instruments, and arrangements for the preparation of a paper for the Indigenous Law Review on coronial processes in South Australia. At the time of writing this report, the ALRM contribution for the Indigenous Law Review on the South Australian coronial system is nearing completion.
ALRM General Counsel also attends the South Australian Council of Social Services law reform and advocacy sessions on a monthly basis and assists that Board in its work. ALRM General Counsel also attended a stakeholders forum held by the Department of Correctional Services in relation to the new prison proposal for South Australia and has expressed various concerns particularly on human rights issues in relation to prisoners. ALRM General Counsel has also attended and continues to attend the South Australian Attorney-General’s Department Criminal Justice Task Force meetings. Particular issues raised by ALRM include the operation of the Expiation of Offences Act upon mentally impaired persons and the potential for injustice to occur to such persons as a result of that legislation.

BILLs BEFORE PARLAMeNt ANd SUBJEcT TO CONSULTAtiON

ALRM General Counsel continues to provide submissions on behalf of ALRM in relation to various Bills before the Parliament. These include the following: a detailed submission to the Australian Senate in relation to the Stolen Generations Compensation Bill. That was completed in late June 2008; A detailed submission in relation to the Cross-Border Justice Bill as has been discussed previously; Submissions have also been made to the Liquor & Gambling Commissioner in relation to proposals to introduce Expiation Notices for liquor license offences, and a detailed submission was made to the Liquor & Gambling Commissioner in relation to the codes of practice under the Liquor Licensing Act; A submission was made to the State Attorney-General in relation to the Statutes Amendment Public Order Offences Bill 2007. A submission was not made in relation to the “Bikie Bill”, because it had been covered by many other organisations and ALRM did not need to make a separate submission. A submission was made in February 2008 to the Attorney-General on a Bill to amend the Guardianship & Administration Act; A submission was made in relation to the review of the Fair Trading Act in June of 2008; Assistance has also been given to the Chief Executive Officer in relation to various international and human rights instruments and the preparation of submissions and reports on such matters as Aboriginal Customary Law and the position of Aboriginal legal services. A submission was also made to the Attorney-General in relation to cyber-bullying and the potential for amendments to various Acts to deal with problems of proof in relation to publication of defamatory or inappropriate material on the internet.

WORK FOR YALATA COMMUNITY AND MARALINGA TJARUTJA

ALRM General Counsel continues to act for Yalata community and for Maralinga Tjarutja in attempts to control access to alcohol for take-away and the prevention of grog running to those remote Aboriginal communities. The work is ongoing and is now being done with the assistance of counsel for Maralinga Tjarutja. Work is also being undertaken in relation to a proposed liquor licence for a mining camp near Yalata land.

DEATH IN CUSTODY INQUEST

ALRM General Counsel has acted for the mother of a person who died in custody in February 2006 having been in custody at the Cavan Training Centre. At the time of writing, the inquest had not been completed.

TRUST ACCOUNTING

ALRM General Counsel has taken over the role of ALRM trust account solicitor but, at the time of writing, is proposing to hand this responsibility back to the Manager of the Civil and Family Section. Once again, ALRM is frustrated by the fact that the Legal Profession Bill has not been passed and that an ALRM general trust account had not been able to be created.

ALRM BRIEFING COMMITTEE

ALRM General Counsel has been chairing the ALRM briefing committee during the reporting period. Considerable assistance has been given in relation to the finalising of the funding of the Trevorrow case through the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department. The ALRM Briefing Committee expresses its gratitude to Attorney-General’s Department officers for their considerable cooperation. The Briefing Committee otherwise operates on a very restricted budget and can provide assistance to Aboriginal people through outside lawyers on a very limited basis.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECTS

ALRM General Counsel is the manager of the APY Lands Restorative Justice project and of the Adelaide Youth Restorative Justice Project. At the time of writing, it is proposed that a consultant be retained to commence the APY Lands project. The restorative justice officer in the Youth Project has had his role redefined such that he now works from ALRM, but still in close cooperation with Metropolitan Adelaide Youth & Family Services. At the time of writing, a Memorandum of Understanding has also been prepared for consideration of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara in relation to the project.
ATTENDANCE AT ATSILS CEO AND PLO FORUMS

During the reporting period ALRM General Counsel attended forums in Brisbane and Canberra for the CEO Forums. General Counsel also attended a meeting between ATSILS and Legal Aid Commissions in Brisbane in early 2008. These forums were useful in terms of improving communications between legal aid commissions and ATSILS and strengthening mutual cooperation and assistance.

ALRM, COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES AND LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

ALRM General Counsel continues to attend all of these forums. They are very useful for information gathering and exchange and provided a good forum for mutual assistance at the time the Legal Profession Bill was the subject of consultation.

ASSISTANCE TO THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL SECTIONS

During the last year ALRM General Counsel has continued to provide casework and policy assistance to both the Criminal and Civil Sections. For a brief period, General Counsel acted as Manager of the Criminal Section, but has continued with a small caseload in mental impairment, appeal and Nunga Court matters. Advice and assistance is given to individual lawyers as requested. Similarly advice and assistance is given to individual lawyers as requested in the Civil Section and assistance has been given on submissions on the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill and in meetings of South Australian claimants, as well as in submissions to the ALRM Board on that topic.

CHILDREN IN STATE CARE (CISC) APY LANDS INQUIRY

General Counsel provided numerous written submissions to the CISC APY Lands Inquiry throughout 2007, and in March 2008 gave a detailed oral submission to the CISC APY Inquiry. It was gratifying to note that the final Report made a recommendation in relation to the APY Lands Restorative Justice Project. General Counsel also prepared detailed policy advice to the Senior Management Team on possible ALRM responses to the Mulligan Report.

In summary 2007-2008 has been another busy, but fulfilling year.

C.J. Charles
ALRM General Counsel
Community Legal Education

The Community Legal Education Unit (CLE) provides information and raises awareness on the services provided by ALRM.

CLE is delivered through:

- Quarterly publication of the newsletter Your Legal Rights
- Participation in open days, expos and attendance at meetings and seminars
- Various publications (brochures, flyers and information sheets)
- School visits/work experience for senior school students, and
- Assistance to year 11 and 12 school students with their Civil Participation Task (CPT) for those who have chosen legal studies as their study subject.

The focus of CLE activities is: education; skills building; employment; crime prevention; health and well-being; stronger family ties; mental health; health and well being; and housing.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2007-2008

Apology Day

The Community Legal Education Officer was involved, along with the Stolen Generations Alliance, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia and other organisations, in the planning of the Apology Day event at Elder Park, 13 February 2008. Over 12,000 people attended the event to witness on large screens, the Apology by the Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd.

ALRM’s Your Legal Rights

ALRM’s quarterly publication Your Legal Rights is designed, developed, edited and printed in-house. The newsletter has been recognised as a useful resource document nationally and internationally for educational institutions, government departments, parliaments, research committees and community organisations to understand ALRM’s work. Stories on health from YLR were reproduced in some regional newspapers.

The newsletter is widely distributed across Australia and its objectives include:

- Raising awareness for access to legal rights information for Aboriginal peoples of SA;
- Disseminating information amongst the wider community;
- Raising the profile of ALRM as a stronger, more effective community legal leader;
- Networking with stakeholders;
- Assisting other networks to exchange ideas and develop strategies to improve the effectiveness of collaborative justice;
- Ensuring that any new programs taken on by ALRM are promoted, and
- Linking to relevant resources.
EXPANSION OF SERVICES – REFERRAL PROGRAMS

Headspace

Community Legal Education initiated the idea of introducing a counselling service for clients seeking legal assistance. It was identified that there are no counselling services available for clients who are in need of emotional help. Meetings with Adelaide Northern Headspace – Adelaide Northern Division of General Practice at Elizabeth formalised the process of seeking counselling for young people suffering mental ill-health due to alcohol and substance use.

The Victim Support Services

ALRM is partnering with organisations that provide professional counselling services through qualified social workers and psychologists. The counselling services are free and confidential and offered after obtaining the consent of the client.

BRONZE STATUS FOR ALRM

ALRM was awarded Bronze Status as part of the University of South Australia’s Industry Alliance Programme.

ALRM partnered with the School of Computer and Information Science in 2007. Two students completing their Masters Degree chose to work on redesigning ALRM’s website www.alrm.org.au as their study project.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIME MINISTER KEVIN RUDD’S 2020 SUMMIT

ALRM contributed views on Aboriginal social disadvantage and marginalisation to the team who attended the Prime Minister’s 2020 Summit in April 2008, in Canberra.

Key issues raised were the need to address literacy and numeracy, community education and raising awareness, health, drugs and an alcohol free society, employment and training, housing, stronger families, and access to justice and a national representative body.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR STAFF

ALRM coordinated and organised various training workshops for the benefit of staff, including quit-smoking, educational opportunities available within the tertiary sector for Aboriginal people, and improving responses to mental health issues.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Articles within Your Legal Rights on how to avoid a stroke and alcohol misuse were well received and based on that feedback more information on such topics will be included in CLE. Condensed information and relevant links to the various services on general safety were also provided.

STOLEN GENERATION

Information has been disseminated in regards to the possible legitimate rights of members of the Stolen Generations.

MEETINGS/SEMINARS ATTENDED

- Alcohol Treatment Guidelines for Indigenous Australians
- Engaging Urban Aboriginal Communities in Research
- Indigenous Family Violence Research
- Framing Indigenous Health
- WomenSpeak meeting held in March 2008. The topic was “The rights of Aboriginal peoples in Australia”. This meeting brought women from the mainstream together. The theme was – standing in solidarity with Aboriginal women and communities can make a difference
- Communities in Control Conference, Melbourne, 16 -17 June 2008, and

Board Member Mitch Dunnett (left) and former ALRM Board Member Haydn Davey.
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND DISPLAY EVENTS THAT ALRM PARTICIPATED IN

- Survival Day, 26 January 2008 organised by Tandanya
- National Apology to the Stolen Generations by the Prime Minister at Elder Park
- Courts Open Day – 10 May 2008
- Riverland, display – 15 May 2008
- 26 May, Sorry Day – Victoria Square
- Reconciliation Day event at Elder Park
- Millicent and Districts Hospital and Health Services Expo. – Millicent & Districts Hospital and Health Services Cultural Connection 2008 Event, and
- WestFest at Parks Community Centre.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT
ALRM regularly issues media statements in response to issues of concern.
CLE also prepared a position paper for the Board meeting 1 April 2008 on ALRM’s performance as a legal provider.

