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**Annual Report** 2020/21



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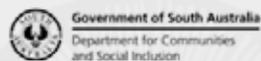
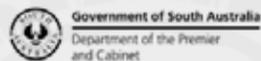
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ALRM acknowledges the Australian Government, the Federal Attorney-General's Department, the South Australian Department for Premier and Cabinet, the South Australian Department for Families and Communities for funding support. It also acknowledges the significant support from the Commonwealth Bank and the Wyatt Benevolent Institution Inc (The Wyatt Trust).

### FUNDING BODIES:



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### ALRM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

"We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is 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".



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## About ALRM

### Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

ALRM is a community-controlled organisation. We are governed by 10 Directors who are appointed from Aboriginal communities from metropolitan and regional centres across South Australia.

Our primary goal is to provide legal services and associated activities to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live in South Australia. ALRM promotes legal, cultural, economic, political and social rights for disposed peoples from our community in SA.

Advancing the legal interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in South Australia and to ensure those interests and rights are protected by the law and not adversely affected by abuse of any powers under the law is a major aim of ALRM.

We provide comprehensive advice and assistance through our staff, lawyers and where appropriate by briefing private lawyers to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in South Australia.

At every step, where we engage with members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, we endeavour to provide a professional and confidential legal service.

We work with and for families, putting people and their best interests at the heart of what we do.

We respect privacy at all times and we understand and work hard to acknowledge cultural law and Australian mainstream law, endeavouring to respect both systems.

## ALRM Locations

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The number is available from fixed phone lines or from mobile phones within South Australia.



**The Hon. Josh Teague MP**  
**Attorney General**  
**Parliament House**  
**North Terrace, Adelaide, SA 5000**

Dear Attorney-General,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement for the Financial Year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

On behalf of the ALRM Board of Directors, I extend our appreciation to the South Australian Government for its ongoing financial support to ALRM, to enable us to provide culturally safe and accessible Aboriginal legal services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people of South Australia.

Yours sincerely

**Ms Rosney Snell**  
**Chairperson**

## ALRM Board of Directors

ALRM is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation governed by an all Aboriginal Board of Directors appointed by an independent Appointment Committee. The Board met six times during 2020-21. If you are interested in becoming an ALRM Director, please contact the CEO.



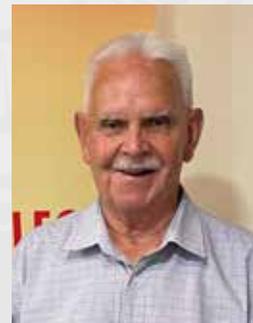
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SANDY MILLER



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FRANK LAMPARD OAM



BRENDA CARTER



DAVID RATHMAN AM



TINA QUITADAMO

## Chairperson's Report

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement was founded nearly 50 years ago as a social movement to assert the rights of South Australia's Aboriginal people. At our core, that is what we are here for – to help, champion and assert the legal rights of our community.

But we are more than that, our organisation is the lead agency in South Australia to provide advocacy on legal and policy questions that impact the lives of our community. We are accountable to the Aboriginal community and we are proud of the work we do.

Our organisation provides frank and fearless advice. It is one of the reasons ALRM took on the auspicing role of the South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Network, the peak state body formed to assist the national Coalition of Peaks to tackle Closing The Gap.

We are proud of the work that has been progressed by SAACCON during the 2020-21 year and look forward to seeing the results of that work and the positive changes promised for our community.

The law practice provided by our staff is not only professional and first-class, but our people provide compassion and understanding of the complexities that are sometimes involved when Aboriginal people come into contact with the law.

The ALRM Board has continued with a program of transforming and modernising our organisation and workforce. We continue to speak with our funding bodies about salary parity with other legal services as we want to be able to attract a high calibre staff so that we can continue to deliver a quality service to the community.

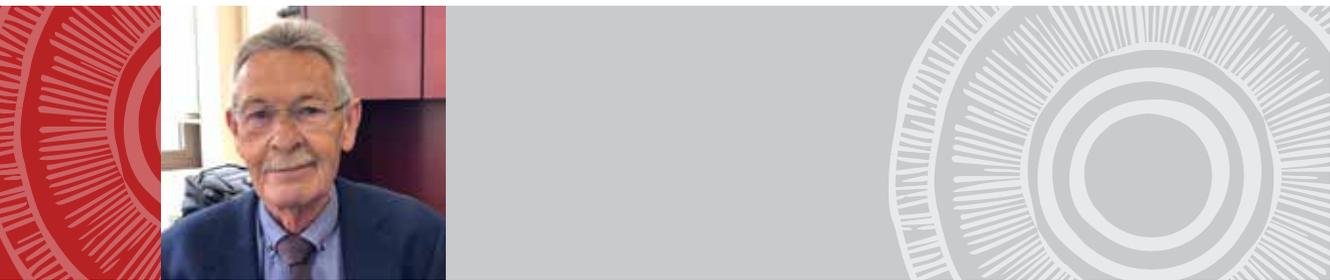
COVID-19 has again had an impact on us all, but the ALRM Board has managed to meet in person six times during the year.

The challenges ahead of us continue to be great, but the ALRM board, executive and staff are well positioned to face and meet what is ahead.

I urge community members to consider making themselves available to play a role in the delivery of our highly professional, culturally safe and sound legal service. Our board is particularly keen to attract younger members of the Aboriginal community, to ensure we have a new generation of leaders able to continue our work.

I particularly would welcome to talk personally to community members who might be thinking of becoming members of ALRM to explain our work and the personal rewards from serving our community.

**Rosney Snell**  
Chairperson



## Chief Executive Officer's Report

2020-2021 has been a year of growth and change for ALRM, much of it brought about by the need to react and adapt to the way we go about our core business due to COVID-19, but also due to an ongoing internal review into improving and upgrading the provision of legal services to the South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community.

The staff of ALRM are among the most dedicated and committed people I have had the privilege of working with; every day I am proud of the work they do to support our people.

ALRM exists to work with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, ensuring their legal needs and rights are heard, met and upheld.

### Redesigning programs

Because ALRM has adopted the Custody Notification Service, there may be a lesser demand for the traditional role of the Aboriginal Field Officer in after hours callouts. ALRM is now redesigning the Aboriginal Services Section involving the CNS, Prisoner Care Program, Aboriginal Visitors Scheme, Aboriginal Prisoner Visitors Service and related work. We want our Aboriginal employees to receive training and to have a proper career paths within the organisation, such that their skills will be properly recognised and enhanced.

ALRM is supported by volunteers and donors; our thanks goes to them. We also thank our funding bodies the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, the SA Attorney-General's

Department, Department of Correctional Services, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, Commonwealth Bank and the Wyatt Trust for their ongoing support.

### Unmet Legal Need

There has never been a survey of unmet legal need for Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal people in South Australia.

As a consequence, ALRM provides services for a rapidly increasing state Aboriginal population who have an ever increasing demand for our services.

For 20 years the work of ALRM has occurred on static funding. The services we provide are needed not only in traditional areas of increasing demand such as criminal law, child protection and family law but also in trying to meet the unmet need in personal injuries – compensation cases and also in new areas of consumer law, housing and giving assistance to the disabled and those suffering from mental illness. ALRM also attempts to provide meaningful assistance to the victims of domestic and family violence. ALRM is attempting to assist Aboriginal people with the Disability Royal Commission and to provide to the Royal Commission, a proper basis of understanding of the connection between disadvantage and disability.

