

A close-up photograph of three children of diverse backgrounds smiling warmly at the camera. The child on the left has dark curly hair and is wearing a light blue tank top. The child in the center has brown hair with bangs and freckles, wearing a light blue t-shirt. The child on the right has dark hair and is wearing a white shirt. The background is softly blurred.

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LAW CENTRE**

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## SECTION 1

# HIGHLIGHTS

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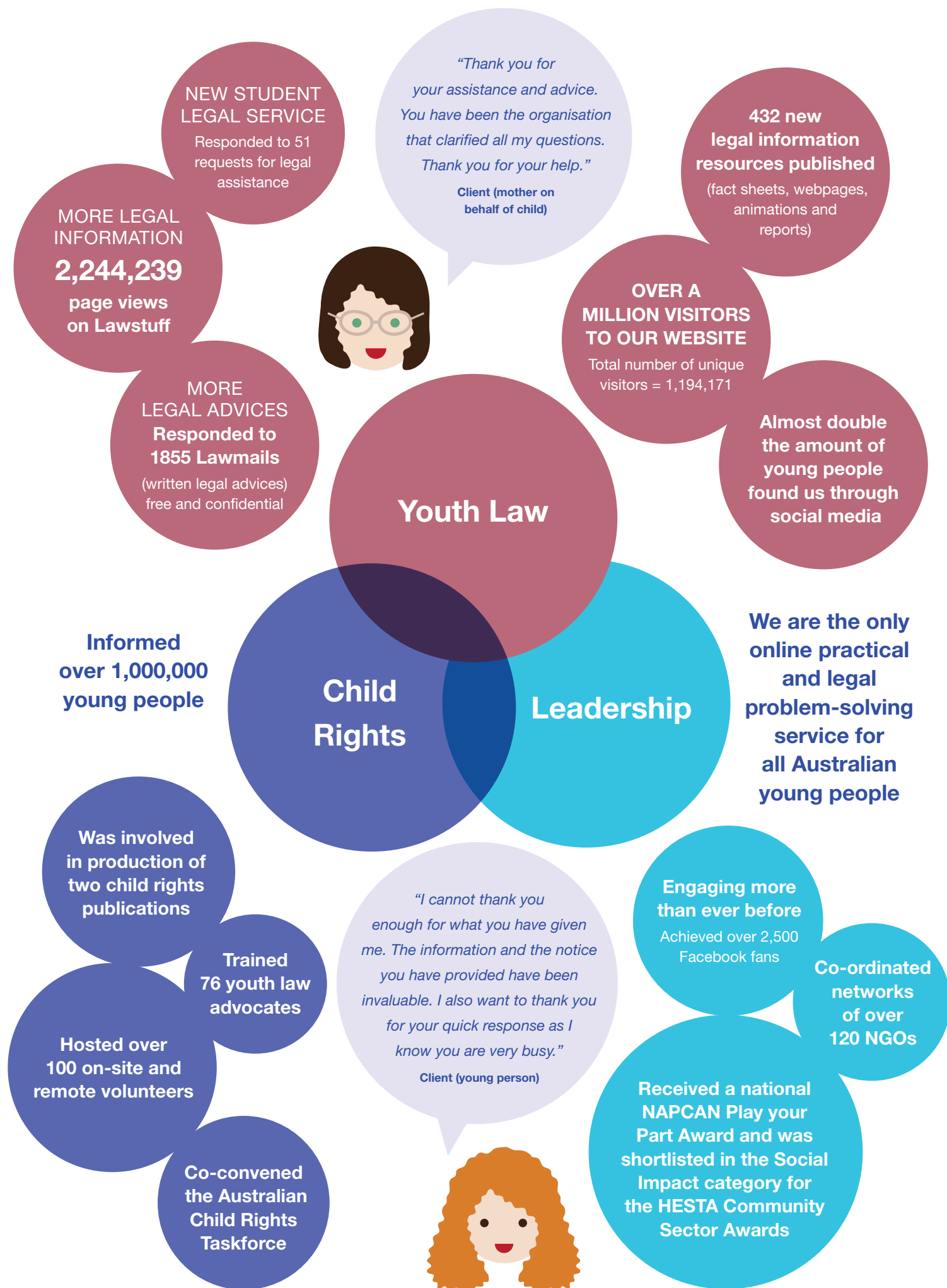
**“We are the only free legal practice operating in every rural, regional and remote location in Australia”**