SCHOOL VISITS
Schools visited as part of the CLE program are selected in consultation with DECS based on the number of Aboriginal students at those schools.
This CLE program is focussed on crime prevention. Students are motivated by Aboriginal role models and by messages of pursuing positive and constructive objectives. Visits to schools also articulate the purpose of Reconciliation.

In the Financial Year, 2007-2008 schools visited included: Parafield Gardens Hill High School; Barmera Primary School in the Riverland; Freemont Elizabeth School. ALRM also visited Ceduna Area School and Tabor College, Plympton.

WORK EXPERIENCE
Eleven students, including a trainee doctor, did work experience with ALRM. This included placements under youth development programs. Participating students were from Gawler High School, Pulteney Grammar, and Ross Smith Secondary School. Placements were also undertaken by two oversees students.

ASSISTANCE WITH STUDY ASSIGNMENTS
Fourteen students were assisted with their Civic Participation Task (CPT) as part of their legal studies for their year 11 and 12 school education. Assistance involved personal interviews, research, and discussions with staff at ALRM.

FUNDRAISING FOR AFSS
ALRM helped Aboriginal Family Support Services to collect funds for Christmas presents for Aboriginal children and their carers. ALRM collected $4,968. A cheque was presented to the AFSS prior to Christmas 2007.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
NAIDOC Week celebrations remain one of the proud highlights for ALRM. CLE initiated the idea of calling for nominations from ALRM staff and awarding them with certificates. The day was celebrated by awarding Achievement Certificates to winners from the various categories of painting, art, literature and sports. The celebration included the families of staff. Some children of staff were also awarded certificates for their artwork, with the CEO presenting certificates to the children.

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers make a valuable contribution to the functioning of ALRM. They share their knowledge with staff, but they also learn from ALRM. 95% of all volunteers are believed to have found permanent positions after volunteering with ALRM.
ALRM thanks all their volunteers.

Sapna Dogra
Community Legal Education Officer
The Civil Section continues to carry a vast and varied caseload, including Family Law, personal injury, victims of crime compensation, unlawful imprisonment, police complaints, Residential Tenancies Tribunal and Equal Opportunity Commission matters.

Effective 1 July 2008, the Civil Section will be restructured. Given extra funding arising out of the Mullighan Inquiry, there is a need to expand services for child protection, in particular in the APY Lands and Coober Pedy. As a result, child protection will be managed separately by Dimitra Droulias under the title Child Protection and Other Programs. This new section will also include Worker’s Compensation, Restorative Justice and other future funded programs.

STAFFING

Civil Secretariat positions remain unchanged. Support to the Section has been provided by Anne Jackson, who has been employed by ALRM for over 35 years and Roger Campion who has been employed by ALRM for 15 years.

The Civil and Family Law Section acknowledges the benefits of the levels of knowledge and the skills of both Civil Supports. Their long history with ALRM provides the Section with a wealth of irreplaceable knowledge.

Civil and Family Law Section solicitors are Senior Solicitor, Dimitra Droulias whose areas of expertise include workers compensation and child protection. George Lesses specialises in false imprisonments. Alice Hall is the newest member of the Section and took over from Ryszard Duluk in October 2007 after admission to the Supreme Court. The Section is currently managed by Aldona Pretty who specialises in family law and personal injury.
CIVIL FIELD OFFICER

Effective 1 July 2008, Josephine Jones (formerly of ALRM, Finance Section) will take up the position of Civil Field Officer left vacant by the departure of Joanne Sumner in October 2007.

Ms Jones role will be to assist the overflow of duty calls, and to represent clients on police complaints, Residential Tenancies Tribunal (RTT) and Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) matters. The role of the Civil Field Officer is to increase client’s knowledge of how the legal system operates and how to utilise the system to their advantage. Furthermore, given her links with the community, her role will extend beyond service delivery to community awareness and education.

STOLEN GENERATIONS POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS

For the past 10 years, ALRM has been collecting names and details of individuals who may have potential claims as members of the Stolen Generation. These potential claimants were awaiting the outcome of the South Australian test case Trevorrow v The State of South Australia (“Trevorrow”). Judgment in the first instance was handed down in favour of the plaintiff by Justice Gray in August 2007. The State of South Australia lodged an Appeal against the decision, however the question of the Appeal is uncertain after the untimely death of Mr Trevorrow in June 2008.

There is currently a Bill before the Australian Parliament – referred to as the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008. The purpose of the Bill, introduced by Senator, Andrew Bartlett, was to provide for ex-gratia payments to the Stolen Generation of Aboriginal children, and for related purposes. ALRM made a submission to the Senate in early 2008.

It is to be noted that both compensation options are pending the outcome of the Appeal. ALRM has determined that urgent action needs to be taken on these files. Aldona Pretty and ALRM’s General Counsel, Christopher Charles, have been working closely with, and have briefed, Senior Counsel, Andrew Collett, who was involved in the Trevorrow test case.

LEGAL SERVICES OUTPOST SOLICITOR

In February 2008, Shaya Lewis commenced working at ALRM as an outpost Family Law Solicitor for the Legal Services Commission. Shaya Lewis worked in private practice in Adelaide before moving to New Zealand where she represented Maori. She has been employed to represent primarily Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the Legal Services Commission. She works from the office of ALRM and assists the Civil Section by taking the overflow of Family Law clients. This venture between ALRM and the Legal Services Commission is in place to further assist clients, especially those who feel safe and secure within ALRM.

EXTENT OF VOLUNTEER AND PRO BONO WORK

The Civil Section is being assisted by Senior Counsel, Andrew Collett, who has been kindly volunteering one afternoon per month to come to the Adelaide ALRM office to provide advice to civil solicitors on matters relating to personal injury and unlawful imprisonment. Mr Collett provides his counsel at no charge and assists civil solicitors by settling formulated claims and providing advice on liability and quantum issues. His support is greatly appreciated.
Criminal Section

The Criminal Section provides legal advice and representation for members of the Aboriginal community in the Supreme Court, District Criminal Court and all Magistrates and Youth Courts in the metropolitan area. The type of matters dealt with range from street offences and shoplifting, to the most serious offences of robbery, rape and murder. The Section also provides advice and representation to the country offices as they are required to cover a wide number of courts and circuits with very limited staffing.

The Criminal Section, Adelaide office, also services the Port Lincoln, Maitland/Kadina, Berri and Ceduna-Yalata circuits. Port Augusta services Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, Port Pirie and surrounding districts, the APY Lands in northern South Australia and Leigh Creek.

Whilst the solicitors have designated courts for which they are responsible, it is common to assist at other courts when the need arises.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY ALRM CRIMINAL SECTION

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ISSUES

The Higher Court work of the Section includes criminal appeals, jury trials and guilty pleas at all levels. As a result of legislative changes, the number of clients now appearing in the Higher Courts, in particular the District Court, has increased substantially over the last four years. It is a trend that is likely to continue, with the State Government increasing penalties for a number of criminal offences, so that they must be dealt with in the District or Supreme Courts.

ALRM is represented on the Criminal Justice Ministerial Taskforce which has met regularly in the past year. A range of reforms to the Criminal Justice System have been debated by the Taskforce, and a number of recommendations have been made to Government. Reviews on a range of offences of importance to clients are ongoing. Further, there is currently a review of District Court Sentencing Procedures. In addition, consideration is being given to ways and means of reducing the considerable backlog of criminal cases before both the Higher and Magistrates Courts; and canvassing a better and more timely model to deal with complaints of past sexual misconduct.

One issue is essentially the decriminalisation of certain minor stealing offences which are currently the subject of the Shop Theft (Alternative Enforcement) Act 2000; and a similar proposal for driving unregistered or uninsured motor vehicles.

The Criminal Law (Sentencing Guilty Pleas) Amendment Bill 2008 has been drafted by the Government, but is yet to proceed to debate. This Bill provides (inter alia) discounts on a penalty if an early guilty plea is entered. Both General Counsel, Chris Charles and the CEO, Neil Gillespie have represented ALRM at the Criminal Justice Task Force. No draft or final Bills have yet been presented to ALRM for review, nor to the Parliament.
In recent years, the Criminal Section has coped with two senior lawyers managing the District and Supreme Court casework. With the volume of Higher Court work increasing, but with no additional funding, the Criminal Section has been forced to refer all such work to the Legal Services Commission of South Australia. Whilst ALRM is appreciative of LSC support, it is preferred that ALRM should undertake these matters internally. Unfortunately, with unfilled positions within ALRM at present, this is not possible.

A frustrating issue facing not just ALRM and its Criminal Section, but all Aboriginal legal services, is the issue of demarcation on responsibilities on funding between the Australian and State Governments. Both State and Federal Governments talk about social responsibility and looking after the disadvantaged and caring for such in our community, but then ignore those proposals when it relates to Indigenous Australians. It is an appalling situation. I strongly support the position taken by the ALRM Board and its CEO to take those concerns to the United Nations.

**NUNGA COURTS**

The Nunga Court at Port Adelaide has been operating for eight years and sits approximately three days each month. The Criminal Section services the Nunga Court at Port Adelaide, providing legal representation for the majority of Aboriginal people appearing before that court. There is also a sitting of the Aboriginal Court at Murray Bridge and Port Augusta. The establishment of Aboriginal Courts at Port Lincoln and Berri are proceeding.

**SPECIALIST COURTS**

**Drug Court**

Drug Court hearings are held at Adelaide Magistrates Court. The Criminal Section appears through solicitor, Matthew Petrie. ALRM continues to participate in the Drug Court Aboriginal Reference Group – now in its 4th year, in an endeavour to increase the participation of Aboriginal offenders in Drug Court.

**Mental Impairment Diversion Court**

The Mental Impairment Diversion Court hearings are held at all metropolitan Magistrates Courts and at Port Augusta and Berri. The Criminal Section appears from time to time and as required.

**Family Violence Court**

The Family Violence Court hearings are held at Adelaide and Elizabeth. The Criminal Section appears from time to time and as required.

**PRISON VISITS**

Criminal Section solicitors continue to visit clients in the Adelaide Remand Centre, Yatala Labour Prison, Adelaide Women’s Prison, James Nash House and juveniles in custody at Cavan and the Magill Training Centre.

**STUDENT PLACEMENTS**

The annual intake of two or three students from the Practical Legal Training course has continued in the past year. These are students who are soon to graduate from Law School. Work Experience students are also welcome in the Criminal Section.