ALRM needs a proper survey of unmet legal need so as to provide a realistic basis for planning for the future and a proper basis for its funding to be calculated.

### Wage parity

ALRM funding has not kept up with increasing costs of delivering services especially in the area of wages for staff as a component of total funding. The consequence has been that most funding is spent on front-line services to the detriment of other identified needs such as infrastructure and supports for our staff. Also, because money is spent on front-line services, and an ever-increasing demand for lawyers and field officers, ALRM has not been able to keep up with pay increases provided in equivalent legal aid organisations; this is another consequence of static funding. ALRM has been extremely fortunate in that it attracts some very high calibre staff. To be able to retain our people, it has become apparent that ALRM should be offering wages at the same level as other legal services.

### Building a larger range of services

Engaging community in the implementation of programs that prevent contact or interactions with the legal system continues to be a key focus of our work.

### ALRM continues to deliver services across:

**CRIMINAL** – ALRM's work has recently expanded in the areas of indefinite detention orders at the end of criminal sentences. These are complex cases in the superior courts which are very labour-intensive and are vitally necessary for those Aboriginal people who are already institutionalised in the prison system and need proper rehabilitation and help to re-enter and reintegrate with the community.

**CIVIL** - Family Violence, Child Protection, Mental Health and ensuring representation for the people appearing before the Disability Royal Commission. (See above)

Advocacy and Research focus on Government policies and practices which result in disadvantages to our community.

ALRM has recently received significant funding from the South Australian Government which allowed us to employ two policy and advocacy officers. Their work will be directed toward advocacy for changing government policy and legislation, which contributes to the disadvantage and discrimination which our people encounter

A major focus in 2020-21 has been on Juvenile Justice and Child Protection. The ALRM criminal section has put a very sharp focus on the question of children's criminal incapacity in cases before the Youth Court and this is part of our general initiative toward raising the age.

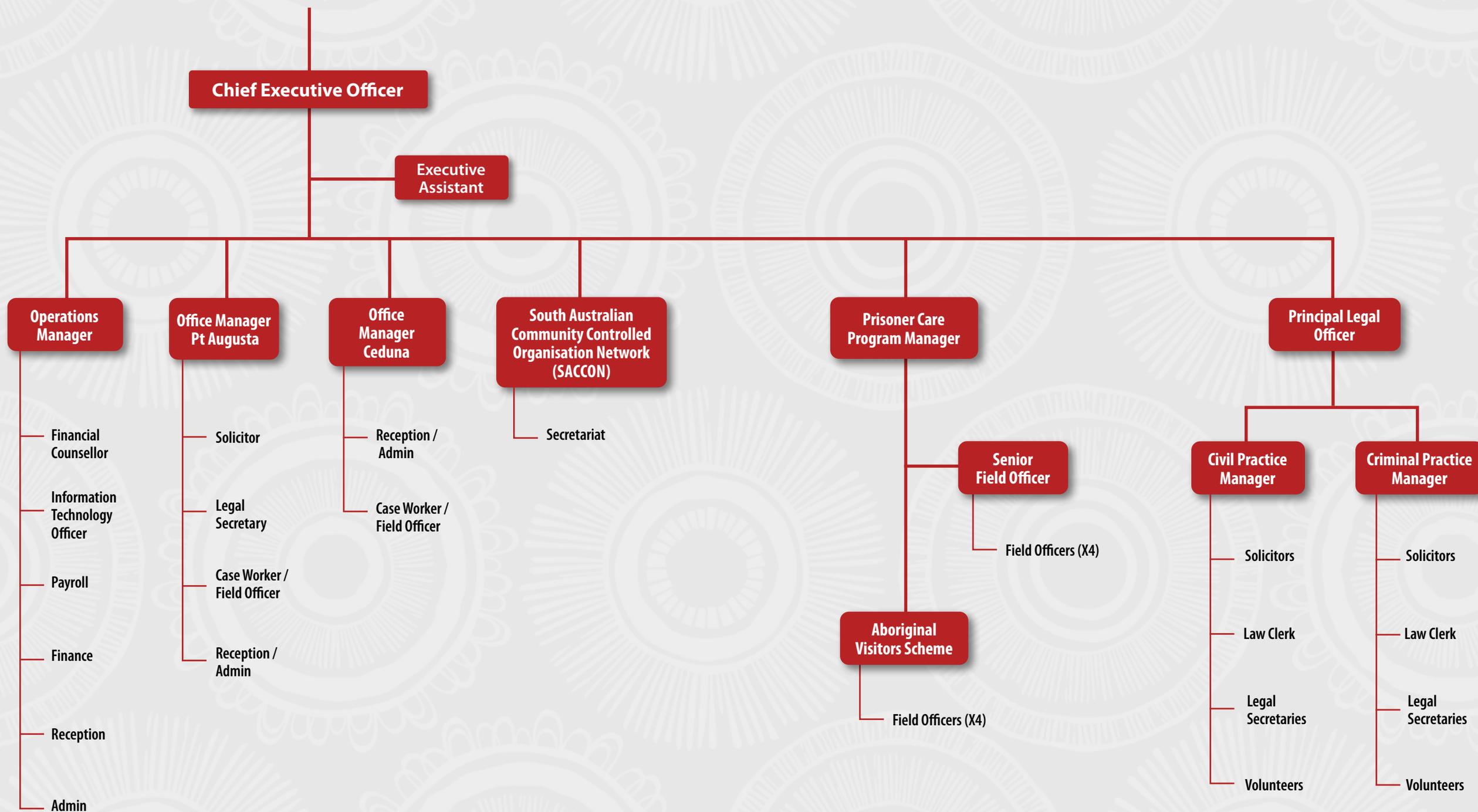
ALRM has been involved in the implementation of programs that engage community in attempting to lessen the impact of the criminal justice system on our people. The prisoner care program, and the programs which involve the youth justice system and the prison system are all designed to prevent adverse contact and are intended to minimise interactions with the criminal justice system.

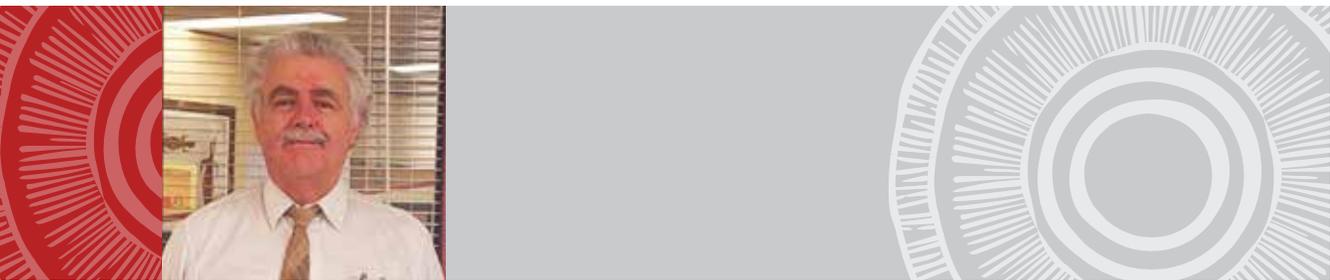
### South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON)

ALRM continues to auspice the South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations Network by receiving and expending and accounting for the use of government funds. SAACCON was established to inform, contribute to and monitor, the Governments implementation plan towards the "Closing the Gap" targets agreed to by government and the Coalition of Peaks.