Matthew Keeley, Director



*“Thank you so much for helping out with all the information. I’m so grateful that this was able to be solved. With all the possible choices given and the understanding, it really helped knowing that someone else cared and could offer support. Now I’m sure he will understand his behaviour was unjust and against the law.”*

Client (young person)



# CHAIR AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## 2011-14 Strategic Plan

**We are delighted to report that, in the main, the Centre has significantly exceeded its Strategic Plan's key performance indicators in the four main areas of Youth Law, Child Rights, Leadership and Organisational Excellence. The pages that follow are replete with examples of the Centre's impressive performance this year. However, as the Strategic Plan finished this year, it is timely to reflect on the Centre's performance across the four years of the Plan in a few key areas.**

Legal service delivery and fundraising are key activities of the Centre. As the table below demonstrates, in the areas of revenue generation, direct legal assistance (Lawmail) and indirect legal assistance (Lawstuff page views), the Centre has experienced impressive growth since the 2012 financial year. The Centre can also demonstrate significant growth over the life of the Strategic Plan when compared to the four years prior.

	% Increase	Average	2015	2014	2013	2012
Income	33.59	\$419,442	\$515,412	\$359,087	\$473,074	\$330,193
Lawmails	32.25	1,234	1,855	1,180	934	968
Lawstuff Views	38.22	1,507,495.25	2,244,239	1,691,546	1,247,612	846,584

	Average	2011	2010	2009	2008
Income	\$313,981	\$391,790	\$287,431	\$297,852	\$278,851
Lawmails	933	861	835	935	1,102
Lawstuff Views	1,090,623	791,166	986,268	1,173,786	1,411,273

We look forward to the commencement of the Centre's next Strategic Plan in the hopes that it may similarly guide the Centre's growth in the years ahead, further enhancing young people's access to justice across Australia.

# CHAIR AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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## Thanks

We were exceptionally grateful at the end of this year to receive news that the Commonwealth Attorney-General had increased our recurrent funding, committing to a five year service agreement. We thank the Attorney, the Hon George Brandis QC and his Department for their continuing support of the Centre, and look forward to the next five years in partnership with them.

We sincerely thank our pro bono partners at UNSW Law (especially Dean, David Dixon), King & Wood Mallesons (especially Chief Executive Partner, Australia, Ms Sue Kench, Ms Moira Saville and Ms Jane Farnsworth), Telstra and ASIC.

We also thank our newest partner, Australian Catholic University (ACU). Our professional services agreement with ACU to provide legal services to their students nationally has become a significant arm of our legal practice, with revenue derived from it helping to support our mission to enhance access to justice for all Australian children and young people.

We thank all of the Centre's Board members for their support of the Board, staff and ourselves, and the staff and volunteers for their unwavering commitment to the needs, rights and interests of Australia's children and young people. In particular, we welcome and thank incoming Chairperson, Ms Jackie Woods and continuing Deputy Chairperson, Mr Michael Chaaya.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Winter'.

**Sarah Winter**  
*Chair*



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Keeley'.