**BRIEFING COMMITTEE**

The Criminal Practice Manager is a member of the ALRM Briefing Committee – the Committee that determines which matters, if any, are briefed to external legal practitioners. There is regretfully only a small budget for this purpose and only exceptional cases, or those where ALRM has an ethical conflict can access these limited funds. This is essential to ensure that clients are represented in matters where neither ALRM, nor the Legal Services Commission, has the resources to appear.

Finally I am pleased to say that all our performance targets for the year have been exceeded substantially.

Bernie Beston
Criminal Practice Manager
In July 2007 Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc was approached by ASIC to host a financial counsellor position based in its Port Augusta office, and funded by the Commonwealth Bank for a period of three years.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement accepted the offer with Barrister and Solicitor, Renee Ellis taking up the appointment of Financial Counsellor and Consumer Advocate.

Through a tiered and ongoing marketing and public relations campaign involving radio, publications, outreach and word of mouth, residents of Port Augusta and surrounding areas soon became aware of and began to utilise the financial counselling service. In fact during the last 12 months, the Program has been able to assist over 170 individual clients with case management, budgeting advice and consumer advocacy. Given that the service has been built up from a grass roots level in only 12 months, it is an extremely pleasing result. Further the overwhelming positive response to the service demonstrates the undisputable need for a culturally-specific financial counselling service in this region.

Through the Financial Counselling Service based at Port Augusta, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement has been able to provide financial counselling outreach services to people residing in the APY Lands, Nepabunna, Copley and Davenport communities with networks being established in Whyalla and Port Pirie.

Since the inception of the Financial Counselling Service in Port Augusta, ALRM has successfully negotiated in having over $150,000 worth of debt written off as a result of advocacy in relation to the unjust provisions in the Uniform Consumer Credit Code, awareness and scrutiny of unconscionable, misleading and deceptive practices and invalid and inappropriate contracts.
The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Financial Counselling Service, has established close links within the community with referrals to our service coming from government and non-government agencies and even the corporate sector.

Further, the service has also maintained a clear focus on systemic and upstream issues which create barriers toward financial inclusion for Aboriginal people.

To this end, ALRM has maintained a vigilant watch in Port Augusta and the north of South Australia on the practices of pay-day lenders, door-to-door sales companies and unscrupulous vendors and lenders.

The service has close links with OCBA and ASIC’s outreach team, maintains a stream of referrals and is involved in ongoing discussions of intelligence in relation to consumer protection matters.

The Financial Counselling and Consumer Advocacy Service is currently developing systems for recording and collating relevant data and is seeking information on specific demographics for instance, age, geographic location, income etc and utilising this information as a means of meaningful analysis of trends. For example, these statistics will provide qualitative data as to target groups within the region that require more intensive assistance and community education. ALRM would then be looking to share this information with other financial counselling and consumer advocacy services, with a view to the overall improvement of financial literacy for Aboriginal people throughout Australia.

Additionally, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement has developed significant inroads into addressing financial literacy and consumer awareness in the APY Lands.

In May 2008 the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement was approached by the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division of the State Department of Premier & Cabinet in relation to funding an innovative culturally-specific program on Financial Literacy and Consumer Awareness in the APY Lands.

The Financial Literacy and Consumer Awareness Project (FLCA Project) has been formulated to respond to the low financial literacy levels in the APY Lands with direct application to the manifestations which are specifically relevant to four core groups – young mothers, young men, adolescent high school students and the elderly. The program will be delivered over a 12 month period in six week units, based on eight themes.

The themes have been developed in response to ongoing consultation in the region. The themes will focus on clear, simple messages that are especially directed to focus on scenarios relevant to participants. The program will harness sources of esteem and aspirations which are demonstrably present within both the individual core groups and the wider community at large. Therefore, a central factor of the project is to demonstrate realistic and achievable goals and to utilise these goals as a way of engaging the participants in financial literacy and consumer awareness education. There will be individual tutorial packages to address each theme. The tutorial themes/units will include models for engagement and systems to measure results.

Materials for the FLCA project are being developed by Renee Ellis. The project officer will be hosted by Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and trialled in three APY Lands communities Pipalyatjara, Pukatja and Amata, with a view toward saturating each community with the corresponding themes. Outcomes will be measured and assessed throughout the project.

The FLCA project is being supported by a range of agencies, with a working party of key agencies being established to further address systemic concerns. The response and support from many agencies has been very positive with resources being offered from several sources.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement is very excited about the recognition and support regarding the promotion of financial literacy for Aboriginal people and is expecting significant growth in consumer need for the provision of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Financial Counselling and Consumer Advocacy Service.

We acknowledge and thank the Commonwealth Bank as the funding source for the primary position of Financial Counsellor and Consumer Advocate based in the Port Augusta office and recognise that without this contribution the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement would not have been in a position to assist the many Aboriginal people in the north of South Australia where the overwhelming need for financial inclusion is undisputable.

Renee Ellis
Financial Counsellor, Consumer Advocate
Port Augusta
ALRM’s Activities

Photos of ALRM Activities


Tabor College students participated in work experience at ALRM and also hosted a school visit through the Community Legal Education Program.
Some of the many people gathered at Elder Park to witness the National Apology on the big screen.

The Board Room was refurbished in the 2007-2008 Financial Year.

A Chinese delegation meets with representatives from ALRM.
ALRM’s Lawyers and Field Officers provide assistance, advice, representation, and support to clients in city, metropolitan, regional and remote communities and courts, through a 24 hour service.

Access to field officers is the main difference between mainstream legal services and ALRM and they are generally the first point of contact with ALRM for clients.

One or two lawyers and a field officer cover criminal courts on the APY Lands and Coober Pedy, with other courts, where possible, covered by a lawyer and at times a field officer.

Regional field officers deal with both criminal and civil matters. The Adelaide Civil Field Officer is based in the Adelaide office.

APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU

I would like to thank Con O’Neill for acting in the Practice Manager position in the Criminal Section for the past eight months. I would also like to thank the staff that have left ALRM in the past 12 months. A significant number of staff have left for a range of reasons including pursuing new career opportunities and higher salaries.

They are: solicitors – Amanda Lambden; Richard Coates; Tony McCarthy; Michael Myers; Alexandra Wright; Richard Duluk; Josephine Choimes; and field officers – Geoff Cooper; and Joanne Sumner.

They have given excellent service to ALRM, and are well respected. A majority of solicitors have left to work with Aboriginal clients. The Field Section wishes them well in the future.
### TABLE 4: THE NAMES OF LAWYERS/SOLICITORS AND FIELD OPERATIONS STAFF AND COURTS THEY COVER AND CONTACT DETAILS

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*Indicates staff who have either resigned, finished their contract or ceased employment.
CASE WORK

The Field Section continues to be very busy attending to respective community needs, call outs and office work in general.

ALRM’s service target report to the Federal Attorney-General’s Department shows for the last Financial Year 2007-2008 that the targets for information, initial legal advice and referrals in the city and metropolitan regions were about 20% above the target of 4,000. This is well above the target level. The figures also show how busy the field officers are throughout the year.

The regional target set by the AGD was for 500 clients. Instead 1,539 were provided a service. The target for remote clients was 200 clients – though 505 were provided a service.

These excesses require an immediate response from the AGD to increase resources to ALRM. With these workloads staff risk burnout.

ALRM Field Section continues to provide 24-hour service from Adelaide, Murray Bridge, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln and Ceduna.

I offer a friendly reminder to our communities that we have only one field officer on call after hours at any one time in any one city or country region.

In Adelaide the field officer is on call after hours between the hours of 5pm and 9am week days and 5pm Friday to 9am the following Monday and weekends. They provide service to the city and all metropolitan police cells along with general legal advice.

In the country offices the field officer is on call 24/7, and works after hours between 5pm to 9am then attends for work at 9am the following day.

At times irate calls come to the ALRM office from family members saying that field officers do not attend immediately when called. This may be because at the time of the call the field officer may have been attending to another call, or sitting in on a police interview at another police station. I would like to ask for your assistance to please be patient. If there are concerns feel free to call me.

PRISON VISITS

Prison visits by Field Section staff are generally arranged on a regular day-to-day basis. ALRM has a very good working relationship with the Aboriginal Liaison Officers [ALOs] that work for Correctional Services who are based at respective prisons. There are two ALOs at Yatala Labour Prison, one at the Northfield Women’s Rehabilitation Centre, two at the Adelaide Remand Centre, one at Mobilong Prison, three at Port Augusta Prison, and one working in Port Lincoln Prison.

Mount Gambier and Cadell Prisons do not have ALOs; they have social workers that will contact us on behalf of clients.

Requests are normally emailed or phoned through to the Field Section. Inmates will also call our office direct on the ALRM freecall number to speak to field staff.

Field officers visit clients at Yatala Labour Prison, Northfield Women’s Rehabilitation Centre, the Adelaide Remand Centre, Magill Training Centre each Tuesday and the Cavan Training Centre on request.

Regional prisons are serviced by local ALRM Field Section staff.

INNER CITY

Field Section staff had general contacts with the Aboriginal Outreach Team [from Whitmore Square], the Sobering-Up Unit, and the Salvation Army Outreach Team where clients frequently visit.

Royal Adelaide Hospital patient visit requests are phoned through from the liaison and medical staff for Criminal Section or Civil Section assistance.

ALRM had been invited to a ‘Close the Gap’ Working Group workshop at Clovelly Park Aboriginal Family Clinic. This was hosted by Rob O’Brien, Coordinator of the Southern Adelaide Regional Health Partnership and Anne Hine – SDGP Health Promotion Coordinator. This meeting was a catalyst for identifying new methods for service delivery. ALRM was able to advise on service delivery and support from our organisation. The Aboriginal liaison and medical staff from Flinders Medical Centre and Noarlunga Hospital are now aware that they can utilise ALRM services for Aboriginal patients under their care.

Requests for assistance at the Christies Beach Magistrates Court was also acknowledged. I had raised this with the ALRM Senior Management Team, recommending commencing delivery of service to that area. I have since been advised by the CEO that this will recommence ASAP following a review by the newly appointed Criminal Practice Manager.
COMMITTEES

Family Friendly Zone/Aboriginal Advisory Group

Meetings were held at Salisbury City Council Chambers. Dr. Lorraine Kerr, Manager Social Development Strategic Planning Department with the Salisbury City Council is chairing the Family Friendly Zone/Aboriginal Advisory Group. The topics previously were focused on police issues in relation to the Dry Zone, youth issues, youth programs and the interchange.