**Chris Larkin**  
Chief Executive Officer

# ALRM Board





## Principal Legal Officer's Report

I recommenced work as a legal practitioner employed by ALRM in February 2021. I work under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Larkin and provide assistance to him, advice to the board and assistance to the criminal and civil sections as required. I have a caseload in the civil section involving coronial inquests and consumer matters.

### Custody Notification Service

I commenced assisting ALRM on this project in about July 2020 as a consultant and was responsible for a letter of concern to the Attorney General in September of that year regarding the inadequacy of the CNS regulations. Since that time, there have been regular meetings with police on an MOU regarding the operation of the service. Frankly, the process has been difficult with real progress only having been made in September 2021 at a meeting with an Assistant Commissioner. That was the subject of a detailed submission to the board which resolved on 10 September 2021 to proceed with the CNS despite the difficulties. I also assisted the preparation of the submissions to the National Indigenous Australians Agency and a funding grant was made in June 2021.

Despite ALRM concerns that the CNS was not ready to proceed, the Attorney General determined to commence operation of the service on 1 October 2021. This was done before ALRM had attempted recruitment of dedicated CNS lawyers and whilst many issues remain unresolved with police.

The CNS is proceeding on an interim basis with many issues still to be resolved, the essential point being that the 'responsible officer' – the officer in charge of the police station is responsible for CNS calls whilst the real obligation for notifications should be with the arresting officer. This mirrors the concerns with the CNS regulations expressed in the letter to the Attorney of September 2020. These concerns have also been put to government and to senior police. Meanwhile, Ms Kerryne Liddle is assisting with project management of the CNS, lawyers and field officers are actively being recruited and trained notwithstanding that offers of assistance from the NI AA in psychological first aid training have not been forthcoming yet. ALRM has attempted to base its CNS operations on the Western Australian model and expresses great gratitude to ALSWA for their considerable assistance.

### South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network

As a legal practitioner employed by ALRM, I was requested to assist in the work of the South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations Network. (SAACCON).

There were concerns about the auspicing arrangement between ALRM and the group of organisations, and with the government of South Australia. These were resolved by an MOU between ALRM and the network and by the terms of reference of the network being much more tightly written. In addition, the funding agreement with the state government was also rewritten on terms more advantageous to the

proper conduct of SAACCON and to make it clear that ALRM was responsible for the acquittal of grant funding and the performance of work under the funding agreement and meeting KPIs. I advised the network that its status as an unincorporated association of organisations was problematic.

As a result, two things were done. Firstly, I worked with Mariam Hii on rewriting the terms of reference document so as to make an effective rulebook for the unincorporated association and then I prepared a constitution for an incorporated association. I did that after giving formal written advice to the members about their options and the reasons why incorporation was desirable.

At the time of writing this report, the members are considering the draft constitution for the incorporated association.

### Law Reform and Advocacy

Requests from government for submissions on law reform proposals and advocacy from ALRM on needed law reforms, have been undertaken by me since February 2021. At the time of writing, however two eminent law reform and advocacy officers have been appointed and my work will be taken over by them. Notable submissions include work on the 2021 amendments to the Coroners Act, submissions in favour of amendments to the South Australian Evidence Act, and an extensive submission of amendments to the Children and Young People's Safety Act. In addition, a specific submission has been made to the Children's Commissioner and there have been continued and ongoing discussions and consultations with Ms April Lawrie, now formally appointed as the Aboriginal Children's Commissioner.

### Corporate Advising

Much of my time and effort has been spent in assisting the board on a number of topics. Firstly it was discovered that the Board Appointment Committee (BAC) had been inquorate since at least 2020 and it is now been revived with a new membership and as a result, the appointment of all board members has been regularised.

The Board appointment committee has been encouraged to advertise for further board positions, so as to further strengthen the board and its operation. The board also desired to make fundamental changes to the constitution of ALRM and I worked with a subcommittee of board members to do so and as a result, KWM, the law firm which assists ALRM pro bono prepared a set of amendments which were presented to the delayed 2020 Annual General Meeting, however for lack of a sufficient quorum, those resolutions were put off to this 2021 Annual General Meeting.

I have also worked with the board by providing a general advice on previous reviews of the operation of ALRM, in particular the Shearer review, with specific recommendations about implementing that review. I have also prepared documentation for presentation to government about the extent of ALRM underfunding and the consequences and the need for substantial funding increases. I have also worked with Mr Peter McCusker on general industrial law work for the sake of increasing ALRM funding. I also assisted in various submissions to government which have resulted in new funding arrangements being introduced to ALRM with considerably expanded resources and positions being advertised and filled. These matters are dealt with in the Chief Executive Officer's report.

In the context of corporate advising I have also worked directly with the law practice managers on the resolution of potential problems of direct conflict of interest between the civil and criminal section. That is been resolved by a constant weekly process of conflict checking. I have also prepared a detailed memorandum of advice to the CEO and practice managers about the operation of the ALRM law practices. I have been actively involved in the operation of the ALRM lawyers Continuing Professional Development Programme, having given a number of lectures and distributed them and I have also given specific legal advice to the criminal section in relation to the operation of the Young Offenders Act .

#### **ALRM law practice**

I wrote a report to the board in April and May 2021 setting out needed reforms for ALRM including in relation to funding, proper recognition of the value of work done by staff, proper implementation of the Shearer report of 2009 and I raised the question of ALRM reinstating a principal Legal officer, as recommended by Shearer and as had been done in about 2012, but was discontinued. I have researched this matter and come to the conclusion that the Legal Practitioners Act actually requires a Principal Legal Officer.

I have also provided advice in writing to the CEO and practice managers about this and related issues about the legal practice in ALRM.

1. about the proper understanding of ALRM as a community legal Centre, and
2. about the relationship between juniors and senior lawyers and
3. about third parties being involved in the conduct of clients cases and
4. about situations whereby the law practice ALRM has to cease acting for a client.

