

**Aboriginal
Legal Rights
Movement**



**September
2020 Edition**

Justice without Prejudice Newsletter

Know your Rights

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.



ALRM WEBSITE

www.alrm.org.au

What can I find on the ALRM website?

- Law & Justice services
- Education, Information & Awareness
- History of ALRM & it's suite of Services
 - Careers
 - Community news
- South Australian Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON)
 - Donations information
 - News & Media updates
 - Opportunities for feedback
 - Surveys
 - Disability Royal Commission
 - 24/ 7 service information
- Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS)



Disability Royal Commission

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 achieve this by preventing and better protecting people with a disability from experiencing the following: violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. Achieving best practice in reporting, investigating and responding as well as promoting a more inclusive society that supports people with a 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, hospital and day programs



The Disability Royal Commission gathers information through research, public hearings, personal experiences as told by community, 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 or on 0436 318 723.



YOUR STORY

DISABILITY LEGAL SUPPORT

**ARE YOU AN ABORIGINAL OR
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PERSON
LIVING WITH DISABILITY?**

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HAVE YOU BEEN MISTREATED?
**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL YOUR STORY
TO THE DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION?**

In Australia, a Royal Commission is the government's way of finding out about big problems that are important to the public. The Disability Royal Commission has been created to find out about violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of all people living with disability.

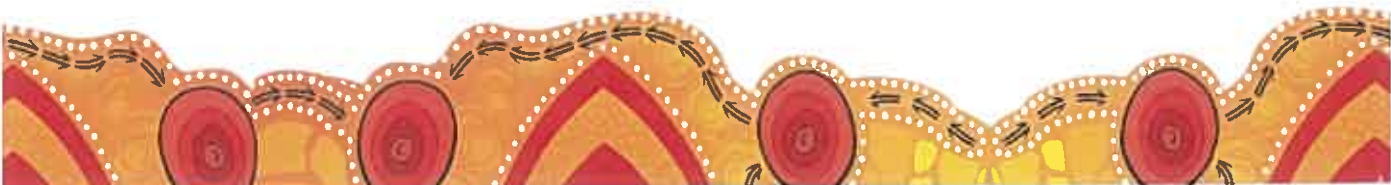
YOUR STORY HELPLINE

1800 77 1800



**Contact Jane Nelson from
ALRM for a PRIVATE &
CONFIDENTIAL YARN
on**

0436 318 723



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

What is Breach of Bail?

Breach is “an act of breaking or failing to observe a law, agreement, or code of conduct”

Bail

Applications for [bail](#) in all courts are generally governed by the [Bail Act 1985](#) (SA), which applies to both South Australian and Commonwealth offences.



What is bail?

A person who is in [custody](#) because he or she has been charged with an offence or is involved in pending criminal proceedings, may apply to be released on bail. Normally in signing a bail agreement a person undertakes the following:

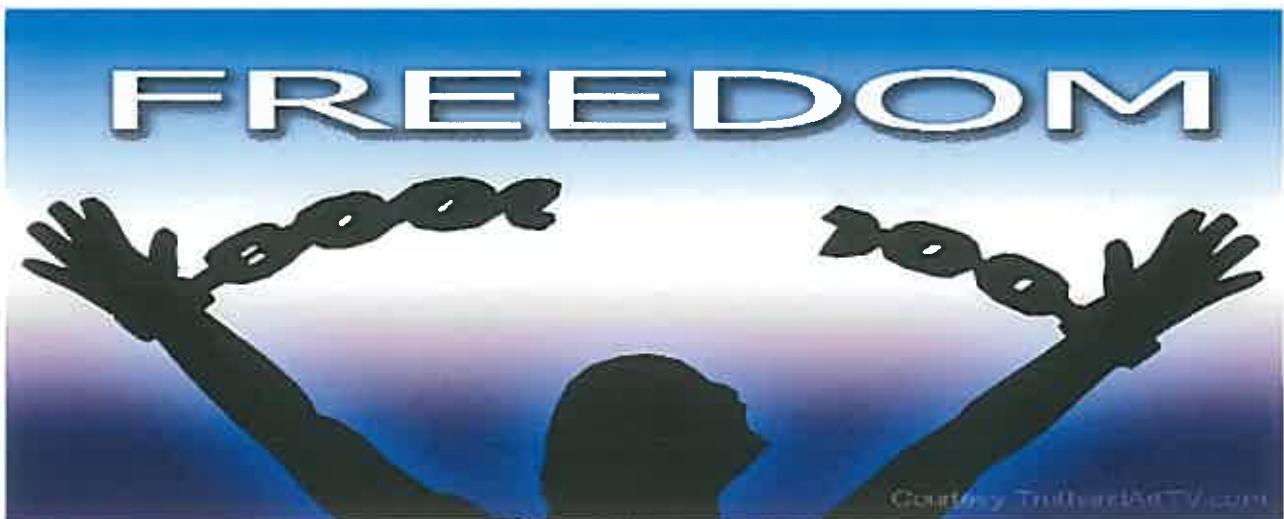
- To be present every time the matter is in court until the proceedings are finished.
- To comply with any conditions set out in the agreement as to conduct while on bail.
- To forfeit a specified sum of money if the person fails, without proper excuse, to comply with any term or condition of the agreement.