Restructuring is taking place for the committee to give it a broader role in not only Dry Zone implementation and safety in the town centre, but it will also be giving advice to council on Aboriginal issues in general. ALRM along with police and other organisations are in the process of working together in setting up a sobering-up/detox centre proposal. Council had previously been lobbying with government ministers, and recently gave the go-ahead to directly petition the Australian Government for funding for this sobering-up centre. We had exhausted all avenues at State Government level.

Aboriginal Homelessness and Housing Support Group

An invitation has been accepted for the Manager, Field Section to join this group. ALRM will be represented at future meetings.

Adelaide Health Services (SAWN) & Southern Aboriginal Health Services (SAHS) Aboriginal Employment Steering Committee

A meeting was held recently by organisations and community members from the southern region in relation to the new Marion GP Plus Health Centre – specifically seeking Aboriginal input on making it an Aboriginal friendly health service. Services will include dental, health, drug and alcohol counselling, mental health support services, early childhood speech and occupational therapy, education assessment and counselling, and many other services including clinics from the Flinders Medical Centre. This project should open to the public in 2010.

The Southern Aboriginal Health Services will hold its first meeting in August 2008.

Magistrates Court Diversion Program

This special court is in place for people with a mental or intellectual disability, brain injuries, neurological disorders or personality disorders who are facing minor charges in the Magistrates Court.

To divert to this program, and if accepted, a Clinical Liaison Officer will work with them on linking them to programs that are set up to assist them. The client must also comply with the bail conditions set by the courts. The client has to come back to court about three times over a six-month period, so the magistrate can monitor how the client is progressing.

Mental illness is a growing problem within communities. If you or your relative suffer with these types of illnesses and will be attending court in the near future, please speak to our field staff/solicitor about options.

If you think you, or a family member is eligible for the Court Diversion Program, contact ALRM field staff or solicitors for more information as they can explain the procedure. Alternatively you can contact the Magistrates Diversion Court on 8204 8615 between 8.45am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Prevention of Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Forums

Formed in 1995, these forums are held monthly to provide the means for Aboriginal prisoners, members of staff and service providers to contribute to the development of policies and procedures to address the issues of Aboriginal people incarcerated within prisons. These meetings are held each month and are rotated to different prisons throughout the State to enable Aboriginal inmates to have a voice in the implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Deaths in Custody. Meetings set down this year included Port Lincoln (February), Mount Gambier (March) and Yatala (May). Other meetings were scheduled for Mobilong (July), Northfield Women’s Prison (August), Cadell Training Centre (October) and the Adelaide Remand Centre (November).
Aboriginal Visitors Scheme Steering Committee (AVS)

These meetings continue to be very successful with input from the Aboriginal and Multicultural Liaison Section, South Australian Police (SAPOL), the Aboriginal Community Constables, Cell Sergeants from city and metropolitan police stations, Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation Division (AARD), Field Staff and AVS workers.

Discussions on activities concerning after hour call outs, police cells and any other business that involves AVS and Field Operations and police issues in general are discussed. ALRM Field Section tries to address these issues as soon as possible.

Most cell sergeants work in with Field Operations staff and AVS workers, as most are aware that Aboriginal clients will settle quicker and be calmer when there is an Aboriginal person present.

Nunga Mi:Minar Incorporated

Field Officer, Robert Gillespie was invited to replace the ALRM CEO on the Nunga Mi:Minar Board, and was further elected to the role of Treasurer in April 2008. Civil Practice Manager, Aldona Pretty also attends these meetings. Meetings are held six times a year. The Committee meets to review and determine both the overall direction of services provided to clients, and the management of all the varied resources of Nunga Mi:Minar. ALRM and Nunga Mi:Minar work closely together to service mutual clients.

Death in Custody Sub Committee

This committee is made up of senior management staff from ALRM. It monitors deaths in custody and attempted suicides in police cells and correctional services.

INFORMATION & COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

School Visits

ALRM received a number of requests to attend various schools for educational purposes. It was very pleasing for Field Section staff, along with CLE, to be invited to participate in this important initiative.

30 students from Ceduna Area School, eight of whom were Aboriginal, visited ALRM Adelaide offices because some were considering a career in the legal system once they finished school. Students from Tabor College, Plympton also visited ALRM.

The Field Section along with a solicitor from Civil Section gave a brief presentation to the students and also explained the Juvenile Justice Court Diversion Program – where kids can be diverted to family conferences rather than go to court. In the Diversion Program, if a child or juvenile admits to the offence, the client receives an informal or formal caution that could lead to a family conference that is attended by a relative and/or ALRM Field Officer.

Visits were also made to Underdale High School, the Kaurna Plains School (year 11 and 12 students) and Modbury.

On behalf of CLE and Field Section staff I thank the Aboriginal Education Workers, teachers, ALRM project workers and those in general who were involved in organising this very special program. Thank you also to students for their participation.

PALS MEETINGS

Police Aboriginal Liaison meetings are held monthly at Berri. This meeting is attended by SAPOL, ALRM, Families SA, AVS, the Department of Justice, Centrelink, Courts Department, Anglican Care, Health, Aboriginal Sobriety Group, Gerard community and other agencies.

On behalf of ALRM I congratulate the Riverland Community, namely the new Aboriginal service providers and community members for the work they put into securing the new Glossop and Jerry Mason Centre where organisations can run programs.

Sergeant Rick O’Dea, the Drug Action Coordinator had a huge input in making this happen along with George Lovegrove, while serving within the police force and since leaving and taking up his new position within the community.

At the last meeting, I advised that ALRM will be part of service delivery to the new centre. Communities in this region are really working together in a positive way.

WORK PLACEMENT STUDENTS

Students from Ross Smith Secondary School, the Croydon Park High School, the Underdale High School, Woodville High School and the Windsor Gardens Vocational College attended ALRM for up to a week at a time for work experience. They worked alongside staff within the Criminal and Civil Sections, Financial Counselling and other sections.
CORONER'S COURT AND CORONIAL INQUESTS

During this reporting period there were two coronial inquests.

ALRM works closely with Coroner’s Court Social Workers in relation to Aboriginal deaths in general or Aboriginal deaths in custody to assist them to locate relatives and the next of kin of deceased family members and to work through the coronial process.

ALRM can arrange for an independent Pathologist to carry out an independent pathology test if family members request us to do so. For more information speak to the Field Operations Manager or to General Counsel, Chris Charles.

SENTENCING COURT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE
YOUTH COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

Meetings had been held in the past few years between ALRM and police in relation to the low representation of Aboriginal young offenders being diverted for informal and formal cautions and Family Conferences, as opposed to being dealt with in the Youth Courts.

ALRM’s usual policy is to advise juveniles not to answer any questions, as police may not divert a matter out of court until the offence is admitted. Police have indicated that if ALRM was more flexible in advising young offenders, it would lead to a higher proportion of young offenders being diverted away from the courts and police would give an undertaking that if admissions are made, the matter will be diverted to a caution or Family Conference.

ALRM piloted this program in the Elizabeth region and has extended it to all city and metropolitan areas. Field Section staff recently met at ALRM with the new Adelaide Youth Court Registrar, Tom Clarkson and the new Aboriginal Youth Court Liaison Worker, Debra Franks to discuss how we can work together to suit all parties. This meeting was very fruitful. Senior Judge McEwen has since agreed to have a Sentencing Court at the Adelaide Youth Court. The first ever 9C Sentencing Conference Court was held on 1 July, Ceduna Field Officer, Charmaine Wilson, and myself participated as Elders and family support persons. Pre-court meetings were held by Court staff, family and participants. I believe this to be a very successful initiative.

FAMILIES SA, DISABILITY SA AND PUBLIC ADVOCATES

I had attended meetings with these organisations on request from clients to discuss where we can bridge gaps in this area that are considerable.

BREAKING THE CYCLE

I would like to again remind the community in general; that there is no such thing as the so-called Gang of 49 as published widely and regularly by politicians and the media. It has always been ALRM’s view that there is no Gang of 49. Monsignor Cappo had reported from his initial briefing with SAPOL that it was evident that the number of young people identified through Operation Mandrake was very small, and that on the nature of Mandrake’s reporting the number is not static. Most of the offending was opportunistic and not structured in the sense of organised crime, and half of the people identified were over the age of 18 and not all were Aboriginal.

We do want to help in some way to try and put a stop to this continual offending by what is a minority of Aboriginal people. Public perception and comments by members of the public and media reports have raised the profile of the activities and unfortunately also the media profile of those involved.

VICTIMS OF CRIMES

ALRM staff, the AVS Manager John Carbine, Community Legal Education and myself attended the Victims of Crimes Unit and addressed all staff on what services ALRM offers. Victims of Crimes (VOC) provided ALRM with information on what they do, including free counselling for families of victims of major crimes. VOC are hopeful of employing an Aboriginal person as a Victims Support Worker.

MURRAY LANDS AND RIVERLAND

The Murray Lands regional office continues to provide a legal service within the Murray Lands and the Riverland areas. ALRM provides legal services to the Riverland once every three weeks, as well as providing a service to the South East, Mount Barker and Victor Harbor regions, as required. A legal service is also provided to clients located within the corrections system, rehabilitation programs and in identified outreach areas.

Field Staffing

ALRM continues to offer a high standard service due to our caring, professional staff based in the Murray Bridge office. Yoong Fee Chin [Mr Chin] attends to the Berri Court circuit. Garen Truscott has now transferred to Port Adelaide and we wish him all the best for the future. The Field Section welcomes Eliana Truscott from the Adelaide office, to the Murray Bridge office. She is available to assist clients on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Networks
ALRM is constantly extending networks through working proactively with other local services including the Department of Correctional Services, SAPOL, and Lower Murray Nungas Club, Kalparrin Farm and Murray Mallee Community Health Service and Aboriginal Service Providers Hearing Meetings.
In June, Murray Bridge started a Mental Health Diversion Court. It will be very beneficial. In the first month of operations the Diversion program had 16 applications.

Casework
ALRM has had another successful year thanks to the Aboriginal Justice Officers for the Nunga Court. ALRM congratulates Colleen Welsh and the Aboriginal Justice Officers for their support in the Court System and for their hard work and consultation with the community in the Riverland.

The Nunga Court will now be available to the Riverland region. Nunga Court will start with its first sitting on Monday the 15th of September 2008 at 2-15pm and thereafter on the Monday (same time) of every week when ALRM is in Berri.

The AVS Program is now available to the Murray Bridge police cells. If interested Visitors want to sign on with the program you can enquire through our Murray Bridge office or to John Carbine, at our Adelaide office.