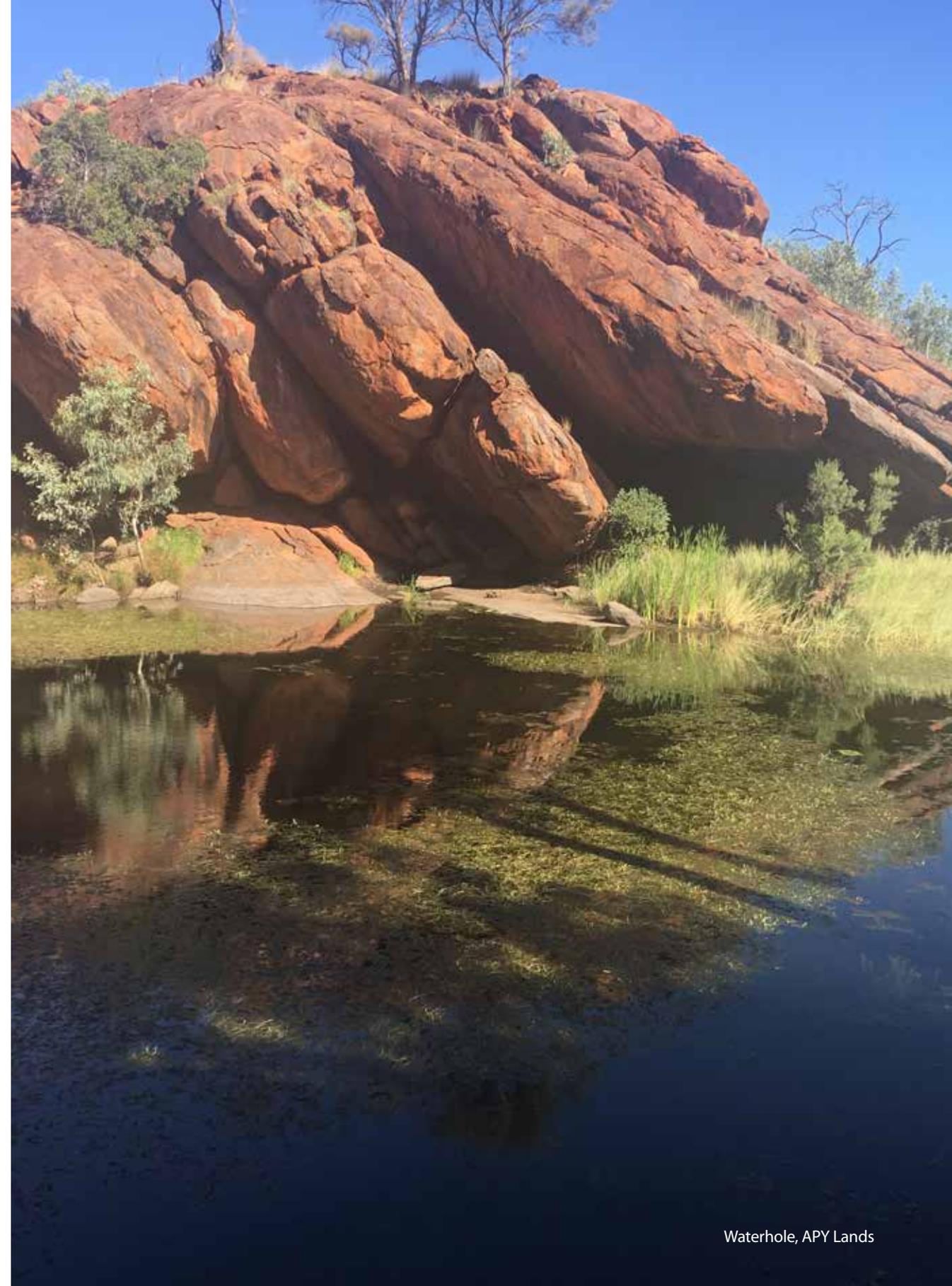
#### **Complaints policy**

I noted when I returned to ALRM that there was not a coherent complaints policy to be applied in all cases and I recommended that one be created. A draft was provided by colleagues at the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia which I have adapted and provided to the board for its consideration.

#### **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services**

I have from time to time assisted the CEO and chairperson in meetings of the national organisation for Aboriginal Legal Services, NATSILS.

#### **Christopher Charles Principal Legal Officer**



Waterhole, APY Lands

## ALRM Criminal Section Report

The ALRM Criminal Section provides frontline legal services to metropolitan, rural, regional, and remote areas of South Australia. Our Adelaide office services Adelaide, Elizabeth, Port Adelaide, and Murray Bridge Magistrates Courts and the Adelaide Youth Court. We also conduct Berri, Ceduna, Port Lincoln, Kadina, and Maitland circuits. Our Port Augusta office services Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Whyalla, Leigh Creek, Roxby Downs, and Coober Pedy Magistrates Courts, as well as the far north Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. The lawyers do so with the support of a wonderful team of Aboriginal field officers and our hard-working support staff.

The criminal section is a team of passionate, highly capable, and culturally competent legal minds that work tirelessly to represent Aboriginal clients and community. Our team assists clients throughout the entire legal process handling all matters – from relatively minor matters in the Magistrates Court to the most serious kind in the District and Supreme Courts. ALRM lawyers are unique in that we not only deal with legal issues, but with the broader, more complex socio-economic issues that face our clients as a result of colonisation, dispossession, systemic racism, and intergenerational trauma. Our lawyers maintain this high standard of work despite ever increasing file loads and demands that are placed on our already under-resourced organisation. With resources being funnelled into police and prosecution services the odds are stacked against us, but our team is fearless in fighting for the rights of our clients and prove this by consistently achieving exceptional outcomes for our clients.

### Covid-19

The emergence of Covid-19 over the past 18 months has impacted ALRM and the criminal justice system in a myriad of ways. ALRM's primary focus is to keep the clients, staff, and community safe. This meant that measures needed to be put in place to ensure the protection of the community – including closing the doors for periods of time during lockdowns,

implementing all recommended Covid-19 safety measures, ensuring that all staff were set up to be able to work remotely, complying with all legislative and health requirements, and overhauling the way that our staff work both within and outside the office. ALRM needed to overhaul our IT systems, resources, and home offices. As is the way in the criminal law, many of our lawyers had to continue to attend court to make sure that we could continue to assist our clients in the most effective way. Many court appearances were administratively adjourned or heard remotely, several trials were vacated, and some circuits cancelled entirely. Although certainly a necessary measure during these unprecedented times, it meant that the last year has seen the courts over-listed in a constant state of 'catch up'. Our team has responded with tremendous resilience throughout these extraordinary times and we are proud to have such a loyal and passionate team that has continued to prioritise servicing the Aboriginal community above all else.

### Volunteers and PLT students

The criminal section at ALRM is grateful for the long list of volunteers who choose to devote their time to assisting ALRM. Law students, recent graduates, retirees, and external lawyers passionate about Aboriginal issues make up a group of people who rotate through our section. Volunteers assist with legal research tasks, administrative tasks, and attending court with our lawyers. It is a symbiotic relationship in that the volunteers learn from our team, and our team benefit from the extra set of hands offered.

The criminal section also hosts practical legal training placements for law students who are completing their Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. Our solicitors supervise students and assist them with completing required tasks, at the same time we make valuable connections with individuals who often go on to obtain employment within our team.

### Rosie Denny Criminal Practice Director



▲ L-R: Jodie Adams, Kate Bulling, Rosie Denny, Brittany Armstrong, Katja Bignall-Daly, Mark Grogan and Leonard Nagel



▲ Nina Lagzdins



▲ Claire Durand and Jodie Adams



▲ Rosie Denny, Jodie Adams, Grahame Lang and Philippa Jones at the admission of Jodie Adams to the Supreme Court of South Australia

### Criminal Section Team

Rosie Denny - Criminal Practice Director  
 Grahame Lang - Senior In House Counsel  
 Kate Bulling and Brittany Armstrong - Junior In House Counsel/Major Indictable Lawyers  
 Garen Truscott - Parole/Extended Supervision Orders and Coronial Inquests  
 Leonard Nagel - Adelaide Youth Court  
 Katja Bignall-Daly and Nina Lagzdins - Adelaide Magistrates Court  
 Nesrin El-Gadba and Gabrielle Karas - Elizabeth Magistrates Court  
 Philippa Jones and Jodie Adams - Port Adelaide Magistrates Court  
 Nesrin El-Gadba and Gabrielle Karas - Kadina/Maitland Court  
 Philippa Jones and Nesrin El-Gadba - Ceduna Magistrates Court  
 Katja Bignall-Daly - Port Lincoln Magistrates Court  
 Mark Grogan - Murray Bridge Magistrates Court  
 Mark Grogan - Berri Magistrates Court  
 Claire Durand - Law Clerk  
 Josie Jones - Senior Legal Secretary  
 Mado Nimanis, Charlee Saunders and Stefania Swart - Legal Secretaries  
 Evanthia Makris - Port Augusta Senior Solicitor  
 Rachel Lane, Georgia Hogg, Georgia Taylor and David Wright - Port Augusta Lawyers

# Civil, Family Law & Child Protection

## Overview of COVID 19 Impact

The past year has been busy and unusual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were changes in our service delivery model. We had to suspend many of our community activity events although, we continued to provide legal advice and representation by the telephone. Court and Tribunal appearances were also conducted by the telephone.

