



# Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

## *Justice without Prejudice*

*Know your  
Rights*

[www.alrm.org.au](http://www.alrm.org.au)

### **Kurna Traditional Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge this land as the traditional lands of the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here.

## Cheryl Axleby, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Welcome to 2020,

We are pleased to present our first newsletter for 2020, the March edition. ALRM is passionate and determined about the ongoing service delivery it provides to the Aboriginal communities of South Australia. Justice without Prejudice is the key theme of the organisation.

We continue our commitment to provide Law and Justice services across SA.

- Criminal
- Civil
- Field Officers
- Aboriginal Visitors Scheme
- Prisoner Care Program (New)
- Financial services
- Community Legal Education

We have employed a new Financial Counsellor in Adelaide, Susan Guley. Our Aboriginal Financial Counselling program provides support to community members in need of assistance. Appointments can be made by calling Susan at ALRM.

The coming year will see some changes for ALRM. The last 6 months, in particular, has been a very busy time. We are nearing the end of our current five year funding agreement under the Indigenous Legal Assistance Program. ALRM future funding for the next 5 years, (funded by the Commonwealth), will be funded through the newly formed National Legal Assistance Program. It is very unfortunate that The Commonwealth have decided to disband the stand alone Indigenous Legal Assistance program as of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. ALRM future funding will be managed via the State. At this point in time we are preparing for our new funding agreement. We are commencing the new procurement process to receive our funding. ALRM service delivery will continue as usual.

ALRM has received funding for a new program providing throughcare support for our community members exiting prison and youth training centre. The program is called the Prisoner Care Program (PCP). ALRM is funded to provide this service until 2021. The program has a Coordinator plus 4 case workers. PCP team members are Wahkuna, Byron, Rochelle & Peter. The aim of the program is to provide case management support to those exiting prison. We will engage and work with community members at last 3 months before they are released and can provide support for up to two years.

We welcome Robert Leidig as the ALRM Community Legal Education Officer (CLE) who is responsible for the management and content of internal and external communication functions and Jane Nelson Community Legal Education Officer who will be engaging our SA communities and individuals about the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect & and Exploitation of people with a Disability. Jane will be holding community forums in the near future to provide awareness about the Royal Commission and can assist community members who wish to access the Royal Commission. George Lesses our ALRM Lawyer will be working with Jane. For more information about the Royal Commission, please contact Jane Nelson at ALRM [janen@alrm.org.au](mailto:janen@alrm.org.au). If you want to know more about what is happening on a day to day basis with the Royal Commission, please click on the following link <https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/>

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CEO Cheryl Axleby



## Cheryl Axleby, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

ALRM has played a key role in establishing the South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON). The aim of this network is to bring together our Aboriginal community controlled organisations to feed into the National agenda with Closing the Gap. Closing the Gap is not just about health. The National Coalition of Aboriginal Peaks were formed to promote Aboriginal self-determination and to call for equal partnership with Council Of Australian Governments (COAG) Ministers to ensure better reforms and targets are in place for the next 10 years. The aim is to work in partnership with Commonwealth, State and Local Governments through an Aboriginal led decision making model. We have worked hard to ensure that the next 10 years of closing the gap has targets that better meet the needs of our communities.

SAACCON will be the SA Aboriginal led decision making body. It will work towards ensuring COAGs commitment to Closing the Gap is genuine and held accountable. For more information about Closing the Gap please click on the following link <https://www.naccho.org.au/programmes/coalition-of-peaks/> for SA Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations interested in joining SAACCON as a member, please contact SA Lead Convener Ruth Miller at ALRM via email [ruthm@alrm.org.au](mailto:ruthm@alrm.org.au)

The ALRM Board of Directors will be holding its meeting and planning day in March. We will be reviewing the current ALRM strategic plan and developing a new 5 year plan. We again highlight that we welcome interest from community members to join the Board of ALRM. Our Board of Directors are appointed via a Board Appointment Committee and if members are interested, please contact my Executive Assistant Frances Jacobson for further information.

We view ourselves as an Organisation that is accountable to our people we serve. We encourage our Aboriginal community members to join our membership. Application for membership is enclosed.

