



NEW MANAGER AT SUSSEX STREET



Louellyn Gane is now the new General Manager/Principal Solicitor at Sussex Street Community Law Service.

Lou says'

"The new position has given me the chance to develop my managerial skills whilst at the same time allowing me to

continue to practice as a solicitor, which is an opportunity I believe I would not have been given if I was working outside of the community Legal sector."

LEGAL ADVICE COMES TO BELMONT

Sussex Street is pleased to announce that it is providing outreach legal services to the Belmont region. We are able to offer free advice and some representation in Family, Civil and minor Criminal Law. Advice could be on matters such as divorce and separation, children's issues, neighbourhood disputes, motor vehicle injury, criminal injuries compensation and traffic offences. We will have a solicitor working fulltime in the Belmont outreach program. General manager Louellyn Gane says she is "delighted that people in Belmont and surrounding suburbs will have increased access to free legal advice. For initial inquiries and/or to make an appointment call the office on 9470 2676.

PENNY ROBBINS—WELFARE RIGHTS ADVOCATE

Penny Robbins was employed in February 2006 as the Welfare Rights Advocate. Penny is an Articled Clerk, having completed a Bachelor of Law at UWA. Penny completed her degree whilst working part-time and looking after her 3 children. She also has a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Penny's previous employment has been part-time work as a paralegal at Legal Aid, work as an Industrial advocate for various unions and other administrative jobs. Whilst this is her first job in a community legal centre, she has had experience at SCALES in Rockingham as a law student and is familiar with the sector through her role there and at Legal Aid.



NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS NETWORK CONFERENCE 2006

In September 2006, members of the National Welfare Rights Network (NWRN) from around Australia met in Sydney for their annual conference.

Penny Robbins from SSCLS attended. The conference focuses primarily on issues that NWRN has dealt with throughout the year as well as issues that will need to be addressed in the future.

Some of the issues discussed at the Conference included:

- Impact and emerging implications of Welfare to Work changes implemented since 1 July 2006;
- Increase in Department of Employment and Workplace Relations appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal;
- Potential impact of Child Support and Family law changes and the interaction with Social Security and Family Assistance Law
- Prosecution of Social Security overpayments.

"Attending the conference was extremely beneficial for advocates and is a means to exchange information, experiences and gain inspiration to tackle those difficult issues that are part of the welfare rights advocate role" said Penny.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES CONFERENCE 2006

Rachael Lewis one of our solicitor attended the National Community Legal Centres Conference "Opening Closed Doors: CLC's Advancing Justice". Here's what Rachael had to say;

The conference was most enjoyable and presents itself not only as an opportunity to revive collective and individual inspiration for our sector's work but an opportunity to network. The subject matters covered at the conference varied dramatically and included presentations on tackling injustice, professional indemnity insurance, the proposed smart card, human rights, indigenous rights, racism and family violence. The Western Australian Dinner was an opportunity to relax and have some fun. Thank you to the many people who tirelessly organised and prepared the conference to make it a success.

Introducing;

KAREN SAPSWORTH—RECEPTIONIST

Karen joined us in March. She is the friendly face to Sussex Street and the first contact most of our clients have with the service.



Karen is enjoying the challenge of working and learning about the legal profession. She is also enjoying interacting with the staff at Sussex Street.

DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST?

Sussex Street Community Law Services' Disability Discrimination Unit could be of assistance to you.

Contact Cheryl Collier on 9470 2676.

WA LAW HANDBOOK 5TH EDITION

The Law Handbook is an indispensable plain English guide to the laws of 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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FAREWELL TO BRIAN KEARNEY AND BILL ALLEN

Sussex Street would like to say a big thank you to Bill Allen and Brian Kearney who have unfortunately both withdrawn from our night legal service. Brian and Bill both volunteered their time for over 15 years. It is with great sadness that we bid them farewell and wish them well for the future.

For information on becoming a night legal service volunteer please contact the centre on 94702676.

ANNUAL AGM

Sussex Street held the AGM in October and we welcome the new board.

Jane Timmermanis—Chairperson
GiGi Vischer—Vice Chairperson
Martin McGrath—Secretary
John Lewis—Treasurer

Members

Andre Timmermanis Lauraine MacPherson
Pamela Kaye Stuart Downing
Ian Silver



Editors Bits

We would like to wish Louellyn and Karen happiness in their new family homes.



Louellyn has just returned from a skiing trip to New Zealand. I am sure she is enjoying the sunny conditions here much better.

Welcome to new staff members Toby Nisbet and Katrina Leonard. More about them later....



CONGRATULATIONS to Louellyn and Graeme who got engaged recently. Well done guys!!



Also another congratulations to Penny for winning the footy tips this year and while we are on the subject of football **GO THE EAGLES!**

What a win!

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