The implementation of changes to our procedures demonstrated ALRM's commitment of ensuring that our client's legal needs were met despite the changing circumstances caused by the pandemic.

Due to COVID-19, ALRM received additional funding by the Government for family violence matters which led to the formation of the *Help A Sista Out* program and in partnership with Nunga Mi:Minar Inc, Northern Regional Aboriginal Domestic and Family Violence Service. (Nunga Mi:Minar Inc is a holistic service that caters for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women and children fleeing from domestic and family violence by providing secure, stable and emergency accommodation).

The *Help Sista Out* program provides legal and non-legal support in the cultural context to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children throughout South Australia including regional and remote areas. The high levels of mental illness, domestic and family violence, substance misuse, homelessness, and cognitive impairment are issues confronting many of our female clients that require intensive supports to enable them effectively to engage in the family law and child protection systems.

The program promotes accessibility to culturally appropriate services and provides assistance to enable our clients to address their unmet legal and non-legal needs.

## Services

ALRM Civil section continued to provide services for assistance, advice and representation to our clients in various jurisdictions.

Our face to face and telephone duty solicitor service has been consistent in providing legal information/advice and assistance for family law, child protection, police complaints, discrimination, tenancy issues, personal injury claims, workers compensation, Victims of Crime and Stolen Generation matters.

Over the year, our solicitors have acted for clients in the Family Court & Federal Circuit Court of Australia, the Adelaide Youth Court, the District Court and South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Legal representation includes family dispute resolution and mediation at the Legal Services Commission. We represented clients in complex matters many of which are ongoing. The majority of these matters have been in the Reunification Court for Child Protection and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander List in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in relation to family law matters. We continue to advocate the relevance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander List in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia and the Reunification Court in the Adelaide Youth Court, to improve accessibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who use the courts to resolve matters in a culturally safe environment.

Our Aboriginal Family Support Practitioner (AFSP) has attended to the non-legal needs of our clients by providing narrative counselling, court support, transportation, preparing reports for court on behalf of our clients and attending (medical, mental health, parenting and family assessments) and Department for Child Protection appointments with them. The (AFSP) has also assisted our clients with housing applications, Centrelink issues and debt matters with our financial counsellor.

## Community Legal Education

We continue our Community Legal Education work across the Adelaide Metropolitan and regional areas of SA including Murray Bridge, Port Augusta and Ceduna presenting seminars relating to parenting and property issues arising from family separation and the flow on implications of domestic and family violence among families.

Our Community Engagement and Cultural Advisor Officer has been promoting the *Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability* by way of information sessions and workshops to regional communities, INCOMPRO, Department of Corrections and prisons in Port Augusta and Murray Bridge.

## Collaboration & Partnerships

ALRM Civil Section continues to participate and consult with stakeholders (Government and Non-Government) in advancing the legal interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

ALRM continues to be a member of the steering committee of SA Pathways, the Family Law Pathways Network and the Family Violence User Group developing strategies to enhance services to our clients by maintaining relationships with the Family Court of Australia, the Courts Administration Authority, the Community Legal Centres, the Legal Services Commission and the Department for Child Protection.

We also became a member of the Lighthouse project which is a new initiative implemented by the Family Court & Federal Circuit Court of Australia to assist families who have encountered family violence and other safety concerns to navigate through the Family Law System. Many of our clients would be eligible to this project due to high risk factors.

ALRM continues to have a strong partnership with Nunga Mi:Minar and continues to work with regional services such as Footsteps in Port Augusta, Aboriginal Family Support Services, NPY Women's Council and Pika Wiya Health Services by providing legal assistance/representation to mutual clients.

ALRM has also established new partnerships with CentraCare, Nunga Babies Watch, Embolden SA (Key Partner Network with the Office of Women) by participating in meetings and discussing strategies in addressing domestic, family and sexual violence by way of policy and legislation.

We have also become a member for advisory groups of the University of South Australia and South Australia Health and Medical Research Institute.

The Civil Section has contributed to their research projects relating to the enforcement of intervention orders to address Family and Domestic Violence in SA and ante-natal health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children.

ALRM has also established new relationships with non-Aboriginal Service Providers including CentaCare, Relationships Australia and Uniting Communities to ensure clients have access to services such as mediation for family law disputes, counselling for parents and children and parenting problems.

## Law Reform and Policy

ALRM Civil Section continues to commit and advocate for change for law reform and policy. Our focus has been on the unmet cultural and justice needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in particular within the Family Law and Child Protection Systems. We further made submissions in relation to the *Children and Young People (Safety) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2020* pertaining to the significance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Principle in the context of ensuring the *cultural safety* for ATSI children. The proposed Bill is an improvement by making the ATSI Placement Principle the paramount consideration in the administration, operation and enforcement of the Act as it relates to, or effects, ATSI children and young people. ALRM however still maintains its views that decisions about contact arrangements of children under the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (the Safety Act)* are sensitive and complex matters that are best dealt by a Court exercising its jurisdiction, rather than by public officials exercising statutory discretions. The creation of the Contact Arrangements Review Panel (CARP) under the *Safety Act* undermines the principles of procedural fairness. (CARP) is not a judicial body, it is not obliged in terms to provide the parties natural justice, it is not obliged to give reasons for its decisions, and in any event substituted decisions of the panel, may not be the subject of further review.

**Dimitra Droulias**  
**Civil Practice Director**

### Case Studies: Family Law

ALRM represented a young traditional mother where she required urgent assistance for the delivery up of her 1-week-old baby who had been unilaterally removed by the paternal family. ALRM immediately acquired an interpreter for the client, as English was not her first language. An application was filed forthwith seeking for the matter to be listed as urgent and ex parte given the seriousness of the matter including a history of violence. The application was listed within 48 hours of filing, where the court was satisfied after hearing submissions to grant orders by way of ex parte including the delivery up of the baby and a restraint order against the father. A further order was sought for recovery in the event that the father failed to comply with the orders. The father failed to handover the baby and subsequently ALRM prepared an urgent affidavit setting out the reasons for the Judge to execute the recovery order by way of issuing a warrant to be enforced by the Australian Federal Police ('AFP'). The AFP intervened and recovered the baby where it was returned to the mother. Non-legal support was also provided to the client due to cultural and language barriers. Our Aboriginal Family Support Practitioner assisted the client in setting up her own bank account and attended with her to Centrelink and assisted in filling out forms to ensure she received Family Benefits. The case highlighted the steps undertaken to protect the client and her child from family violence.