We are continuing to offer a culturally appropriate service within stringent OH&S guidelines as well as Annual Audits.

Our organisation is also working proactively with the local men’s group. Trevor Wingard will continue attending camps at Walkers Flat, helping men deal with issues, with an emphasis on father/son/nephew relationships.

Priorities
1. Closer liaison with SAPOL and the Community Constables to give the community and ALRM a forum to address concerns in a proactive manner.
2. Improving outcomes for Nunga Court and closer liaison between ALRM and the courts.
3. Increasing community knowledge of recent changes to laws and the impact on them.
4. Encouraging clients to make appointments to see ALRM Lawyers prior to their court date.
5. Building ALRM’s profile in the schools.
6. Recruiting more AVS workers.
7. Networking with SAPOL, Department of Health and the Indigenous Coordination Centre to address issues for youth.

PORT AUGUSTA
Office Hours
9 am – 5 pm weekdays. A Field Officer is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new staff to our Port Augusta Office and to wish them well.

Casework
The Port Augusta ALRM office continues to deliver services to the Port Augusta, Whyalla, Leigh Creek, Coober Pedy and the Port Pirie Court regions. Port Augusta provides services to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY) and North West Aboriginal communities of South Australia.

A Field Officer and generally two solicitors travel by four wheel drive to cover the APY Lands court circuit leaving on a Saturday returning the following Friday. A field officer and a solicitor travel to Coober Pedy on a Sunday returning the following week. When field staff are on call after hours, they are required to attend and spend the day in the office as part of duty. This workload can be very tiring.

Community Legal Education
ALRM at Port Augusta is always happy to attend schools and other community based organisations when requested. We also encourage and welcome work experience within our office. The Port Pirie and Port Augusta communities had their new Court House open in 2007, with an office allocated to ALRM within the court complex at Port Augusta.
ALRM’s Activities

Field Operations Report

CEDUNA

The Ceduna office has three full time staff with the solicitor attending court week from the Adelaide office. CDEP workers also worked with ALRM and were of great assistance.

Casework

There have been some community issues with racist graffiti appearing in public spaces and security guards employed by the city Ceduna District Council. ALRM CEO, Neil Gillespie visited Ceduna to meet with community members, the local Mayor and police to discuss these issues.

ALRM is working with the courts to set up a Nunga Court at Ceduna. Nunga Court was available in this region, but it stopped about two years ago because of a shortage of Elders.

The ALRM building at Ceduna is to be demolished and new offices built which is great news. There has not been a solicitor for some time, so staff have been doing a variety of work in civil, criminal, financial assistance, data entry, file management as well as attending to call outs and bail applications. Ceduna often calls Adelaide for legal assistance from solicitors and management. I would like to thank those people and Phil Edwards and Mr Chin for their court circuit work in Ceduna. It is understood that recent new funding will mean that Ceduna will have its full time solicitor reinstated soon.

PORT LINCOLN

Staffing

The Field Officer provides a 24 hour service to Port Lincoln and the surrounding community because there is only one Field Officer based at Port Lincoln. Every second weekend the Port Augusta or Adelaide Field Section staff provides relief by taking calls by phone from police or community members and giving general advice over the phone.

The Port Lincoln Field Officer assists the ALRM solicitor by gathering client information, taking instructions for both criminal and civil client files and assists the solicitor in court when court sits.

ALRM has relocated to 71 Dublin Street Port Lincoln. The phone number has not changed.

Aboriginal Sentencing Conference

A pilot program in Port Lincoln, aimed at reducing the number of Aboriginal repeat offenders in the court program, has received high praise from a Magistrate who has worked with offenders and Aboriginal Elders. Deputy Chief Magistrate, Dr Andrew Cannon developed the Aboriginal Sentencing Conference concept, which combines aspects of the Nunga Court started in Port Adelaide and adult victim offender mediation.
ALRM’s Activities

The conferences started in Port Lincoln in November last year. Its success is being assessed by the Office of Crime Statistics and Research. Positive feedback is already coming from those involved in the conferences. Magistrate Bill Ackland has said “I’ve been doing this for about 25 years and in my opinion this conferencing process is the most significant development in sentencing in that time.”

Aboriginal conferencing is available to offenders who plead guilty and are referred to the program by a magistrate. As part of the process, the offender meets with Elders from the Aboriginal community with the support of family members and a lawyer, along with the police prosecutor. The victim is also invited to attend. The Conferences aim to target offenders before they offend again and encourage them to choose a different path in life. In sentencing the offender, the magistrate takes into account recommendations from the conference.

CASE WORK

Casework includes:

• Attending and supporting clients at police interviews when an Aboriginal person is arrested or detained to inform clients of their rights.

• Representing children and supporting parents at Family Conferences and in meetings that involve Families SA, and the police.

• Assistance with domestic violence – a problem that is happening more frequently.

• Supporting clients with housing, Aboriginality forms and police complaint forms for lodgement with the Adelaide Civil Section.

• Attending the local prison on a weekly basis and liaison with correctional services.

• Attending police cells and court to represent overnight custodies the following day if those arrested are not given bail.

• Referring clients to local solicitors when requested.

• Meetings with other organisations.

• Working with community groups, for example crime prevention and with family members.

Allan Wanganeen
Manager, Field Operations
During the 2007-2008 Financial Year the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS) undertook a total of 668 visits – 351 visits more than the allocated budget for the year 2007-2008. ALRM acknowledges and thanks the State Government’s Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division for additional funds of $21k received in May 2008 to overcome a shortfall.

On the issue of funding, the CEO and General Manager, Corporate Services met with the State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, Jay Weatherill with a view to increasing funding of the AVS and also expansion of it to be available across the State. Discussions on this matter are ongoing.

The AVS has been operating very well, but with limited call outs for all AVS regions. It is pleasing to note that SAPOL has been bailing most Aboriginal detainees, which has meant AVS Visitors are not seeing some detainees in police cells.

The City Watch House, is often full and this along with a recommendation from a recent Coroners report into a death in custody at Elizabeth police cells two years ago, has made SAPOL more proactive in releasing Aboriginal people and following RCIADIC recommendations.

I note with disappointment that the Multicultural Section within SAPOL no longer exists. This will make it very difficult to get feedback from police and in passing information to police about AVS concerns relating to police cells.

METROPOLITAN REGION

There are seven Visitors within the metropolitan region, with two more Visitors keen to start in the near future. In line with ALRM protocol, new employees will need to provide a police clearance certificate before they can be employed as a Visitor.

CITY WATCH HOUSE

ALRM is still looking for more community members to be part of the AVS. The Visitor currently responsible for this region has other employment, so Visitors rotate to cover the City Watch House.

ELIZABETH AND HOLDEN HILL

Two Visitors look after the Elizabeth and Holden Hill area. There has been an increase in community members interested in becoming Visitors, but they are yet to provide police clearances.

The need for Visitors in the Elizabeth region has increased, with detainees coming from the Yorke Peninsula for court appearances. A Visitor from this region also attended a two-day workshop on suicide prevention.

PORT ADELAIDE

There is only one Visitor for this region, but ALRM is advertising for more positions and working with the local Aboriginal community and colleges within this region to find suitable candidates to fill vacancies.

STURT AND CHRISTIES BEACH

The AVS has lost a Visitor from this region, but is in the process of interviewing a replacement. The current Visitor has been doing an outstanding job and volunteers to come into the Adelaide office to help with administration and data entry.
**MID NORTH REGION**

**Port Pirie**

Port Pirie has a low arrest rate – but at times the need can be great, with up to four detainees in cells at one time. ALRM now has two Visitors working in this police cell region who work on a two week rotation.

The Port Pirie Aboriginal Community Centre supports the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme, but there are issues with the Centre’s funding. The Manager, AVS has met with local police to inform them about how the AVS works and what contact details they need to access a Visitor. Previously police were calling the Port Augusta ALRM office for a Visitor.

**Port Augusta**

There are two AVS Visitors in Port Augusta and with last year’s successful two day training program, it has been operating very well with our longest serving Visitor helping to promote the AVS within the Port Augusta region.

Posters have been distributed in the community calling for more Visitors.

**Whyalla**

Whyalla has only one Visitor at present. The AVS is currently working with the Plaza Youth Centre to contact young local people and family members to be part of the AVS. Since working with the Plaza Youth Centre there has been interest from two people in becoming Visitors. A Visitor was searched while visiting detainees which prompted ALRM AVS to formally object in writing to the Chief Inspector. Searching Visitors is against agreed protocols under the AVS.

**RIVERLAND**

**Murray Bridge**

There is a Visitor for this region who is doing an excellent job. With support from the Murray Bridge office of ALRM, AVS has been successful in recruiting more local people to be involved with the AVS. The Visitors meet with local police and various community groups who are very supportive of the AVS. They have also been keen to display AVS promotional posters.

**Berri**

There is only one Visitor in this region and it has been very quiet. There is a lot of support from within the Berri region, with police showing high interest in involvement and attendance in meetings which are also supported by agencies such as Families SA.

An advisory group will be set up in the Riverland to work with the Aboriginal community to help address the issue of in-fighting between groups.

**HEADSPACE PROJECT**

Co-coordinator, Chrysi Kilishiri said this new service is focussed on young clients who may need help with mental health issues and other day-to-day crisis.

This program can also be used to support clients, aged 12-25 years, to access the AVS. Headspace can assist young persons with referral to a doctor and management of physical, sexual and mental health issues. Program staff are experienced in working with young people.

Headspace is currently based at the Shopfront Salisbury, The Second Story Youth Centre, Elizabeth and the Paralowie Youth Service at 94 Waterloo Corner Road. The Project is currently not available in the southern region.

**TRAINING FOR VISITORS**

A two-day training session was conducted in Port Augusta for three current Visitors and a new member. It was also a good opportunity for Visitors to share stories about their work.

**TWO DAY INFORMATION TRAINING SESSION FOR METROPOLITAN VISITORS**

Training days where held at ALRM to work through the AVS training package and to view training videos of detainees who are arrested and in police custody. It provided insight into what happens when people are taken to police cells and are intoxicated.

**STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE IN BRISBANE**

Aboriginal Visitors Scheme

ALRM’s Activities

(L-R): Voreen Shannon AVS Visitor, John Carbine AVS Manager, Sharlyn Burns AVS Visitor, Debra Carlyon AVS Visitor, Rosie Weldon AVS Visitor, Bonnie AVS Visitor and Ellen O’Dea, AVS Visitor.