Nukkan Ya - Until next time  
Cheryl





**ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT (ALRM)  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

I hereby apply for membership of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

I declare that I am eligible for membership under Article 4.1 of the Constitution and I am willing to be bound by the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Constitution

I understand that my membership is valid until I cease to become a member in accordance with Article 4.10 of the Constitution. A copy of the Constitution can be viewed at the Company's registered office address, 321-325 King William Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000

and

As the Company is a public company limited by guarantee, I agree to contribute to the Company's property an amount not exceeding \$1 if it is wound up during my period of membership, or within one year of me ceasing to be a member.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:**

*ALRM Constitution - Membership - 4.1(a) page 12 - An individual may apply for membership of ALRM if the person is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander over the age of 16 years and a resident of South Australia on a permanent basis (principal place of residence is within SA)*

Name

Address

DOB  Ph  Email

**Signature:**

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**ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ONLY:**

*ALRM Constitution – Membership – 4.1(b) page 12 - An entity may become a member if it is approved by, and nominates a representative that is approved by, a majority of the Directors*

Name of Organisation:

Name of Representative

Contact Details

**Signature:**

For ALRM Office use only

Application tabled at Directors' meeting held	DATE:
Directors confirmed Applicant is eligible for membership	YES NO
Entered on Register of Members	DATE:

Date:

Signature Chairperson:

"Let's take back control of our Community Service Needs".

(Quote: Ruth Miller,  
SAACCON Lead Convenor,  
September 2019)



## About SAACCON

### SAACCON SECRETARIAT

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Tina Quittadamo

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Jacinta Farrant

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**The SAACCON Secretariat  
is based at the Aboriginal  
Legal Rights Movement:**

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The South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON), through the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) is a member of the [Coalition of Peaks on Closing the Gap](#).

In March 2019, the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations (Coalition) entered into an historic formal Partnership Agreement on the refresh of Closing the Gap with the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) led by the Prime Minister of Australia.

The Partnership Agreement means that for the first time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, through their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Bodies, will share decision making with governments on the refresh of Closing the Gap from 2019-2029.

**The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)** is South Australia's Peak Body named in the Partnership Agreement and as such has supported the establishment of the **South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON)**.

**SAACCON** is a network of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) in SA and has been established to provide advice, recommendations and guidance to the Coalition of Peaks, and the South Australian, Commonwealth and Local Governments on the Refresh of Closing the Gap 2019-2029.

**SAACCON** sits under the auspice of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and is an unincorporated body; it has no board or office holders. Instead, its members, senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), with responsibilities for Closing the Gap, will make decisions as equals in relation to policy, strategy and governance.

**SAACCON** members are representative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's interests in Closing the Gap as they are directly involved in the delivery and monitoring of services to their communities and families across Australia.

**SAACCON** will engage with South Australian Aboriginal communities in its determination of what a statewide structure for SA will look like to ensure urban, regional and remote communities are included in informing the Refresh of Closing the Gap 2019-2029.

**Current SAACCON Members include:**

- Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (ADAC)
- Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)

\*Note the term Aboriginal used throughout is inclusive of Torres Strait Islander people.

- Aboriginal Sobriety Group (ASG)
- InComPro
- Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation (KWY)
- Kura Yerlo Inc
- Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC)
- Nunga Mi:Minar Women's and Childrens Centre
- Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc
- Tauondi Aboriginal College

All Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in South Australia, with responsibility for Closing the Gap, are strongly encouraged to become a member/partner of SAACCON. For all enquiries about membership/partnership please contact the SAACCON Secretariat.

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# ALRM: FREECALL 1800 643 222



## Introducing our Financial Counsellor

Hello everyone. My name is Susan Guley and I have lived in Adelaide for 35years. My birth and childhood home is Rockhampton in Queensland. **ALRM asked Susan some Q & As and she responded:**

What's your favourite movie/s? Eat Pray Love & Patch Adams

What's your favourite band? Not able to choose between ACDC (Bon Scott era); U2 and Guns N Roses

What's your favourite holiday destination? Anywhere in the bush or beach. I like camping in a tent;

Second Valley in SA; Emu Beach Qld or Ubud Bali

What's your favourite food? Seafood, Pub type food

What's your favourite drink? Tea, I love learning about tea ceremonies i.e. Japanese tea ceremony and its cultural history

What do you like the most about your job? De mystifying the financial and money process in Australia; the sharing of money stories

And lucky last we asked Susan if she had a magical power what would it be? Everyone would be a musician- I would gift everyone with the talent and power of music, song, dance and art or at least to play some mean air guitar.

Thanks Susan! ALRM welcomes you aboard! Please contact Susan on the freecall # above if you are seeking financial advice/ support/ counselling.