### Case Studies: Child Protection

ALRM represented a mother in child protection proceedings pertaining to her children. The Department for Child Protection ('DCP') sought a long-term guardianship order over the children until they turned (18) after previously offering the mother a 12-month order and a chance at reunification with her children. The change of case direction was a result of a finding that the client experienced an intellectual disability following a capacity assessment undertaken by DCP's psychologist. ALRM challenged the long-term order on the basis that it was premature and there was insufficient evidence that the mother could not learn to address the concerns. It was ALRM's view that the change in case direction was discriminatory against the mother on the grounds her of disability. ALRM successfully challenged DCP's application at trial whereby the Court found in favour of the mother granting a 12-month guardianship order. The case highlighted DCP's attitudinal behavior towards people with a disability.

### Case Studies: The National Redress Scheme

ALRM represented a client that was a member of the stolen generation that had been placed with a white foster family. The client was subject to sexual abuse by a member of the foster family. The client made an application to the National Redress Scheme where ALRM prepared a submission on behalf of the client and as a result the client received a significant payment for the abuse suffered whilst in state care.

### The Civil Team

**Cinzia Aglieco** - Senior Family Law Solicitor

**Dimitra Droulias** - Civil Practice Director

**Joanne Larkins** - Legal Secretary

**Tori Lauder** - Law Clerk

**George Lesses** - Senior Civil Solicitor

**Sharon Lucas** - Civil Solicitor

**Chelsea Marks** - Civil Solicitor

**Carolynn McLean** - Legal Secretary

**Ruth Miller** - Community Engagement and Disability Royal Commission Support

**Michel Prestia** - Law Clerk

**Teresa Scott** - Senior Child Protection Solicitor

**Olga Skordos** - Senior Family Law Solicitor

**Lynn Valentine** - Senior Family Law Solicitor

**Jean Walla** - Aboriginal Family Support Practitioner



APY Lands Court Circuit Amata

# Port Augusta Office Report

2020-2021 has been a busy and challenging year as we continue to strive to meet the demands on our service, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic arrived. Our travels to attend Court Circuits into the APY Lands was impacted and we are still catching up on the backlog. Our solicitors continue to be supported by our invaluable and experienced Field Officers and Administrator. The role of the field officer is unique and crucial, particularly for engagement with remote communities.

Port Augusta office remains in operation with staff supporting Lawyers and each other overall our staff proved worthy of the demands and workload in those difficult times.

### APY Lands Circuits

The APY Lands Court Circuits continue to get through the backlog of cases that have been on hold due to COVID-19 closures into the Lands.

Staff in the Port Augusta office are particularly concerned about the demands that could be applied to ALRM Lawyers and staff due to COVID-19 and with the courts holding courts at Ceremonial times.

We need to be mindful that the delivery of justice needs to be made in a respectful manner that meets the needs of all. We acknowledge consultation with the Courts Administration Authority regarding the times courts are held on the Lands and will continue to ensure our concerns are heard at the highest level.

### Criminal section

Our criminal section provides services to Port Augusta, Whyalla, Port Pirie Coober Pedy and APY Lands.

### Financial Counselling

Financial Counselling is delivered in all the above listed areas as well and travels with the Court Circuits to provide Financial Counselling services to the communities in the APY Lands.

ALRM Financial Counselling service is in partnership with the Wyatt Foundation, and we receive two funding streams Wyatt (1) being the Wyatt Small grant funding & (2) the Community Capacity Grants funding.

▼ APY Court Circuit, Mimili Community



Evanthia Makris

Rachel Lane

Georgia Hogg

Georgia Taylor



David Wright

David Sumner

Peter Jackson

Kenni-Anne Isle



Shakira Allan

Ralph Coulthard

Deelia Richards

Julie Woodford

### Port Augusta Team

Currently there are 12 staff in the Port Augusta office 5 Solicitors 2 x Field Officers, 2 x Legal Secretaries, 1 x reception & 1 office support Financial Capability worker, Administrator Financial Counsellor.

Evanthia Makris - Senior Solicitor

Rachel Lane - Solicitor

Georgia Hogg - Solicitor

Georgia Taylor - Solicitor

David Wright - Solicitor

David Sumner - Field Officer

Peter Jackson - Field Officer

Kenni-Anne Isle - Legal Secretary

Shakira Allen - Legal Secretary

Ralph Coulthard - Administrator/Financial Counsellor

Deelia Richards - Support Worker

Julie Woodford - Reception

## Ceduna Office Report

### Criminal service delivery

Two fly in fly out lawyers service the Ceduna/Yalata court circuit. These lawyers are very dedicated and committed in providing the best possible representation and service to our indigenous clients. When not locally available, the lawyers make themselves available to our clients from Adelaide.

### Civil service delivery

We have regular contact with the Adelaide office civil section mostly relating to Family court matters, our field officers assist our clients who are seeking advice by organising phone linkups to their relevant lawyers for any civil matters and scanning and emailing documents. We also assist clients to contact private lawyers if they need and help them to lodge Legal Aid application forms, so these people don't fall through the gaps.

### Financial Counselling

If we have any clients needing assistance with financial matters, we refer them to the ALRM financial councillor based in the Pt Augusta office. Staff also assist clients with setting up fine payment plans. We have a few clients enquiring about estate claims, and they are referred to the Ceduna Centa-care office as there is a financial councillor based there who can assist with these types of matters.

### The future

Discussions have been held with Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation (CAC) regarding youth at risk and plans are underway for running camps out bush or fishing with young people. It is proposed that an ALRM field officer attend some of these trips and speak to youth about the legal system and educate them about their rights when being arrested or interviewed by police etc.

### Staffing levels

Over the past 12 months we have said farewell to two of our long-standing staff being Marelin Matthews our Administrator/Senior Secretary and Lahn Mickan Field Officer. Kirsty Sansbury was our Receptionist/Admin support officer and has now stepped up into Lahn's field officer position, we have employed Shelly Haseldine as our new Reception/Admin support officer. Billy Haseldine has been appointed to the Ceduna Office Administrator role. We have one vacant field officer position.

## Port Lincoln Office Report

### Port Lincoln Service Delivery

Criminal service delivery – a lawyer based in the Adelaide office flies to Pt Lincoln for court sittings. The lawyer also is available to assist Pt Lincoln clients by phone when not available locally.

### Civil service delivery

Our field officer takes instructions and refers matters to our Civil section in Adelaide for legal advice/representation and follow up. Clients are also assisted into sorting out their fine payments and any other civil matters that may arise.

### Audio Video Link (AVL)

This allocated court day is done via AVL from the Adelaide Magistrates Court, with the Magistrate and ALRM solicitor appearing via AVL. Our field officer attends from the Pt Lincoln court to support our clients and assists with putting clients on the phone to their solicitor before their matter so the solicitor can take instructions.

### Special Justice Days

The special justice sittings are where a JP can sit on the bench and finalise minor court matters that may not need to go to the Magistrates Court. On the special justice court sittings in Pt Lincoln our solicitor makes herself available for any clients that may need her assistance and our field officer attends to also assist clients.