(L-R): John Carbine AVS Manager, Allan Wanganeen Field Operations Manager ALRM, Michael Knox Moree Unit Member, Brian Riddiford CEO Goondir Health Service, Steve Martin, Northwest Region Controller in SES at the Strengthening Indigenous Communities Conference, December 2007.
Aboriginal Visitors Scheme

FIGURE 2: AVS CLIENTS BY GENDER 2007-2008

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FIGURE 3: AVS CLIENTS BY AGE GROUP 2007-2008

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FIGURE 4: REASONS CLIENTS DETAINED 2007-2008

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FIGURE 5: REASONS FOR CLIENT VISIT 2007-2008

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FIGURE 6: ACCESS TO CLIENT 2007-2008

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FIGURE 7: LOCATION OF CLIENTS VISITED 2007-2008

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**RECRUITMENT OF AVS VISITORS**

During the Financial Year 2007-2008 the AVS Manager advertised for more Visitors through emails to local organisations and TAFE Colleges. At this time there has been a good response from law students, TAFE students and UniSA students.

About 38 community members phoned and enquired about the AVS, but only three local community members applied. One member has since resigned. Since then five AVS Visitors have been recruited for the metropolitan region. Three are involved in on the job training and working with current AVS Visitors.

**TWO DAY SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP**

Two AVS Visitors attended a two day suicide prevention workshop held at the Adelaide University. It covered:

- Recognising opportunities for help
- Reviewing suicide risk
- Linking people with community resources
- Reaching out and offering support
- Applying a model of suicide intervention

AVS also conducted follow-up safetalk training at ALRM in July 2008, with one Visitor attending with the AVS Manager and Field Officers from ALRM.

**NON-ATTENDANCE FORM**

The new non-attendance form for AVS Visitors is designed to provide statistics on all Aboriginal detainees who are in police cells where an AVS Visitor is not required. This enables records to be kept on the correct number of detainees who are released on bail or who don’t want a visit.

As stated earlier, a number of Aboriginal detainees are now obtaining bail because police are adhering to policy regarding deaths in custody. The Risk Management Unit is undertaking a full audit of all South Australian police cells.

John Carbine
AVS Manager
ALRM’s Activities

Low Income Support Program (LISP)

OVERVIEW

During the Financial Year 2007-2008, LISP has provided a financial counselling service that has saved clients thousands of dollars, secured peoples’ tenancies and set up support teams within service provider organisations to provide additional assistance for the most vulnerable clients.

LISP operates within the normal ALRM office hours, with some out of hours work when there is demand. In the coming year LISP will endeavor to increase services to outreach agencies as it has in the past to Lower Nunga club and Nunkawarrin Yunti’s clinic at Brady Street – Elizabeth. LISP will also continue a small number of home visits when required.

There were 147 initial interviews conducted and new cases were opened in the Financial Year 2007-2008, with 334 subsequent interviews conducted, including the casework undertaken by the Acting Coordinator while the previous coordinator was on sick leave. It is important to point out that there were less interviews, but more initial interviews this year, due to the increased complexity and multiple problems that Aboriginal people are experiencing.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET COUNSELLING

Two office administrative assistants, three financial counsellors, two placement students and three volunteers are assisting this service. Recently some of these people have moved onto paid employment. One of the financial counsellors will continue providing support to our service.

VOLUNTEERS

The number of volunteers did fluctuate throughout the year with an average of four working with LISP during this reporting period. The volunteers worked a total of 1349 hours this year, which equates to 26 hours per week (This does not always include all the hours which some of the professional volunteers put in at their computers outside of work hours).

Volunteers have also helped by attending forums to gain personal knowledge and resources for the LISP service when required. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the many skilled dedicated volunteers who give their time. Without their support we would not be able to operate this program effectively.

ADVOCACY AND LIAISING

There is a great deal of work involved in staying up to date with the constant changes in Child Support Services and ongoing Centrelink Reforms. In the past year, Aboriginal people in part-time employment have experienced significant changes to expenditure and household budget. Debt management requires a considerable amount of work, with LISP needing continually to network with various agencies in the area of poverty. Networking allows LISP to be aware of how these current changes are affecting the general community and to also represent the affects of these changes on Aboriginal people and provide further financial literacy skills and education.
Organisations with which there was liaison and advocacy were: Centrelink, the Community Consultative Committee, Inner City Assistance Network, Western Region Anti-Poverty Network, Volunteering SA, South Australian Council for Social Services (SACOSS), South Australian Financial Counsellor’s Association (SAFCA), Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), Housing SA (which now incorporates Aboriginal Housing), Residential Tenancy Tribunal, APRA (Superannuation), Insolvency & Trustee Services of Australia (Bankruptcy administration), Women’s Legal Service, Shelter SA, Australian Taxation Office, Aboriginal Family Services, Magdalene Centre, Minor Civil Action Courts and the Fines Payments Unit, Public Trustee, and the Small Business Emergency Service.

EMERGING ISSUES AND TRENDS
As well as impacting on LISP service delivery, finding accredited financial counsellors to meet client needs is difficult. There is a critical shortage of workers in the field of financial counselling – particularly those wanting to volunteer. Additionally, this work requires people with specific skills, who are able to engage and gain the trust of Aboriginal clients and the community.

There is the requirement by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission that financial counsellors be accredited by their state professional body and a requirement that they need to have completed the TAFE diploma course. LISP has assisted two students to obtain their qualifications. One has decided to continue supporting LISP.

ALRM has been able to address this shortage by recruiting a financial counsellor in Pt. Augusta. The Adelaide and Pt. Augusta offices have been able to support and assist each other in financial counselling roles. During the year the Pt. Augusta service has been able to assist 170 cases in this region and provided case management that has addressed systemic issues, including the activities of door-to-door salesman and pay-day lenders. A great outcome through education and campaigning on these issues has been a significant reduction in the systemic concerns relating to these issues in the mid-north of this State.

Other community issues include the lack of affordable housing, relocation of clients, and the further depletion of Housing Trust stock. These changes to the majority of Aboriginal services are creating a concern to the general Aboriginal community.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION
ALRM has continued to maintain a great partnership with the Women’s Legal Service. In the past LISP has extended the previous budget course by providing new information on nutritional and budgeting education to groups including the Aboriginal Catholic Centre – which has been greatly valued by this agency. This program includes a number of preventative components to assist Aboriginal people by focusing on financial hardship and helping many with personal and self-esteem issues by incorporating development activities. LISP has agreed to provide further budgeting courses to the Aboriginal Home Care Agency and other agencies in the coming year.

In addition, ALRM plans to talk to the wider community to provide more resources and service more regional and rural areas.

Finally whilst I am appreciative of the State Government for our funding, it is unfortunately insufficient and should be substantially increased. I understand the CEO has been talking to the State Government to expand LISP across the State. This initiative will certainly be welcomed by the Aboriginal community.

Gail Gorton
Acting Coordinator
From the perspective of the executive officer, the ALRM Native Title Unit (NTU) performed extremely well and value-added to the overall direction of native title in South Australia.

The Federal Court has currently listed the Adnyamathanha native title claim and the Kokatha Peoples native title claim for trial and has issued programming orders which could result in ALRM resources being directed away from its current consent determination program. ALRM NTU is working to address those matters before the Court and offers its appreciation to the Commonwealth for their assistance from their litigation funding.

The most significant outcome in this reporting period is the achievement of the consent determination for the Witjira National Park and Mt Dare Station on behalf of the Eringa and the Wangkangurru native title claims. The Federal Court hearing to make the consent determination was to be held in June 2008, but due to ALRM having insufficient funds to support claimants attendance, it has now been arranged for 11 September 2008 in Witjira National Park at Dalhousie Springs.

The ALRM NTU’s successful dispute resolution program has continued to affect the reduction of overlapping claims to the extent that there will only be two outstanding overlap issues for the new Financial Year 2008-2009. The continuing reduction of overlapping claims opens the way to agreement making and progressing native title applications towards resolution.
The SA Native Title Resolution Strategy continues to provide the opportunity for parties to negotiate native title outcomes. Importantly it creates the opportunity for all parties to participate in a cooperative, supportive and progressive environment to resolve issues between them. During this reporting period the most satisfying results have been the Gawler Rangers Native Title claim and the Yandruwandha and Yawarrawarrrka claim. The two native title claim groups have signed and authorised ILUAs with multiple respondent parties. The most positive results have been the completion of 24 pastoral ILUAs within the Gawler Rangers Native Title Claim and the signing of a conjunctive petroleum agreement, an agreement over the township of Innamincka with the State Government, a national park agreement and five pastoral ILUAs all with the Yandruwandha and Yawarrawarrrka peoples.

In South Australia all indications are that the State is on the verge of a minerals and resources boom. The Mineral Exploration ILUAs and Part 9B of the SA Mining Act has produced a large number of exploration agreements and mining production agreements.

The ALRM has continued to demonstrate to the Federal Court that it is a capable, well managed organisation with clear strategies for addressing native title issues in South Australia and maintains itself as an active and willing partner in the SA Native Title Resolution Strategy.

ALRM NTU continues to ensure that its staff are able to increase their knowledge and expertise by attending training workshops, seminars and conferences. Some have attended conferences as guest speakers. ALRM NTU is an active participant with working groups and committees, with industry bodies and State Government consultative mechanisms. Such participation includes networking at national and international levels. These opportunities augur well for ALRM NTU and its clients as the organisation grows in stature. Moreover it demonstrates to the wider community the level of professionalism and expertise that ALRM NTU has to offer. This places ALRM in a position where it is more able to effectively use its influence to create opportunities for native title claimants in South Australia.

The success of this year can be attributed to the ALRM Board, senior management of the ALRM NTU, and the immense efforts by the dedicated staff of the ALRM NTU. An important background theme is that management and staff believe strongly in the overall direction of the native title program for South Australia. Staff efforts have produced very effective and positive outcomes for Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS

ALRM has continued to strive and achieve positive outcomes through the continued progression of native title applications through the Federal Court process and negotiated outcomes through the SA Native Title Resolution Strategy.

At its last call-over in November 2007, the Federal Court issued draft consent determination orders for six native title claims. The six applicants and respondent parties for each claim have been given timeframes in which to respond to the orders.

I am pleased to report The Aboriginal Congress of South Australia, Inc. has been established under the State’s Incorporation and Association Act. Congress will take its place within the South Australian Native Title Resolution Program and will be one of the main mechanisms for ALRM NTU to consult with in terms of native title from a State perspective. The Congress has established an MOU for working with the State Government Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and State Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Committee to integrate native title within government legislation and administration.