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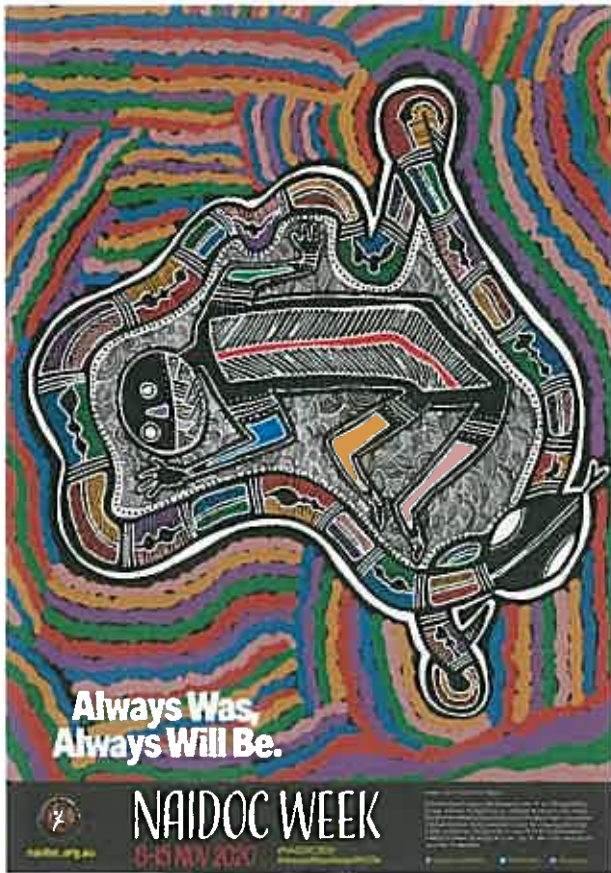
A bail authority may further impose the following conditions on a bail agreement:

- reside at a specified address;
- home detention;
- conditions relating to the physical protection of a victim;
- supervision by a community corrections officer;
- report to police;
- surrender of any passport;
- the applicant provides written assurances from acquaintances that the applicant will comply with the conditions of bail;
- forfeiture of a specified sum of money if the applicant fails, without proper excuse, to comply with any term of the agreement;
- the applicant lodges with the court security of a specified amount or value, to secure payment of the money stipulated in the bail agreement;
- the applicant obtains specified guarantors of a special nature; and that the guarantor lodges with the court security of a specified amount or value to secure payment of the money stipulated in the guarantee agreement.



Break the shackles through Knowing your Rights





NAIDOC

Now 8-15 NOV 2020

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**Always Was,
Always Will be.**



ALRM'S GOAL

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 community team meets up with the Tiraapendi Wodli Team for partnership projects



Debra Moyle Project Manager—Justice Reinvestment with Red Cross Port Adelaide
yarns with Robert Leidig Community Legal Educator with ALRM about joint
ventures to empower community



Jamahl Liddle—Coordinator Justice
Reinvestment



What a great art room for the
community!



ALRM community team meets up with the Nunkuwarrin Yunti Workforce Development Team

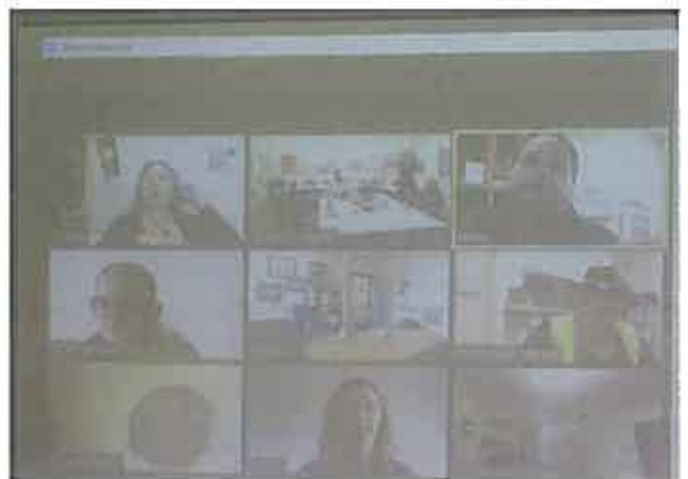


Jenny Lo, Robert Leidig, Jane Nelson, Rohan Carmody, Bec Edser

Discussing services and Social Emotional Wellbeing practices for our mob



Discussion via zoom



Zoom interface



Who that *deadly* *Aboriginal Leader?*

Any photos of deceased Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples shown is for the purposes of acknowledging their great work and legacy in their honour for the pursuit of Justice without Prejudice

answers on www.alrm.org.au/community-board/



Answer?