## Introducing the Prisoner Care Program (PCP)



Pictured left to right—Case workers Bryron Sumner, Peter Tucker, Wahkuna Kilner (Coordinator) Recehelle Webb

The Prisoner Care Program (PCP) is administered through Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM). Its intent is to provide prevention and diversionary services to prisoners pre & post release, and to those at risk. Our aim is to reduce the occurrence of offending/ prevent recidivism and the imprisonment of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

### How do we do this?

The PCP works closely with the Aboriginal Liaison Officers within Department for Correctional Services (DCS) and SA prisons. We provide intensive case management to meet client needs through:

- Referrals
- Building rapport
- Intake and assessment
- Case planning to address all areas of the clients social and emotional wellbeing
- Implementing individual client case management plans
- Monitoring the client & reviewing the case management plans regularly and adapting where required
- providing a culturally safe and appropriate throughcare service

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# Introducing the Prisoner Care Program (PCP)

- Supporting clients 3 months pre-release and up to 2 years post release
- Provide advocacy and referrals to relevant service providers i.e. AOD services, grief and loss, family reunification, parenting programs, court support, support in relation to accommodation etc. Please note, ALRM PCP is not an accommodation service provider, we provide referrals, support letters and advocacy to relevant service providers to assist with obtaining accommodation
- Work closely and intensively with the client, their families, other stakeholders and community
- Provide support to transition back into community whilst empowering the client to reach their GOALS and prevent reoffending
- Provide support and referrals for employment and education
- Reduce our client involvement with alcohol and other drugs

For further enquires, please contact ALRM on (08) 8113 3777 and speak with the Coordinator Whakuna Kilner .

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# Disability Royal Commission

Aunty Jane Nelson  
(pictured)



The Disability Royal Commission was established in April 2019 in response to community concern about widespread reports of violence against, and the neglect, abuse and exploitation of, people with a disability. These incidents might have happened recently or a long time ago.

The Disability Royal Commission will investigate:

- preventing and better protecting people with disability from experiencing violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- achieving best practice in reporting, investigating and responding to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability

promoting a more inclusive society that supports people with disability to be independent and live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The Disability Royal Commission will investigate and report on experiences and conditions in all settings and contexts, including:

- schools
- workplaces
- jails
- group homes or boarding houses
- family homes
- hospitals
- day programs

The Disability Royal Commission gathers information through research, public hearings, the personal experiences people tell us about and submissions, private sessions, and other forums.

We will deliver a final report to the Australian Government by 29 April 2022. In this report, the Royal Commission will recommend how to improve laws, policies, structures and practices to ensure a more inclusive and just society.

Any enquires please contact our Community Legal Educator Aunty Jane Nelson (08) 8113 3777.



**A message from TURKINDI the Aboriginal  
Information Network of SA Inc..  
NOTICE :- The ACFIA -Travel Assistance to Nunga  
Funerals *is Closed* !**

To the Service providers, Community Individuals and those that have used the:  
Travel to Nunga Funerals Assistance fund since 2008.

It is with some regret, I have to inform everyone that the Funeral Travel  
Assistance fund is now permanently finished as of the 17th January 2020.  
The fund was setup in 2008 after the National Apology by Mia and has been  
running ever since then for the past 11 Years.

It has helped so many people (way over 300 times of assistance) and their  
Families in being able to travel to Funerals in South Australia and in a few cases  
interstate. In most cases \$50 to \$100 was provided for travel assistance.  
The money used was raised by Mia Fantasia-Copley at BBQs in the past.. but  
mostly from selling copies of my SA Aboriginal Nations Language Map during  
the past few Years..

There has never been any funding provided by any departments or  
organisation except from TURKINDI Inc. SA which has supported this fund over  
the past 7 Years and contributed \$500 on a yearly basis. (Thank you TURKINDI)  
The rest of the funding was from our own personal accounts over this period of  
time and we were happy to have been able to help so many when we could.  
It was always hoped that someone else or another Organisation or  
Government Department would set up a similar Fund, but this hasn't  
happened.

We no longer have the personal financial means to support this fund and so it  
is closed. For the future please contact one of the organisation below for any  
assistance that may be available..

