



## IDAS PROGRAM (Individual Disability Advocacy Service)

This quarter 'The Word On The Street' is profiling Rose Ngoga and the IDAS program.

Rose has been at Sussex Street since February 2005 as IDAS Coordinator. Coming from an education and training background, Rose has 14 years experience working with people with disabilities, carers and service providers. This has included organising workshops and training for people, carers and families dealing with a severe/profound disability. Rose enjoys working at Sussex Street and has learnt a lot from fellow colleagues expertise in different areas. Through her IDAS work she has learnt more about the Australian culture and met a wide variety of people. Rose feels fortunate to be working with the advocates in the regions and is inspired by their expertise, commitment and dedication. Rose looks forward to collaborative work with clients and service providers to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families.

The IDAS (Individual Disability Advocacy Service) program funded by the Department of Family Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSIA) is an independent, free and confidential support service for people with disabilities, their family members and carers. Sussex Street Community Law Service provides the service in and around the mid-west, great southern and goldfields regions of Western Australia. We are supported in this enterprise by contracted providers Geraldton Resource Centre, Albany Community Legal Centre and Goldfields Community Legal Centre.

IDAS offers a centralised telephone information and referral service, one to one support and training in areas such as education, housing, financial matters, neglect or abuse, employment or training, health, transport and access. IDAS prioritises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from non English speaking backgrounds. For further information on the IDAS program please contact Rose Ngoga on 94702676 or 1800 642 791.



## IDAS REGIONAL MEETING



The IDAS (Individual Disability Advocacy Service) regional meeting was held on 1 June 2006. There was a great turn out including 6 of our regional representatives. We were lucky enough to have Michelle Sully from FACSIA and Jim Morrison from Disability Services Commission come and talk to us. Jim Morrison showed us a DVD "Getting Services Right for Aboriginal People with Disabilities and their Families".



See next page for the launch of Goldfields IDAS service

## IDAS LAUNCHED AT GOLDFIELDS

The Goldfields Community Legal Centre are now officially an IDAS provider (see pictures below). June 21 was the launch of Goldfields Community Legal Centre Inc as the provider for the Goldfields region. Denise Beer welcomed everyone saying how pleased she was to have Effie and her team on board. People would now have access to a provider whom they could talk to face to face.



Our next new staff member Sussex Street would like to introduce

### James Kirton—Tenancy Advocate

James joined Sussex Street in February of this year to fill the position of Tenant Advocate. James graduated from Notre Dame university at the end of 2005 with a Bachelor of Law/Arts. He currently works part-time at Sussex Street whilst completing a Master of Finance at Curtin University.



This is James's first role in a community legal Centre, however James has been an active member of the Edmund Rice Centre in Fremantle over the past six years. James is looking forward to joining the strong Tenancy network in Western Australia.

### WA LAW HANDBOOK 5TH EDITION

The Law Handbook is an indispensable plain English guide to the laws WA, with contributions from more than 70 lawyers and other experts. It outlines, in **practical** terms, the main areas of law you are likely to encounter in WA and provides information on where to go for more help.

The book is available to purchase by contacting us on 94702676.

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## BELMONT OUTREACH SERVICE

The State Attorney General has announced that Sussex Community Law Service will be commencing an outreach service to the Belmont area for the 2006-2007 year through funding from the Legal Contribution Trust Funding. The service will offer legal advice in family, civil and minor criminal law.

### FAREWELL TO HELEN ERRINGTON

It is with much sadness that we say farewell to a longstanding board member Helen Errington.

Helen who is the Policy and Equity Manager with the WA Department of Training has been a board member and secretary since 2002. She brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to Sussex Street Community Law Service. We would like to thank Helen for her tireless efforts, hard work and dedication throughout that time.



### Editors Bits



We would all like to extend warm congratulations to Louellyn Gane on securing the General Manager position. Well done Lou!

We had a very nice lunch to celebrate Steen Johanssen's 10 years of service. Thank you to all the past staff who came along to share the event.



Penny Robbins and her family have just taken 5 weeks to drive to Broome for a holiday but alas holidays don't last forever we welcome Penny back and hope her transition from holiday to work isn't too stressful!



We wish a safe and fun trip to Cheryl Collier and her family who are off to the UK and Singapore for a holiday.

Congratulations to Yikai Hoe on officially becoming an Aussie!!



It was delightful to host the ever bubbly Marise Rosuggan from Central TAFE on student placement. Marise was able to spend time on Tenancy, Financial Counselling, IDAS and Welfare Rights where she gained an insight to working in a community legal centre.



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