



# THE WORD ON THE STREET

## 30th Anniversary Celebrations

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Helen Creed, The Honorable Kim Beazley and Jane Timmermanis cutting the Anniversary cake

Sussex Street Community Law Service commenced operations on 1 March 1978 thus making 2008 our 30th Anniversary. The Honorable Kim Beazley and Helen Creed joined staff and volunteers from throughout the years to celebrate the success of the service. It was an opportunity to catch up with people and discuss memories of earlier days.

Ms Jane Timmermanis Chairperson welcomed everyone to the evening held at Burswood on Swan saying that the staff past and present and the many volunteers present had a com-

mitment to the goal of delivering legal and advocacy services for the best value. In inviting Mr Beazley to open the celebrations Ms Timmermanis reminded people that he had been a keen supporter from those early days and had officially opened Sussex Street as a Community Legal Centre in 1982.

Mr Beazley reflected on the origins of the service and its benefits to the community. He emphasised the enormous respect he has for people who work in Community Legal Centres and forgo lucrative careers to remain in the sector.

Ms Creed recalled the early years when the service was set up as the Sussex Street Centre under the auspice of the WA Institute of Technology. And its metamorphosis

Among the many guests were the Minister for Communities the Honorable Sue Ellery MLC, Mr Ben Wyatt MLA, past board members, staff and volunteers who have been associated with service for many years.

It was fantastic catching up with so many friends from the past.

See inside for more photos of the anniversary.

## More 30th Anniversary Celebrations



Past and present Board members, staff and volunteers mixed with invited guests to celebrate our 30th Anniversary.

## Law Week - 2008

Sussex Street continued its long tradition of marking Law Week. This year the theme was *Lawyers Serving the Community*.

A large number of people again turned up throughout the day to seek information and advice about a range of matters. All caseworkers had stalls out and a friendly rivalry took place to see who had the best stall. The smell of sausages sizzling enticed many visitors in.



## Changes at Sussex Street

We welcome Luciano Sales (seen below) to Sussex Street as the new solicitor at our Belmont outreach. In addition Luciano will be Acting Principal Solicitor for six months.

Louellyn Gane , General Manager and Principal Solicitor is going on maternity leave. The Board, staff and volunteers wish Louellyn and Graham all the best as they wait the arrival of their first child .

Denise Beer will be the Acting General Manager during this time.



## Disability Discrimination Unit

The Disability Discrimination Unit (DDU) welcomes two new staff members.

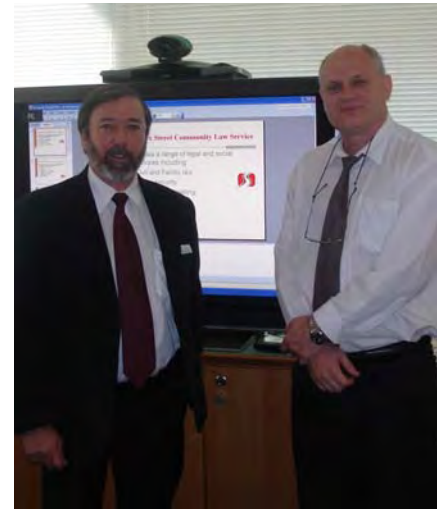
Rebecca Tedder on secondment from Freehills has moved into the DDU while Cheryl Collier is on maternity leave. Previously Rebecca was working in the Generalist and Welfare Rights programs.

Rebecca finds the work challenging and interesting having taken over many of Cheryl's clients she has jumped straight into mediation and conciliation.

The other new member is Bruce Horwood seen here at a presentation at Albany TAFE. Bruce was introduced to everyone in the last newsletter, he is the Community Legal Educa-

tion worker in the DDU. He has been busy visiting schools, TAFE colleges and a range of agencies spreading the word about disability discrimination.

If your agency workplace or community group would like to know more about disability discrimination contact the centre and Bruce will be happy to visit your centre.



## Community Legal Education in Esperance and Albany

Individual Disability Advocacy Service Coordinator Rose Ngoga and consultant Ben Sgherza travelled to Esperance in April to deliver Self Advocacy Training to people with disability, their carers and agencies. This was our first visit to Esperance and we generated a lot of interest in the training which covers peoples rights and how to ensure that you receive access to services.

Following on from that we journeyed to Albany where Rose was accompanied by Bruce Horwood our Community Legal Education Worker with the Disability Discrimination Unit. A number of agencies and TAFE were the focus of the presentations on IDAS and Disability Discrimination.

Rose is seen at left discussing the session.



## Family Law Information Sessions

Sussex Street commenced Family Law Information Sessions in March. These sessions are approved by the Family Court. The attendees will receive a certificate approved by the Family Court for attending the session.

Sessions are held in the mornings and evening, upcoming dates are

17 July	Children	6.00-7.00pm
	Property	7.00-8.00pm
6 Aug	Property	10.00-11.00am
21 Aug	Children	6.00-7.00pm
	Property	7.00-8.00pm
3 Sept	Property	10.00-11.00am
18 Sept	Children	6.00 -7.00 pm
	Property	7.00 - 8.00pm
1 Oct	Property	10.00-11.00am

Interested people can contact the office on 6253 9500 for confirmation on times and dates.

## New Arrivals

**David Pugh** joined the service initially as a volunteer and is now our Welfare Rights Advocate taking over from Penny Robbins who has ably and capably fill this position for over two years. Penny is moving into family and civil law and will provide David with support and supervision as he takes on this challenging and busy role.

**Zoë O'Neill** is our new Tenancy intake worker, she is a 4th year student at the University of WA. Zoe has moved into a very busy unit with large numbers of people caught up in the accommodation crisis that is hitting Western Australia at present.

She is enjoying the challenges the position brings, and has enjoyed meeting other workers in the network that provide support and a valuable resource for new workers.

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter directly by email or post contact Denise Beer see above for details.

## Editors Bits

### Goodbye



Sadly we say goodbye to Rachael Lewis again. This time Rachael has decided to try out the delights of Tasmania. She and her fiancée are planning on setting up a B &B, we wish them all the best and look forward to visiting when we are on holidays



### A New Baby Girl

Cheryl Collier, our Disability Discrimination solicitor has welcomed a new daughter Skye Poppy.



Congratulations Cheryl and Alec and girls .

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