Answer?



Answer?

4 great Aboriginal
Leaders!



Answer?

ALRM Financial Counselling

ADELAIDE

8113 3777

OR

FREECALL

1800 643 222



PT AUGUSTA

8113 3788

OR

FREECALL

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AFCS IS A FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE and offer the following services:

- Advocate and act for you in financial matters.
 - Agency/Service Provider Referrals.
 - Dental & Ambulance Waivers (Indigenous).
- Arrange payment plans including Centrelink deductions.
 - Budgeting to manage your income.
- Centrelink Entitlements, Benefits and Concession Rights.
 - Credit and Consumer Rights.
- Difficulties caused by financial problems, e.g. lack of food.
 - Discussing debt and credit difficulties and options.
- Funding applications (e.g. Wyatt and No Interest Loan Scheme).
 - Housing Trust Support Letter.
 - Low Income Support Presentation, and Superannuation queries.



ALRM Financial Counselling WANTS YOU!



**TO DEVELOP A LOGO/ ARTWORK THAT REPRESENTS THE ALRM
FINANCIAL COUNSELLING TEAMS VALUES.**

Hope, Strength, Meeting place, Connection, Culture , Language,
Money/Finance, South Australia, Empowerment, Keeping Families
Together, Food,, Shelter, Safety, Security.

A prize will be awarded to the artwork that best represents the values
above. Please send to:

robertl@alm.org.au or ring Rob Leidig
on 8113 3777

Thanks

TAX HELP with ALRM



- Tax Help volunteer John commencing 22 September. Only Tuesdays until 27 October at the Adelaide office.
- Basic tax lodgement returns only.
- Free service, Bookings essential.
- Ring 8113 3777 Reception to book appointment time.
- Some documentation required.
- If Tax debt, ALRM offers financial counselling services.



SCAMS

Contact ALRM financial Counselling services for consumer, financial support and advocacy 8113 3777 (Adelaide office) 8113 3788 Pt Augusta)

We are all vulnerable to these scams. Talk to ALRM who offer support or talk to people whom you trust about what happened. Scams rely on fear based threats, and victims continue to live with the emotional impact and financial loss. Be gentle with yourself and reach out for support.

TIPS to avoid SCAMS

- STOP, Take TIME to think through.
- Hang up phone, close internet browser.
- If sounds too good to be true, then probably is.
- Do not feel pressured to provide personal or banking information.
- Be SUSPICIOUS of requests of money-even if sound or look official.
- Do your own research on callers details.
- Check bank statements regularly.
- Check with your Bank provider on their Cybersecurity/fraud policy and procedures.
- Big 4 banks offer 24 hour cybersecurity monitoring.

Where to get help

If sent money or bank details to scammer-**CONTACT bank immediately**

Report to Police-fraud department

For advice or to report a scam: scamwatch.gov.au

Contact ACCC Indigenous Hotline 1300 303 143

To recover stolen identity: Report to idcare.org or call 1300 432 273

Become informed of current scams- scamwatch.gov.au

Checkout Consumer Business Services website for project "Its not hard to get caught off guard"



It's not hard to get caught off guard

Consumer protection agencies across Australia are warning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers about scams.

ALRM Community Legal Education (CLE)



Robert Leidig is the Community Legal Education & Project Officer for ALRM. Contact him at Robertl@alrm.org.au or on 8113 3777.

The CLE informs through awareness and educates and empowers Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal communities & Organisations through increasing legal knowledge and information as required.

The CLE focuses on:

- Community Development;
- Raising awareness of ALRM's services;
- Networking with the stakeholders;
- Crime Prevention within the community;
- Contributing to the government's "Closing the Gap" initiatives
- Pro-actively working towards changing the negative existing perceptions of Aboriginal communities.





ATTN ALRM MEMBERS

AGM NOTICE

Date: 27 November 2020

Time: 10am - 12.00pm

Venue: ALRM Headquarters

321-325 King William Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Due to COVID-19 health and safety restrictions and social distancing requirements only a specific number of people can attend in person.

RSVPs are critical by 13 November 2020. Please contact Laura Gollan on 8113 3777 to book or email her at laurag@alrm.org.au

Thankyou for your cooperation

Please note the AGM will also consider changes to the ALRM Constitution. Members will be advised accordingly.