**Matthew Keeley**  
*Director*

## YOUTH LAW

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*"Thank you so much for your email. During this difficult time your show of support has been welcomed and so desperately needed. I'm grateful to know that your organisation exists and I wish I had contacted you sooner. Your willingness and commitment has gone a long way, you are only organisation that was willing to listen and help (we tried many), all other community services dismissed our request for help."*

**(Mother on behalf of child)**





## Lawstuff provides quality legal information and referrals to Australia's children, young people, families and others.

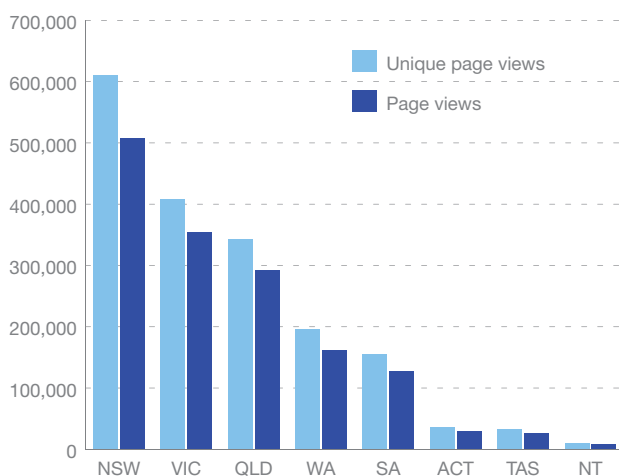
Google Analytics is used to monitor the number of page views, total visitors and unique visitors to *Lawstuff*. We're pleased to report our online approach to informing Australians about their legal rights is working with over 80% of our visitors finding us via a search engine. This has resulted in another year of significant increase in visitors and page views of *Lawstuff*.

Financial Year	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Total Page Views	1,247,612	1,691,546	2,244,239
Total Visits	520,109	875,489	1,365,014
Total Unique Visitors	443,602	763,434	1,194,171

Compared to the previous financial year, we have:

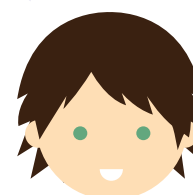
- Increased the number of visits by 55.9%
- Increased the number of unique visitors by 56.4%
- Received 430,737 more unique visitors to our website.

Lawstuff views by State and Territory



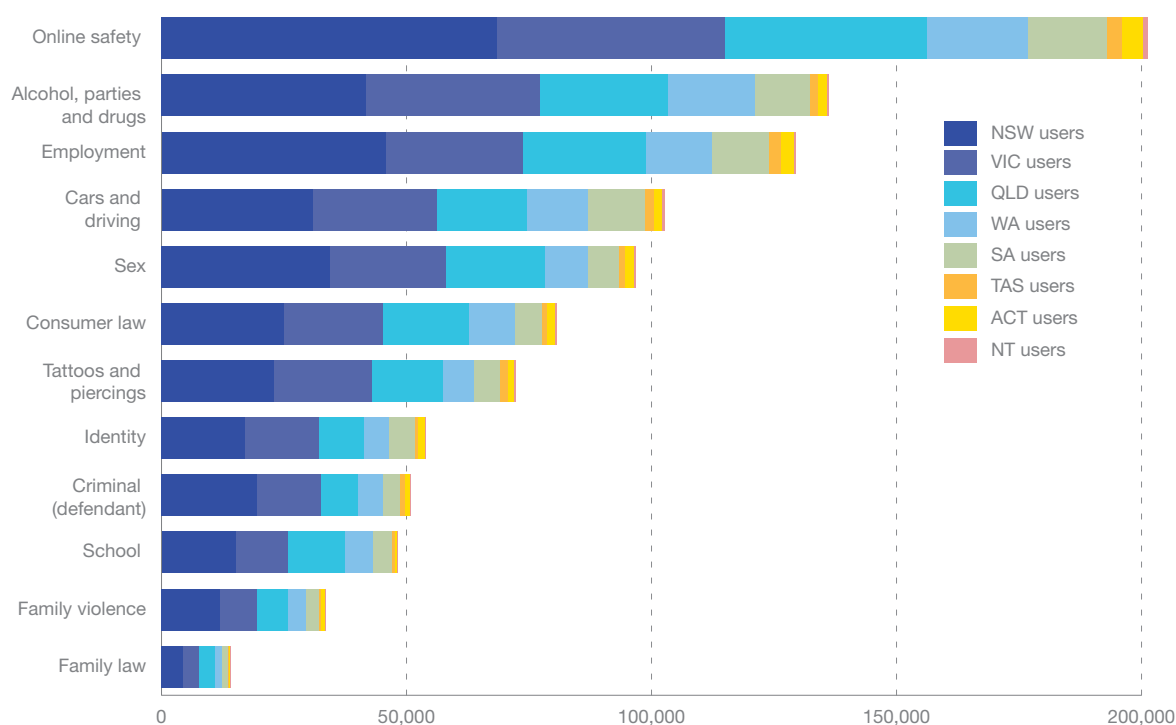
*They replied within 7 days  
they made me feel confident that  
things will be ok. They gave me the  
information I needed it was clear  
enough to know what I have to do.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH COULDN'T  
HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU*