### COVID-19

We have been lucky enough not to have had a COVID-19 outbreak in our area, although there have been some truck drivers pass through our community who have tested positive for COVID-19. COVID-19 has had an effect on the number of clients who come into our office and this may reflect in statistics.

### Ceduna Team

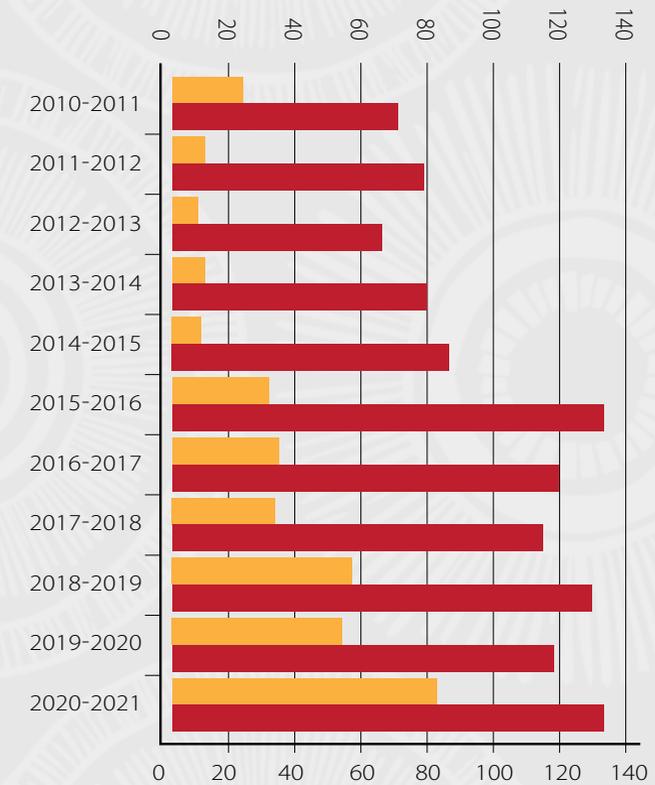
Gavin (Billy) Haseldine - Office Administrator  
Kirsty Sansbury - Aboriginal Field Officer (AFO)  
Shelly Haseldine - Reception/Admin Support Officer  
Phillipa Jones - Solicitor (Yatala and Ceduna court circuits)  
Nesrin El-Gadba - Solicitor (Yatala and Ceduna court circuits)

### Port Lincoln Team

Constance (Connie) Mundy - Field Officer/Admin Support Officer  
Katja Bignall-Daly - Solicitor



## Statistics Report



### CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS 2020-2021

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE
2010-2011	22	70
2011-2012	10	78
2012-2013	8	65
2013-2014	10	79
2014-2015	9	86
2015-2016	30	134
2016-2017	33	120
2017-2018	32	115
2018-2019	57	131
2019-2020	55	119
2020-2021	83	133

## Corporate Services Report

The Corporate Services Department (CSD) of ALRM comprises Human Resources Management, Finance & Accounting, Grant Management, Information Technology, Office Administration and Financial Counselling.

The 2020-21 Financial Year has once again been challenging with our team settling into new workplace processes and procedures brought about by COVID19.

### Corporate Services Team

Remo Mastrogiuseppe - IT Manager

Jaime Escalante - Data Officer

Matthew Cooper- Accountant

Jan Yamuta - Finance Officer

Julie Batt - Human Resources Officer

Pooja Pandit-Singhal - Manager Human Resources and Administration

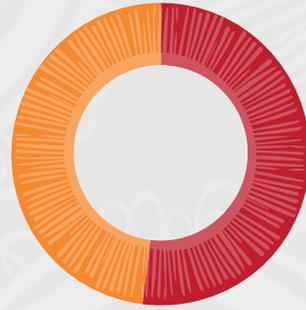
### Major Achievements

1. Managing new programs, including for Family Violence as well as provision of legal services through the start of the National Legal Assistance Partnership arrangement,
2. Procurement and commencement of additional programs, including SAACCON Closing the Gap, the Custody Notification Services and the Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Service.
3. Completion of the installation of significant new organisational equipment, including multi-functional and audio-visual conferencing technology enabling the transition to a virtual legal service.
4. Upgrade of ALRM website

# Statistics Report

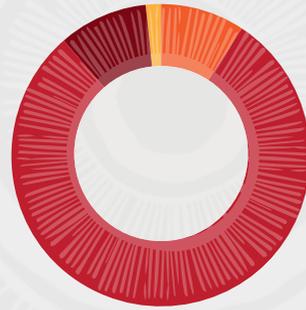
## FAMILY DUTY 2020-2021

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	49
MALE	45



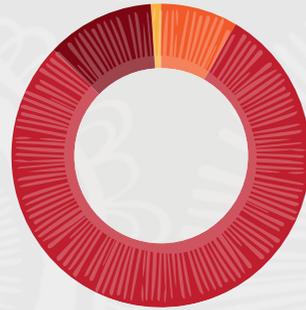
## FAMILY MATTERS 2020-2021

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	33
ADULT	278
YOUTH	34
CHILD	5



## FAMILY DUTY 2020-2021

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	8
ADULT	74
YOUTH	11
CHILD	1



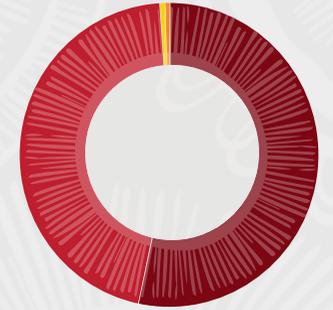
## CRIMINAL MATTERS 2020-2021

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	1125
MALE	3134
NOT STATED	3



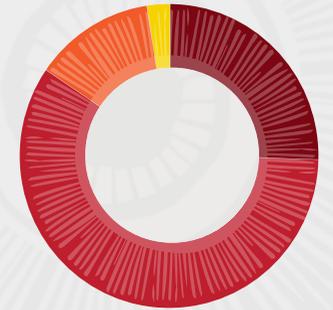
## CIVIL MATTERS 2020-2021

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	492
MALE	417
NOT STATED	5
X	1
N/A	3



## CIVIL MATTERS 2020-2021

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	235
ADULT	541
YOUTH	120
CHILD	22



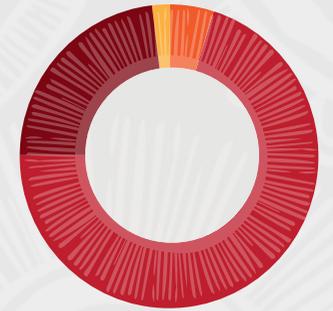
## CIVIL DUTY 2020-2021

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	364
MALE	1039
NOT STATED	2
X	1



## CIVIL DUTY 2020-2021

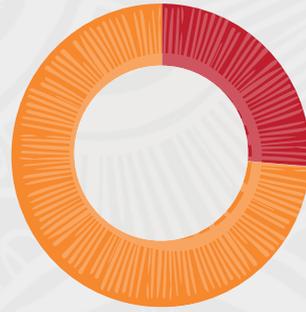
AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	70
ADULT	986
YOUTH	326
CHILD	24



