

2021-2022

Annual Report



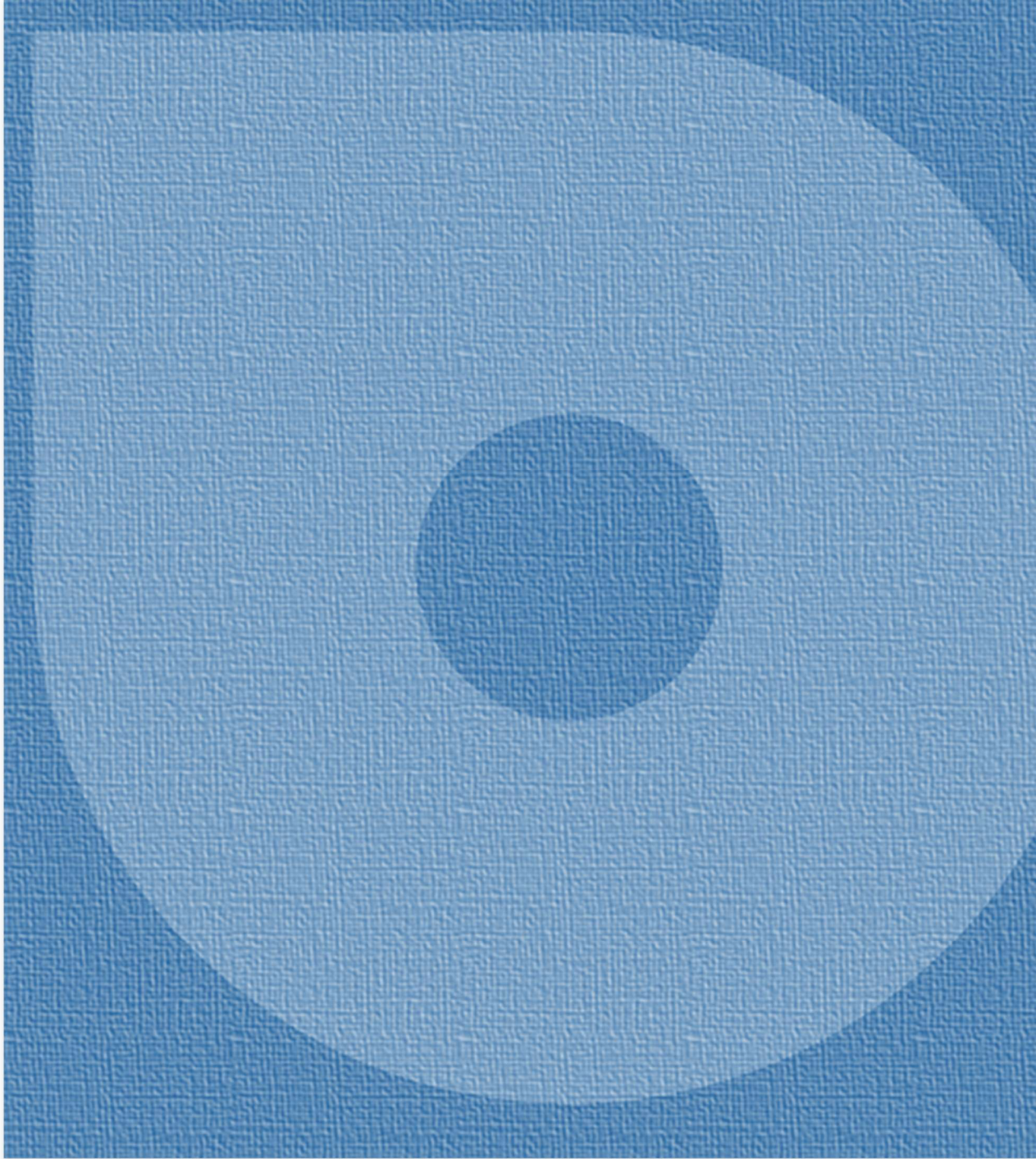
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Acknowledgement of traditional owners

Community Legal Centres South Australia affirms that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the Indigenous inhabitants of Australia and acknowledges their unique relationship with their ancestral country.



Community Legal Centres South Australia Inc. Overview

Community Legal Centres South Australia Inc. (CLCSA) is the peak body representing independent, community-led community legal centres operating across South Australia, including rural and remote areas. CLCSA provide free information, legal assistance and referral, representation and casework, community education and advocacy for vulnerable clients who are facing legal and social problems.

Established in 1993, our mission is to work with our centres towards a fair and just South Australia. We help community legal centres to provide effective, high-quality services to their communities. We help the network of community legal centres keep informed, united and relevant. We help disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the community to understand their legal and human rights, access legal help, and feel heard and respected.

Our Members:



National Affiliation



Community Legal Centres South Australia's achievements this year has helped to lead and support community legal centres across the state to deliver quality and accessible services to vulnerable and disadvantaged people and bring about change for individual and communities.

2021 – 2022 Highlights include:

Meeting with MPs, following the state election, to profile the work of community legal centres and to advocate for the resource needs of the sector.

Providing comprehensive training opportunities through the return of face to face (and hybrid) CPD activities. Big Day Out (March)

New member: Working Women Centre (SA) joined and Environmental Defender Office and Refugee Advocacy Service leaving as they merged with national and interstate Centres

State winner and Highly Commended (Nationally) in the Resilient Australia National Community Awards for delivering the Bushfire legal project that was delivered till 31 December 2020.

Entering into a MOU with Emergency Relief Functional Support group to identify and coordinate provision of legal help for individuals, families and communities impacted by emergency events

Our executive management committee: Catherine McMorrine, Zita Ngor, Patsy Kellett provided strategic leadership and support to our organisation and we thank them.

Our staff: Ippei Okazaki Sector Development Officer continued supporting, advocating, coordinating CPDs, provided secretariat and traditional and social communications for our sector.

Catherine McMorrine, Chair
Ippei Okazaki, Sector Development Officer

In 2021-22, Community Legal Centres South Australia's members helped approximately 10 352 individuals with over:

- **733 Legal Representation matters**
- **assistance with over 1226 Legal Tasks**
- **13179 Referrals**
- **11815 Legal Advice**
- **assisting with over 147 dispute resolution and facilitated resolution services**

*Data collated from the national CLASS database comprising only of NLAP Funded Centres (Uniting Communities Legal Service, Women's Legal Centre (SA), Northern Community Legal Service, WestSide Lawyers, FVLSAC(SA) , Southern Community Justice SA and Youth Law Australia)