Client (young person)



# LAWSTUFF

The top-twelve topics viewed on *Lawstuff* nationally\*



\* Where pages relate to a certain topic or area of law, individual pages have been grouped together into one topic. Some topics, such as criminal law, would see a substantial increase if topics with criminal aspects (eg. sexting, drugs) were categorised as criminal law. However, where pages fit into two topics the most thematically appropriate topic was chosen. Data was compiled by examining how many unique visits each topic received from each state and territory.



*"Thank you for the outstanding service and support I have received from Lawmail. It's definitely helped more than I could ever imagine"*

Client (young person)

**The Centre acknowledges the work of our on-site volunteers and Social Justice Interns (UNSW Law), without whom *Lawstuff* could not reach so many Australians.**

## LAWSTUFF DEVELOPMENTS

**This year we embarked on a major *Lawstuff* project with the support of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. Over 430 *Lawstuff* pages on 60 topics were redrafted and updated. We thank the Department for their funding and support of this project.**

We also worked on making information more accessible to young people through the use of videos on the topics of Renting, Road Rules and Sexual Harassment. This was to increase user engagement, especially among young people who may be more receptive to information through video and infographics than traditional text-based fact sheets.

We also implemented some new functions on the website including a feedback button so that we can continue to adjust the website to meet users' needs, and a sharing plug which allows users to easily share specific *Lawstuff* pages over social networks such as Facebook, Google+ and Twitter. Since its addition, the most popular shared pages have been within the digital profile, including sexting, cyberbullying, as well as pages about sex, school issues and employment.

More users than ever before accessed *Lawstuff* directly (that is, without using a search engine or through a referral) and the amount of users reaching *Lawstuff* through social media almost doubled. This suggests that the *Lawstuff* brand remains strong and is becoming better known.

57% of our users now access *Lawstuff* through mobiles or tablets. This has highlighted the need for a mobile friendly version of the *Lawstuff* website to be developed to promote user engagement. We aim to complete this work within the next financial year.

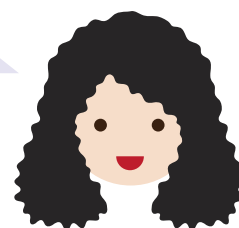
### SARAH AND HER FAMILY FRIEND\*

*We received an email from a legal service that had been contacted by a family friend of 16 year old Sarah, but was not able to assist. Sarah is an Australian citizen whose family was originally from overseas. Sarah's mother had taken Sarah overseas to be married and had returned to Australia with Sarah's passport. Sarah had initially emailed a family friend in Australia for help.*

*We were able to contact Sarah by email, provide her with some practical guidance on how to stay safe, connect her with the Australian Consulate and find pro bono representation in Australia to make an urgent application to a Court for her mother to surrender the passport.*

*The Court made this order, as well as orders that Sarah's mother pay for her airfare to return to Australia and for Sarah to live with her family friend upon her return. Through our communications with Sarah, her family friend and pro bono counsel, we were able to secure her safe return to Australia and her care in a safe environment.*

\*The names and identifying details have been changed to protect the identity and privacy of our clients.