Welcome new ALRM staff



Hello, my name is Joanne Larkins. I am a very proud Dieri, Kokatha and Arabana woman. I moved to Adelaide from Whyalla in March of 2019, where I underwent a traineeship with Maxima, completing a certificate III in Business. I am the youngest (and deadliest) out of 3 brothers and a sister, which has helped shape me into the person I am today. I'm a grateful, kind and respectful person that loves my family/friends and loves to have a good laugh.

I enjoy living in Adelaide and taking new opportunities that come my way, such as this temp role here at ALRM. I am enjoying myself so far and look forward to whatever comes my way next!

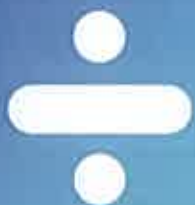


Hello everyone! My name is Nesrin, I was born in Croatia and came over to Australia in 2002. I am the eldest daughter to Middle Eastern and European parents.

I have been a lawyer for 3 years and have worked in many different areas of law. I have previously worked for B.C O'Leary & Associates and Websters Lawyers. I joined the ALRM team in late July. My passion for helping people and giving back to the community attracted me to working for ALRM.



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**“How is property
divided in a separation?”**

Ask amica where you stand.

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separation.

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**“What about the kids
when we separate?”**

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**“My partner and
I are separating.”**

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South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON)

History is Made! Signing of National Agreement on Closing the Gap . Ruth Miller is the Lead Convenor for South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON). SAACCON is a member of the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations (Coalition of Peaks). Government processes for Closing the Gap have not been working and the Coalition of Peaks came together out of frustration with previous processes. The Coalition of Peaks requested participation in the Australian Governments refresh of Closing the Gap; as equal partners in the development of the new National Agreement for Closing the Gap. This Agreement is historic as it is the first time a National Agreement about the First Nations people has been negotiated in partnership with the First Nations people in Australia.

The **4 Priory Reform** areas are key enablers to drive institutional reforms such as requiring mainstream services to provide culturally safe services and to meet the needs of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:

- 1. Shared decision-making:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are empowered to share decision-making authority with governments to accelerate policy and place-based progress on Closing the Gap through formal partnership arrangements.
- 2. Building the community-controlled sector:** There is a strong and sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled sector delivering high quality services to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the country.
- 3. Improving mainstream institutions:** Governments, their organisations and their institutions are accountable for Closing the Gap and are culturally safe and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including through the services they fund.
- 4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led data:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to, and the capability to use, locally-relevant data and information to set and monitor the implementation of efforts to close the gap, their priorities and drive their own development.



Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS)

AVS Visitors Vacancies

The aim of the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS) is to provide all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with after-hours comfort, care and support when arrested and detained in police custody. AVS Visitors assist SAPOL in their duty of care, and help bridge communication between each. AVS Visitors are available across the state.

The AVS was established as a result of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommendations (1991). 'In consultation with Aboriginal Communities and their organisations, cell visitor schemes (or schemes serving similar purpose) should be introduced to service Police watch houses.'

AVS Visitor Role and Functions

- Have a yarn
- Make referrals to other agencies
- Be an advocate
- Provide counselling
- Contact family if needed

Visitor Essential Requirements:

- To be available between 5pm and 9am weekdays, and weekends and public holidays
- Confident, empathetic people person, with great listening skills
- Must be 18 years or older
- Willing to work after hours
- Knowledge of local Aboriginal community, and community health services
- Respond to police call outs to attend at local police holding cells
- Current Drivers Licence (Own transport required)
- Mobile phone

*People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information please call Kahlia Power 08 8113 3777 or via email
Kahliap@alm.org.au



DONATIONS

ALRM would like to thank our friends for donating to ALRM's pursuit for 'Justice without Prejudice'.



Blake "Blakesby" Canham-Bennett is a multi-award winning hatter (he is not a milliner), and one of the few in Australia reviving the traditional artform of men's hat making. His hats have crossed the world, worn in America, New Zealand, Switzerland, Siberia, Egypt, and many more.

Blakesby made a special effort to attend the ALRM office in Adelaide to donate to ALRM. Thanks!

All donations, no matter how small, will help ALRM support our community.

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

Donations can be made by Cheque, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or by contacting our office to organise payment.

Visit our website www.alrm.org.au or phone 8113 3777 for further enquires

ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



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Ceduna 5690
Ph: (08) 8113 3799

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Pt Augusta 5700
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PORT LINCOLN

12 Lewis St
Port Lincoln SA 5606

ALRM always welcomes feedback from our community members.

Please send suggestions to info@alrm.org.au