Another major coup for South Australian native title claims groups is the registration of the Aboriginal Foundation of South Australia Limited and Company Limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001. Congress and the Foundation will continue to support agreement-making through ILUAs as well as advancing the aspiration and goals of Aboriginal people in South Australia and provide for their future social and economic advancement.

OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

ALRM’s performance has again been outstanding, with the provision of high quality professional services assisting native title claims to progress their claims to protect and maintain their native title rights and interests. ALRM has had a particularly busy year with a full program of addressing matters in the Federal Court and through the SA Native Title Resolution Strategy. In fact, the level of service delivery fully tested ALRM, as the resources available for the delivery of services were not sufficient to meet the needs of claimants. Nevertheless ALRM continues to demonstrate that it is a major contributor to the resolution of native title claims in SA.
ALRM has been through a difficult year in terms of its financial management processes. The higher than expected level of activity can be directly linked to ALRM’s decision to support the listed matters in the Federal Court. These activities use a high level of resources including funds and staff time. The overall financial result is satisfactory and has only been attained through carefully managing resources to best meet budget restrictions, while still providing professional services to meet clients’ needs in other areas. Many activities were not funded in this reporting period due to not having sufficient resources to assist claimants.

Additional funding was also provided to fund transitional processes in developing the new Native Title Services Provider, South Australia Native Title Services Ltd which is to be operational from 1 July 2008.

**OUTLOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR**

As of 1 July 2008 ALRM will no longer be the organisation providing native title services to Aboriginal people; the newly established South Australian Native Title Services Ltd (SANTS) will be responsible for the delivery of native title services.

Staff of the ALRM Native Title Unit will be offered employment with SANTS.

The State Government will enter into a new funding agreement with SANTS and will begin the year with forecast cuts to its native title funding. Nevertheless, SANTS as the new Native Title Service Provider is likely to achieve its first consent determination (Witjira National Park) this year. It will be the second for South Australia. The SA Native Title Resolution Strategy will continue with large numbers of ILUAs expected to be executed in the pastoral and national parks areas.

As the executive officer of the ALRM NTU and soon to be the newly appointed CEO of SANTS, I forecast that SANTS will not be able to fund any new negotiations and may struggle to fund the program as currently planned for next year. SANTS will continue its strategic approach to progress claims by way of negotiation—rather than litigation and will continue to apply its dispute resolution strategies to assist those groups to avoid litigation where overlaps exist and to settle any internal disputes, so as to give the best opportunity for claims to be resolved.

I welcome the new financial year and the new responsibilities and take this opportunity to thank my staff for all their hard work. I look forward to working with them throughout the coming twelve months. I wish to express heartfelt appreciation to the families and friends of staff who have had to endure numerous short term absences throughout the year.

Since ALRM became the Native Title Representative Body for South Australia in January 1994, it has been a fantastic 14 years of positive outcomes and great policies.

Finally, I would like to thank the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, its current and past board members, current and past staff of the Native Title Unit who together placed native title and non-native title outcomes within reach of Aboriginal people in South Australia.

**Parry Agius**  
Executive Officer, ALRM Native Title Unit
ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INCORPORATED


We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee’s Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor’s Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Incorporated is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985 including:
i giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and

ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985.

The financial report of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Incorporated complies with the requirements of Section 203DC of the Native Title Act 1993 and:

i is based on proper accounts and records; and

ii is in agreement with the accounts and records; and

iii the receipt, expenditure and the investment of money, and the acquisition and disposal of assets, by the body during the year have been in accordance with this Act and any grant conditions imposed under subsection 203CA(1).

HAYES KNIGHT

A.R. GREEN
DIRECTOR

269 PULTENEY STREET
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dated at Adelaide this 18th day of September 2008
ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

BOARD REPORT

Your board members submit the financial report of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

Committee Members
The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Frank Lampard Chairperson
Michael Wanganene Vice Chairperson
Rosney Snell Secretary/Treasurer
Sandra Miller Executive Member
Troy McNamara
Faith Thomas
Andrea Hilda Nicholls
Bebe Ramzan
Jamie Edwards

Principal Activities
The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were:
- to provide legal services to members of the Association.

Significant Changes
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Native Title Unit and Indigenous Land Use Agreement have ceased to be part of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement INC effective from 1st July 2008. Both units are now administered by a new entity called South Australia Native Title Services Limited ("SANTS").

In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Board of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Incorporated hereby certify that during the financial year ended 30 June 2008:

(a) (i) no officer of the Association;
(ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
(iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;
has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the Association.

(b) no officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value except for normal travel allowances and reimbursement of direct expenses relating to the activities of the Association.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and signed by two members of the Board.

[Signatures]

Frank Lampard Chairperson

Sandra Miller Executive Member

Dated this 18th day of September 2008
ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

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EQUITY

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<td>Property Revaluation Reserve</td>
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<td>1,605,698</td>
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<td>Retained earnings</td>
<td>1,432,250</td>
<td>1,393,766</td>
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<td>TOTAL EQUITY</td>
<td>3,037,948</td>
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ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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<th>Note</th>
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<tr>
<td>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating grants receipts</td>
<td>11,785,070</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payments to suppliers and employees</td>
<td>(11,888,045)</td>
<td>(11,543,527)</td>
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<td>Interest received</td>
<td>20,577</td>
<td>23,047</td>
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<td>Recovery of legal costs and disbursements</td>
<td>30,877</td>
<td>160,887</td>
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<td>Other reimbursement of costs</td>
<td>886,403</td>
<td>632,843</td>
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<td>Net cash provided by operating activities</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>864,882</td>
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<td>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</td>
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<td>Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Purchase of property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>(140,089)</td>
<td>(52,443)</td>
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<td>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</td>
<td>(140,089)</td>
<td>(52,443)</td>
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<td>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proceeds from borrowings</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net (decrease)/increase in cash held</td>
<td>724,793</td>
<td>(943,767)</td>
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<td>Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of the financial year</td>
<td>923,811</td>
<td>1,867,578</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of the financial year</td>
<td>1,648,604</td>
<td>923,811</td>
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ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Note 1  Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with (AIFRS), Urgent Issues Group Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and the Native Title Act, 1993.

The financial report of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The Association has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards issued but not effective at 30 June 2008 and there is not expected to be any material impact once these standards are adopted.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

Accounting Policies

(a)  Income Tax

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Incorporated is a Deductible Gift Recipient, as declared by the Australian Taxation Office, and is exempt from all forms of taxation except Fringe Benefits tax and the Goods and Services tax.

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Incorporated is not liable for payroll tax.

(b)  Trade Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at fair value and are bought to account as receivables where the Association is legally entitled to those monies at year end.

(c)  Estimation of Fair Values

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.
ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Note 1  Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d)  Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated
depreciation and impairment losses.

Land and buildings are shown at fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by external independent
valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Any accumulated depreciation at the rate of revaluation
is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount
of the asset. All other property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation.
Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Purchases of property, plant and equipment are recognised initially at cost in the Balance Sheet except for purchases
costing less than $1,000, which are expensed in the year of acquisition. The Association’s major funding body, requires
property, plant and equipment with a cost to or greater than $2,000 to be capitalised. The Association has elected to
capitalise property, plant and equipment equal to or greater than $1,000.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset’s carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when
it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association and the cost of the item
can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial
period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to the property revaluation
reserve in the Association’s equity. To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognised in the
income statement, the increase is first recognised in the income statement. Decreases that reverse previous increases of
that same class asset are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve
attributable to the asset; all other decreases are charged to the income statement.

It has been noted that the properties at King William Street, Adelaide and Port Augusta, reported on the Balance Sheet,
have registered caveats with the Australian Government. The A-O Department has informed the Association that the
properties will only be dealt with for the benefit of its employees and the Aboriginal peoples of South Australia.
Permission to deal with these properties must first be sought with the Federal Attorney General.

Depreciation

Land is not depreciated. The depreciable amount adjusted for residual values of all fixed assets including building and
capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the entity commencing from the
time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired
period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.
Note 1

Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

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<th>Class of Fixed Asset</th>
<th>Useful Life</th>
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<tr>
<td>Buildings</td>
<td>40 years</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture and Fittings</td>
<td>10 years</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Equipment</td>
<td>6 years</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computer Equipment</td>
<td>3 years</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computing Software and Motor Vehicles</td>
<td>5 years</td>
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Depreciation

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(f) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset’s fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, is compared to the asset’s carrying value. Value-in-use is the depreciated replacement cost of the asset. Any excess of the asset’s carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(g) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(h) Employee Benefits

(i) Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised as liabilities. Liabilities for sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken.

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.
ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Note 1  Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(i) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(i) Revenue

Grants from the Government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the organisation will comply with all attached conditions. Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in the income statement over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

(k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.

Note 2  Revenue

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<td>Attorney Generals Department - Special Purpose Grants</td>
<td>4,507,981</td>
<td>3,885,602</td>
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<td>Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</td>
<td>3,387,480</td>
<td>3,060,660</td>
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<td>Native Title Unit</td>
<td>70,100</td>
<td>68,100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Department for Families and Communities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aboriginal Low Income Support Program</td>
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<td>121,220</td>
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<td>Minister for Aboriginal Affairs &amp; Reconciliation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aboriginal Visitors Scheme</td>
<td>1,925,400</td>
<td>2,416,458</td>
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<td>State Attorney General's Department</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Commonwealth Bank of Australia - Australian Securities and Investments Commission</td>
<td>20,577</td>
<td>23,047</td>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 3  Other Income

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<td>- Legal Fees Recovered</td>
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<td>97,942</td>
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<td>- Legal Disbursements Recovered</td>
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<td>- Activity Generated Income</td>
<td>782,894</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Recoveries &amp; Reimbursements</td>
<td>72,601</td>
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<td>- Other income</td>
<td>103,508</td>
<td>118,919</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>917,279</strong></td>
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Note 4  Auditors' Remuneration

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<td>- Remuneration for:</td>
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<td>- Auditing the financial report</td>
<td>34,293</td>
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Note 5  Cash and Cash Equivalents

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<td>Cash on hand</td>
<td>950</td>
<td>1,250</td>
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<td>Cash at bank</td>
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<td>Short-term bank deposits</td>
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<td>Cash Held in Trust</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>Kistler Aerospace Corporation Claimants</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,648,604</strong></td>
<td><strong>923,811</strong></td>
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Note 6  Trade and Other Receivables