## LAWMAIL

### Lawmail provides quality legal advice and referrals to Australia's children, young people, families and others.

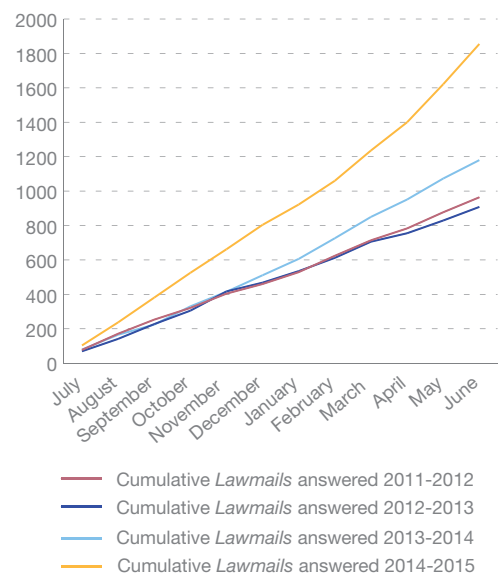


Kelly Tallon  
Cyber Volunteer  
Project Coordinator

This year, we responded to **1855 requests** for legal advice with the help of our pro bono partners at King & Wood Mallesons, Telstra and ASIC, and our on-site volunteers and UNSW Law Interns, for whose support we are immensely grateful.

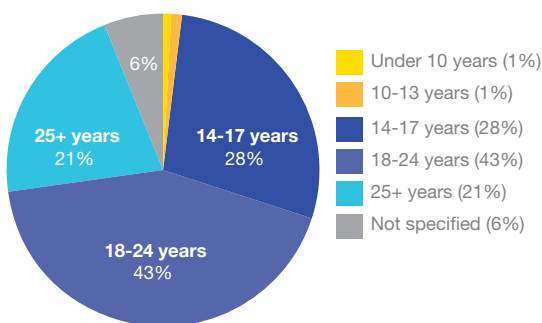
This was an **increase of 57 per cent** compared to the number of *Lawmail* advices provided in the previous year, and is almost **double** the amount of advices we prepared in the 2012-2013 financial year.

Cumulative Lawmails answered



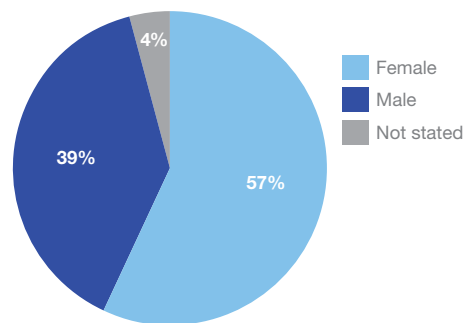
### Who did we help?

Lawmail by age



*Lawmail* continues to be accessed directly by young people, as well as by their advocates with significant numbers of parents writing to us on behalf of their children seeking help.

Lawmail by gender



*Lawmail* provided legal advice and information to 944 females and 635 males. 64 clients did not state their gender.