# Statistics Report

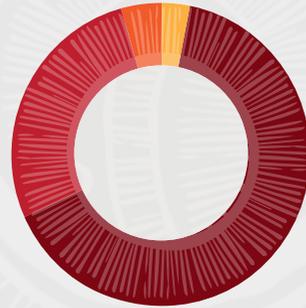
## CRIMINAL DUTY 2020-2021

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	138
MALE	382



## CRIMINAL DUTY 2020-2021

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	16
ADULT	339
YOUTH	142
CHILD	23



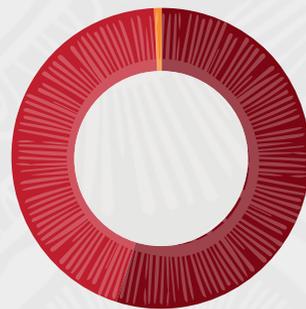
## CRIMINAL MATTERS 2020-2021

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	151
ADULT	2898
YOUTH	1056
CHILD	157



## FAMILY MATTERS 2020-2021

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	193
MALE	155
NOT STATED	2



**Aboriginal  
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## Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

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**Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement**

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**Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and Controlled Entities**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2021, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

*Moore Australia*

MOORE AUSTRALIA AUDIT (SA/NT) PTY LTD  
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*Graeme Rodda*  
 GRAEME RODDA  
 Director - Audit & Assurance Services

Adelaide, South Australia

23 November 2021

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**Directors' Report**

30 June 2021

The directors present their report, on Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

**Directors**

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
Rosney Snell	Chairperson	Appointed 9 July 2020
Sandy Miller	Deputy Chair	
Brenda Carter	Treasurer	
Lucy Evans		
Lyn Jones		
Francis Lampard		
David Rathman		
Tina Quitadamo		
Chris Larkins	Alternate Director	Resigned 28 October 2020

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

**Principal activities**

The principal activity of company during the financial year was to provide legal services to the Aboriginal Community in South Australia.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of company's principal activities during the financial year.

**Benefits as a result of contracts**

During the financial year, there were no benefits received or entitled to be received as a result of a contract between an officer, firm or body corporate and the Company.

**Payments and other benefits**

No payments or benefits of a pecuniary value were received by any officers of the Company during the financial year.

**Operating results**

The comprehensive income of the Company amounted to \$ 246,472 (2020: \$74,950).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: *Rosney Snell*  
 Rosney Snell

Director: *Sandy Miller*  
 Sandra Miller

Dated this *23rd* day of November, 2021

## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

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### Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	4	6,910,131	6,017,738
Other income	4	336,687	310,627
Non operating income		-	57,850
Employee benefits expense		(5,113,325)	(4,496,750)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		(227,660)	(321,187)
Occupancy costs		(23,760)	(62,067)
Motor vehicle and travel costs		(251,499)	(251,826)
Other expenses		(1,377,487)	(1,173,175)
Interest expense under AASB 16 Leases		(6,615)	(6,260)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>246,472</b>	<b>74,950</b>
Fair value movements in land and buildings		-	483,849
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>483,849</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>246,472</b>	<b>558,799</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

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### Statement of Financial Position As At 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,989,240	2,810,582
Trade and other receivables	6	140,567	252,004
Other assets	7	124,631	123,630
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>4,254,438</b>	<b>3,186,216</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	8	4,469,437	4,397,244
Right-of-use assets	9	119,229	183,398
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>4,588,666</b>	<b>4,580,642</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>8,843,104</b>	<b>7,766,858</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	596,651	220,906
Employee benefits	11	461,609	459,064
Lease liabilities	9	49,531	130,280
Deferred revenue	12	1,667,955	1,116,175
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,775,746</b>	<b>1,926,425</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Employee benefits	11	26,335	61,416
Lease liabilities	9	72,361	56,827
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>98,696</b>	<b>118,243</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,874,442</b>	<b>2,044,668</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>5,968,662</b>	<b>5,722,190</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves		3,453,041	3,283,927
Retained earnings		2,515,621	2,438,263
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>5,968,662</b>	<b>5,722,190</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

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### Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

2021

	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Special Reserve	Human Capital and Infrastructure Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2020</b>	2,438,263	2,635,535	581,892	66,500	5,722,190
Profit attributable to members of the entity	246,472	-	-	-	246,472
Transfer to reserves and funds	(169,114)	-	(30,998)	200,112	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>2,515,621</b>	<b>2,635,535</b>	<b>550,894</b>	<b>266,612</b>	<b>5,968,662</b>

2020

	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Special Reserve	Human Capital and Infrastructure Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2019</b>	2,437,663	2,151,686	574,042	-	5,163,391
Profit attributable to members of the entity	74,950	-	-	-	74,950
Revaluation increment (decrement)	-	483,849	-	-	483,849
Transfers to reserves and funds	(74,350)	-	7,850	66,500	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>2,438,263</b>	<b>2,635,535</b>	<b>581,892</b>	<b>66,500</b>	<b>5,722,190</b>

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### Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Operating grants received		7,498,219	6,058,322
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,348,242)	(5,773,429)
Interest received		3,368	29,503
Finance costs		(6,615)	(6,260)
Other receipts		333,319	237,230
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>1,480,049</u>	<u>545,366</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(139,061)	(36,784)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(139,061)</u>	<u>(36,784)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Payment of finance lease liabilities		(162,330)	(134,799)
Net cash provided by financing activities		<u>(162,330)</u>	<u>(134,799)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		1,178,658	373,783
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,810,582	2,436,799
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	<u>3,989,240</u>	<u>2,810,582</u>

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## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

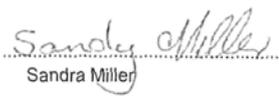
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### Directors' Declaration

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.

Responsible person  ..... Responsible person  .....  
Rosney Snell Sandra Miller

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021



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## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

### Independent Audit Report to the members of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, the (Registered Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### Responsibilities of Responsible Persons for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible persons determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

### Independent Audit Report to the members of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible persons either intends to liquidate company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Registered Entity's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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## Acronyms & Abbreviations

<b>ACCA</b>	Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide
<b>ACCE</b>	Aboriginal Community Court Elizabeth
<b>ADAC</b>	Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council
<b>AFCS</b>	Aboriginal Financial Counselling Service
<b>AFO</b>	Aboriginal Field Officer
<b>AGD</b>	Attorney Generals Department
<b>AGM</b>	Annual General Meeting
<b>AJO's</b>	Aboriginal Justice Officers
<b>ALRM</b>	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
<b>APY</b>	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY Lands)
<b>ARC</b>	Adelaide Remand Centre
<b>ATSILS</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services
<b>AVS</b>	Aboriginal Visitors Scheme
<b>CARP</b>	Contact Arrangements Review Panel
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>CLE</b>	Community Legal Education
<b>CPD</b>	Compulsory Professional Development
<b>CSD</b>	Corporate Services Division
<b>DCS</b>	Department of Correctional Services
<b>EA</b>	Executive Assistant
<b>ILAP</b>	Indigenous Legal Assistance Program
<b>NAIDOC</b>	National Aboriginal Islander Day of Celebration
<b>NATSILS</b>	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services
<b>NIAA</b>	National Indigenous Australians Agency
<b>PADIC</b>	Prevention of Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
<b>PCP</b>	Prisoner Care Program
<b>PLT</b>	Professional Legal Training
<b>SAACCON</b>	South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Network
<b>SACAT</b>	South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
<b>SALAF</b>	South Australian Legal Assistance Forum
<b>SAPOL</b>	South Australian Police



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