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<td>Other receivables</td>
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<td>Grants Receivable</td>
<td>167,750</td>
<td>870,338</td>
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<td>Loans - Former Board Members</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1,420,145</strong></td>
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Note 7  Other Current Assets

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<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>23,133</td>
<td>65,636</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>23,133</strong></td>
<td><strong>65,636</strong></td>
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Note 8  Property, Plant and Equipment

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<td>Office Equipment:</td>
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<td>At cost</td>
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<td>436,363</td>
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<td>(165,978)</td>
<td>(297,590)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>176,938</td>
<td>138,773</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leasehold improvements</td>
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<td>At cost</td>
<td>5,335</td>
<td>41,551</td>
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<td>Accumulated...</td>
<td>(5,335)</td>
<td>(41,539)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land &amp; Building</td>
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<td>At valuation</td>
<td>3,178,000</td>
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<td>Accumulated...</td>
<td>(83,798)</td>
<td>(44,536)</td>
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<td>3,094,202</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</td>
<td>3,271,140</td>
<td>3,272,249</td>
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Movements in Carrying Amounts
Movement in carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

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<tr>
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<th>Land at valuation</th>
<th>Building at valuation</th>
<th>Leasehold Improvements</th>
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<td>Balance as at 1 July 2007</td>
<td>1,502,285</td>
<td>1,631,179</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>138,773</td>
<td>3,272,249</td>
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<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>140,089</td>
<td>140,089</td>
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<td>Disposals</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(59,029)</td>
<td>(59,029)</td>
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<td>Depreciation expense</td>
<td></td>
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<td>(39,262)</td>
<td>(42,895)</td>
<td>(82,169)</td>
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<td>Carrying amount at 30 June 2008</td>
<td>1,502,285</td>
<td>1,591,917</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>176,938</td>
<td>3,271,140</td>
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The valuation basis of land and buildings is fair value being the amounts for which the assets could be exchanged between willing parties in arms length transaction, based on current prices in an active market for similar properties in the same location and condition. The 2006 revaluations were based on independent assessments by members of the Australian Property Institute as at 30 June 2006.

If freehold land and buildings were stated on the historical cost basis, the amounts would be as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Land &amp; Building</td>
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<tr>
<td>At cost</td>
<td>2,116,950</td>
<td>2,116,950</td>
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<td>Accumulated...</td>
<td>(215,853)</td>
<td>(172,656)</td>
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<td>Net book amount</td>
<td>1,901,097</td>
<td>1,944,294</td>
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Note 9  Trade and Other Payables

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<td>Trade payables</td>
<td>486,027</td>
<td>1,105,632</td>
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<td>Accruals - Annual Leave</td>
<td>211,662</td>
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<td>- On Costs</td>
<td>21,062</td>
<td>42,811</td>
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<td>Grant received in advance</td>
<td>1,508,363</td>
<td>600,127</td>
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<td>Amount Held in Trust for Kistler Aerospace Corporation Claimants</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>2,227,119</td>
<td>2,189,792</td>
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Note 10  Provisions

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<td>Provision for Long Service Leave</td>
<td>183,017</td>
<td>288,282</td>
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<td>Provision for On Costs</td>
<td>18,550</td>
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<td>201,567</td>
<td>316,531</td>
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<tr>
<td>NON-CURRENT</td>
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<td>Provision for Long Service Leave</td>
<td>42,730</td>
<td>161,795</td>
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<td>Provision for On Costs</td>
<td>4,289</td>
<td>14,309</td>
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<td>47,019</td>
<td>176,104</td>
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Note 11  Property Revaluation Reserve

The property revaluation reserve records revaluation of fixed assets.

Note 12  Capital and Leasing Commitments

(a) Finance Lease Commitments

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<td>- not later than 12 months</td>
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<td>- between 12 months and 5 years</td>
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(b) Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

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ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Note 13 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

There have been no contingent liabilities or contingent assets to be disclosed at this stage.

2008  2007
$     $

Note 14 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

There have been no events after balance sheet date that have had a material effect on the Association's financial report for the year ending 30 June 2008.

Note 15 Related Party Transactions

During the year ended 30 June 2008, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. have not entered into related party transactions.

2008  2007
$     $

(a) Members of the Governing Committee who held office at some stage during the year ended 30 June 2008 were:

Frank Lampard Chairperson
Michael Warganeen Vice Chairperson
Rosney Snell Secretary/Treasurer
Sandy Miller Executive Member
Mitch Dunnett
Troy McNamara
Faith Thomas
Andrea Hilda Nicholls
Bebe Ramzan
Jamie Edwards

(b) Other key management personnel

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<td>Parry Agius</td>
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<td>George Benzler</td>
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Note 17  Association Details

The registered office of the company is:
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.
321-325 King William Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000
AUSTRALIA

The principal places of business is:
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.
321-325 King William Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000
AUSTRALIA

Note 18  Segment Reporting

The Association operates predominantly in one business and geographical segment, being the legal sector providing legal services to Members of the Association throughout South Australia.

Note 19  Economic Dependency

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc is dependent on funding from various Australian Government Departments. Law and Justice is administered by the Federal Attorney-General's Department (AGD).

The Law & Justice unit of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. has a new contract with the Federal Attorney General's Department (AGD) to provide legal aid and services to the Aboriginal peoples in South Australia for the period 1st July 2008 to 30th June 2011.
### NATIVE TITLE

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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**Profits/(Loss) before income tax expense**

($88,943)  ($498,309)

**Income tax expense**

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**Profits/(Loss) after income tax expense**

($88,943)  ($498,309)

The statement should be read in conjunction with the attached accompanying accounting policies note.
# NATIVE TITLE

## BALANCE SHEET

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2008**

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ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INC.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

In the opinion of the board the financial report as set out on pages 4 to 18:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

Frank Lampard
Chairperson

Sandra Miller
Executive Member

Dated this 18th day of September 2008
STRATEGIC PLAN 2005-2008

VISION
Our vision is to pursue social justice and well being for the Aboriginal peoples of South Australia.

MISSION
We exist to strengthen, promote and enhance the legal, cultural, political and social rights of Aboriginal peoples of South Australia through the provision of legal services.

• The Mission provides the driving force for us to assist the effective delivery of justice without prejudice to Aboriginal peoples of South Australia.
• It is the recognition of our collective rights, our self-determinations and the recognition of Aboriginal Peoples’ status as dispossessed.
• We sustain transparent, responsive and vigorous community representation and participation, maintain appropriate community support and pursue client service excellence.

ROLE
Our role is to advance the legal interests of Aboriginal peoples of SA and to ensure those interests and rights are protected by the law and not adversely affected by abuse or misuse of any powers under the law.

Our core business comprises the provision of the following services:
• Legal
  - Criminal
  - Civil including family and child protection
  - Native Title¹
  - Supporting services including Low Income Support Program (LISP)
  - Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS)
• Advocacy
• Education and prevention

PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION
In order to achieve our Vision, we will be guided by the following principles:
• Aboriginal peoples rights to human rights, economic and social representations and to the upholding of these rights as dispossessed peoples.
• Aboriginal peoples rights to self-determinations, self-management, justice without prejudice, and the right to access appropriate information and services without discrimination.

KEY VALUES
• We encourage, promote and maintain our political representation and community advocacy and preserve our unique cultural heritages, in the pursuit of justice without prejudice.
• We value, respect and encourage client and community involvement, opinions and participation in delivery of quality services.
• We will continue the pursuit of determining priorities and the monitoring of effective client services to Aboriginal communities and peoples.
• We will be transparent and accountable to Aboriginal peoples of South Australia and our funding bodies.
• We respect individual differences by recognising and appreciating our diversity and cultural determinations, our traditions and the communities we serve.
• We aim to provide leadership of the highest quality to create unique and innovative service delivery options that meet varying client needs.
• We will act ethically in all our dealings to ensure professionalism, integrity, privacy and confidentiality.
• We will encourage developing a united Aboriginal voice by fostering community relationships and networks.

¹ Now transferred to SANTS.
• We value our staff and will pursue best practices in the workplace.
• We encourage a proactive team environment and support professional development of staff to maximise potential.
• We are committed to providing community accessible information.
• We recognise changes in the political environments and we will use a collaborative approach to respond positively.

OBJECTIVES

Objective 1 - SERVICE DELIVERY

1. Service delivery to women
   • Identify family violence and women’s legal service needs
   • Determine required resources
   • Commence family violence and women’s legal services within the greater Adelaide metropolitan area with regional outreach
   • Support Family Violence Preventative Legal Services (FVPLS)

2. Service delivery to community
   • Identify service requirements
   • Determine required resources
   • Provide improved access to effective legal services, financial counselling and related support services
   • Prioritise issues of community and cultural significance
   • Deliver appropriate legal representation through maximising advocacy and service excellence, community participation and partnerships
   • Develop a positive client-focused service environment to provide an effective, contemporary, high quality service
   • Improve communication systems
   • Implement means testing as required by funding agreements

3. Evaluation/Prioritising
   • Monitor and evaluate client services
   • Review operations and pursue corporate reform
   • Respond to political and global changes
   • Undertake research and analysis of service provision
   • Review crime prevention programs and identify best practices
   • Prioritise aims

Objective 2 - RESOURCES

1. Human Resources
   • Identify staffing requirements to increase staff capacity and recruit to meet requirements
   • Formulate and implement individual and specific training and professional development plans for all staff
   • Review the employment policy to reflect our client base
   • Review opportunities for expansion of current partnerships to provide additional volunteers, CDEP workers and pro bono services

2. Financial Resources
   • Identify funding requirements to meet organisational requirements including metropolitan, regional and remote needs
   • Identify all funding sources and opportunities
   • Maximise access to all suitable funding sources, opportunities and options

3. Physical Resources
   • Identify all assets owned and leased
   • Identify and prioritise current and future needs
   • Allocate funding to satisfy prioritised resource requirements

4. Allocation of Resources
   • Identify available resources
   • Review effectiveness and efficiency of resources allocated
   • Develop an implementation and allocation program for resource distribution
   • Allocate resources to areas of highest priority

Objective 3 - ADVOCACY

1. Develop and implement an advocacy policy
   • Define ALRM’s role in advocacy
   • Identify areas of specific advocacy need
   • Identify resources required to implement advocacy policy
   • Implement advocacy policy

Objective 4 - COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

1. Communication
   • Develop a communication strategy addressing internal and external communication requirements
   • Identify resources required to implement the strategy
(II) TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

“We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here.”
### (III) ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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