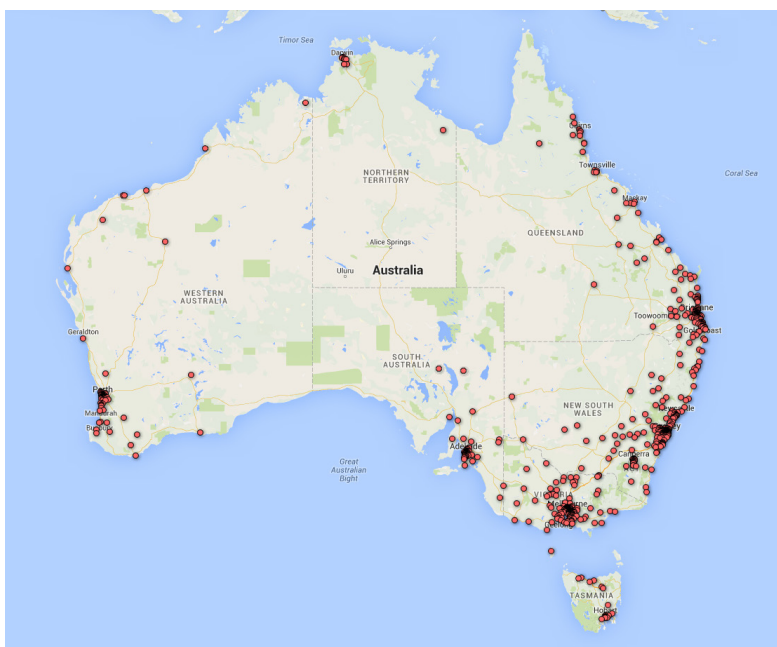


## Where are our clients from?

*Lawmail* is available 24/7, anywhere in Australia to anyone with an internet or mobile connection, which eliminates many of the barriers to youth help-seeking, such as embarrassment as well as some of the particular access barriers that affect remote, rural and regional young people and those who can't access help during school or work hours. We are the only free legal assistance service servicing every regional, rural or remote location in Australia.

The highest number of *Lawmails* originated in New South Wales, where we responded to 595 requests for assistance. Queensland ranked second with 482 responses, followed by Victoria with 361 responses.

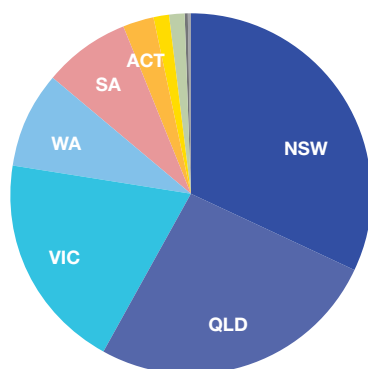
The majority of states and territories experienced an increase in demand from last year, with approximately 200 additional requests for advice from both New South Wales and Queensland.



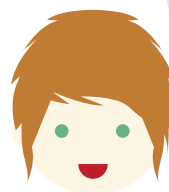
The map shows *Lawmail*'s geographic reach with each circle representing a postcode in which at least one advice was given in the financial year.

### *Lawmails* by State and Territory

State	<i>Lawmails</i>
NSW	595
QLD	482
VIC	361
WA	164
SA	143
ACT	50
TAS	27
NT	26
Not stated	5
International	2



*"Hello Lawmail,  
I just want to express my deep  
appreciation for the work you and  
the team have done. To provide such  
concise advice in such short a period  
of time for no cost is something  
nowhere else to be found in the world.  
Thank you so much. You guys  
have been a great help."  
Client (young person)*





## What did we help with?



**376**  
people

helped with  
family law and  
family/domestic  
violence issues



**331**  
people

helped with cyber  
law, including sexting,  
defamation, stalking  
and exploitation



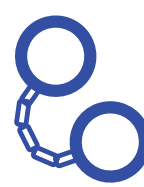
**297**  
students

helped in relation to  
suspension, expulsion,  
discipline and  
discrimination matters