Thank you Ivan & Mia Copley  
[acfia@bigpond.com](mailto:acfia@bigpond.com)

Travellers Aid Society in SA Inc. Shop 3, Railway Underpass, North Tce Adelaide,  
SA 5000 Australia Phone08 8231 9854, Fax08 8231 7555 Hours: Mon - Fri  
9.30am - 3pm Eligibility: Travellers. Emergency assistance provided only in  
cases of extreme need. Preliminary contact needs to be made by an agency. A  
written referral from the agency is required after society staff have agreed to  
assist.



**A message from TURKINDI the Aboriginal  
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is Closed !**

Funeral AssistanceSA <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/care-and-support/financial-support/concessions/funeralassistance-program> Phone - 1300 762 577 Email - FuneralAssistanceSA@sa.gov.au

Aboriginal Community Funeral Plan [http://www.caesa.org/aboriginal\\_funeral.html](http://www.caesa.org/aboriginal_funeral.html) 60/50 Sussex St, North Adelaide SA 5006 Phone: (08) 8367 0783 Email: gdodd@caesa.org

Funeral Assistance Program Department for Communities and Social Inclusion  
GPO Box 292, Adelaide SA 5001 DCSIFunerals@dcsi.sa.gov.au [www.sa.gov.au/concessions](http://www.sa.gov.au/concessions) 1300 762 577 (08) 8226 7047

Nunkuwarn Yunti's Link-Up SA Wakefield Street 182 - 190 Wakefield Street,  
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## ALRM's 10 MOST REPRESENTED MATTERS AT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COURTS

Charge
Breach of Bail
Theft s134 CLCA
Aggravated Assault
Breach of Intervention Order s 31 Intervention Orders Act
Property Damage s85(2) CLCA
Assault s20 CLCA
Application for Intervention Order s20 IOA
Disorderly Behaviour/Offensive Behaviour s7(1) SOA
Drive Unauthorised s74(1) MVA
Breach of Bond

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE EVER ARRESTED

**DON'T** Resist arrest.

**DON'T** Be abusive.

**DON'T** Sign, give a statement or answer questions until you have spoken to ALRM.

**DON'T** Plead guilty to anything, even if the police tell you to, until you've spoken to ALRM.

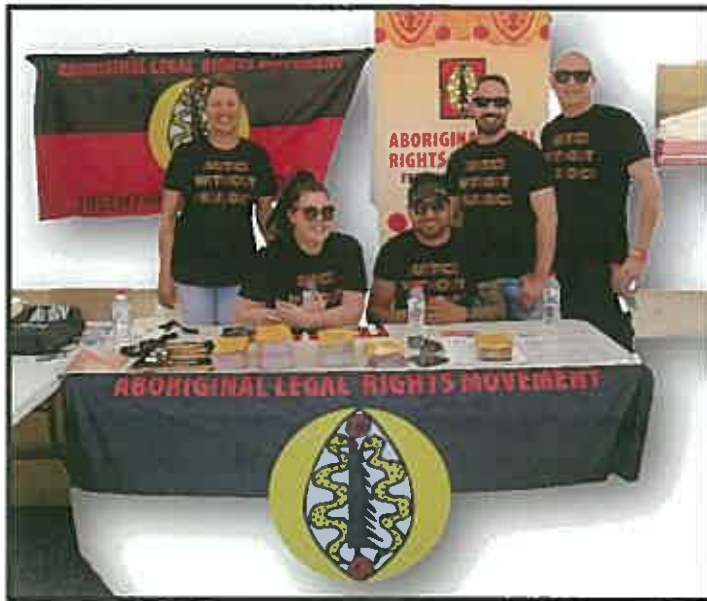
Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Field Officers will advocate on your behalf in relation to your medical, emotional and legal needs whilst in Police Custody.

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# ALRM Community Engagement

ALRM were very pleased to participate in the following events in late 2019 and early 2020.



Tauondi Open Day 24 October 2019



Honouring the Stolen Generations at Veale Park 13 February 2020





Honouring the Stolen Generations at Veale Park 13 February 2020

**ALRM was the proud sponsor for the  
Indigenous Blind Cricket Day 9 February 2020**



*Lot's of fun was had on the day! Amazing skills and abilities  
were on show from all players of both teams.*

*Looking forward to next year's re-match!*



**ALRM attended the Journey Lab along with  
other key service providers to talk about  
Juvenile Justice**



Try the puzzle..... It sure can be difficult navigating the legal system.





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Ph: (08) 8113 3799

### PORT LINCOLN

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Port Lincoln SA 5606

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ALRM always welcomes feedback from our community members. Please send suggestions to [info@alrm.org.au](mailto:info@alrm.org.au)

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