**156**  
questions

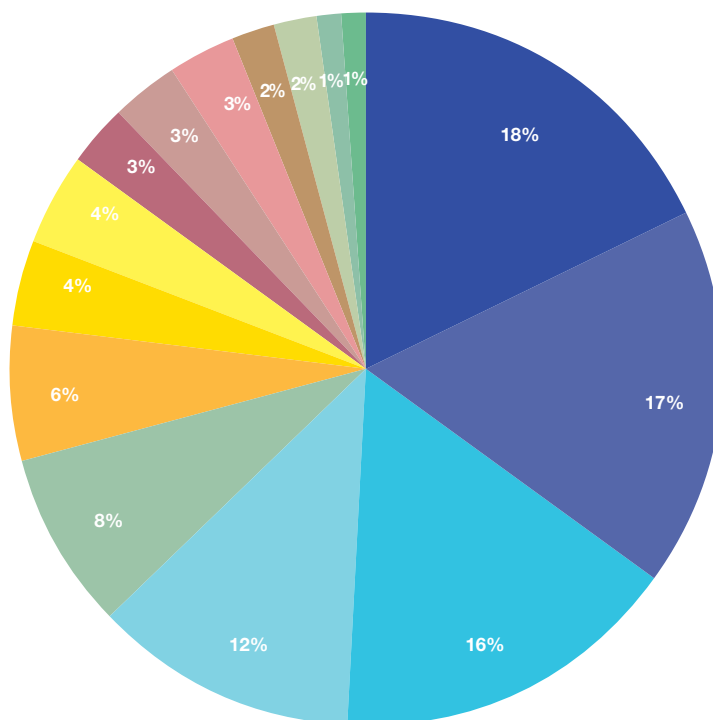
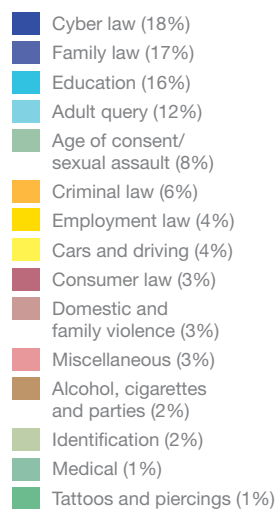
answered about  
the age of consent  
and sex, including  
sexual assault



**119**  
people

helped with criminal  
law, as both victims of  
crime and children in  
conflict with the law

### Lawmails by topic\*



\* have been grouped into the most thematically appropriate topic where they related to two or more topics. Some topics, such as criminal law, would see a substantial increase if topics with criminal aspects (eg. sexting) were categorised as criminal law.

## INFORMATION AND ADVICE: THE TWO TIERED APPROACH OF *LAWSTUFF* AND *LAWMAIL*

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***Lawmail* and *Lawstuff* both aim to provide young Australians with information about their legal rights and avenues through which to resolve their legal problems. Examining the data on the most popular topics accessed on *Lawstuff* against the most common topics we receive *Lawmail* queries about provides evidence that both these services play a different, yet complementary role in achieving this aim.**

For example, although our *Lawstuff* topic on employment is the third most popular topic nationally, with over 125 000 views by unique users, queries we receive on this topic only make up 4% of all *Lawmails* we receive. This suggests that the information provided on the *Lawstuff* page communicates enough relevant information on this issue to answer the basic questions young people have about employment such as “how old do I have to be start work?” without them having to access any other resource. Comparatively, topics about which we receive a large

number of *Lawmails*, such as family law matters, cyberbullying and education, generally relate to issues where a child or young person has a specific problem to be solved and they need more specific advice about what they can do in their circumstances.

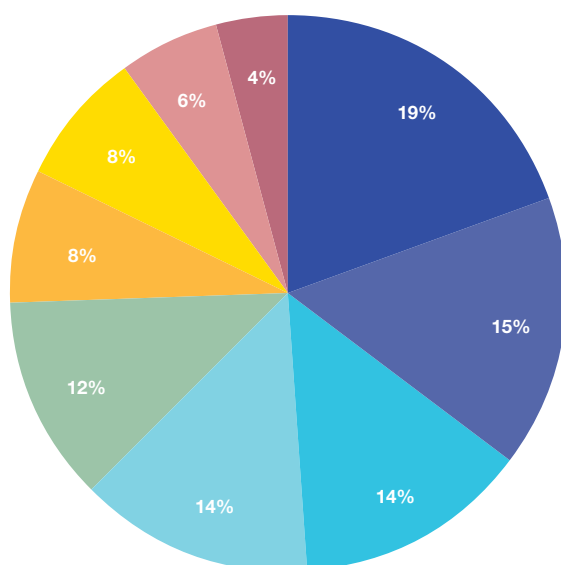
*Lawstuff*, therefore, helps to manage the demand in *Lawmail* by pre-emptively providing answers that young people seek about legal issues. *Lawmail* is focused on providing specific problem-solving information to young people who need more than just legal information.

## STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

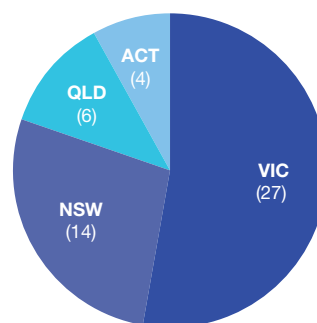
The Centre provided legal services for Australian Catholic University students, including the provision of legal information, advice, assistance and referrals across four jurisdictions.

Matter types

- Tenancy law (10)
- Other (8)
- Family law (7)
- Motor vehicle law (7)
- Criminal law (6)
- Employment (4)
- Victims of crime/ domestic violence (4)
- Credit, debt and consumer law (3)
- Personal injury (2)



Advices by state or territory



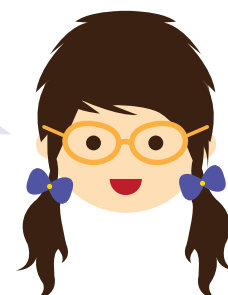
### JESSICA AND ONLINE THREATS\*

We were contacted by 16 year old Jessica. Jessica was threatened online by a stranger that he would send some naked pictures of her to her friends and post them online. Jessica was worried about this, and also didn't want anyone to know what was going on.

We reassured Jessica that the situation was not her fault, and that we help many young people in similar circumstances. We explained what laws the stranger was breaking and prepared a notice that she could send him privately that demanded that he delete the photos and stop contacting her.

We also gave her advice on other options she could take such as reporting his threats to the social media sites he was contacting her through and blocking him, and reporting him to the police. We encouraged her to contact free and confidential counselling services and to talk to a trusted adult.

Jessica contacted us again to let us know that she had sent him the notice, and he had stopped threatening her. She also told us that if he started again she would take our advice and go to the police with evidence of what he was doing.



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## CHILD RIGHTS AND LEADERSHIP

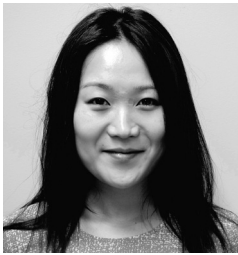
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**The Centre promotes the realisation of Australian children's human rights.**

## CHILD RIGHTS TASKFORCE

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**The Centre continues to co-convene the Australian Child Rights Taskforce with UNICEF Australia. This year the Taskforce hosted two Child Rights video conferences with leading children's rights advocates and organisations.**



Ahram Choi  
Operations & Legal  
Projects Manager

Guest speakers included Ms Anna Copeland, the Director of Clinical Legal Program at SCALES (Southern Communities Advocacy Legal Education Service) and Ms Fabienne Baldan, Principal Adviser of the National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention. Ms Megan Mitchell, National Children's Commissioner, also attended the conferences and provided updates on her work.

The meetings were kindly hosted by King & Wood Mallesons at their offices in Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra. The meetings were attended by over 50 children's rights advocates.

### 2015 SPECIAL CHILDREN'S RIGHTS EDITION OF RIGHTS AGENDA

Each year, in partnership with King & Wood Mallesons and the Human Rights Law Centre, we publish a special edition of the Human Rights Law Centre's Monthly Bulletin, Rights Agenda, that focuses exclusively on human rights and legal issues affecting children and young people.

This year, the bulletin reported on significant issues affecting children across Australia, including children in detention, adoption and surrogacy laws and Australia's youth justice practices.

To read the Special Children's Rights edition, see:  
[http://hrlc.org.au/wp-content/files\\_mf/1429251813HRLC\\_Bulletin\\_April\\_2015.pdf](http://hrlc.org.au/wp-content/files_mf/1429251813HRLC_Bulletin_April_2015.pdf)

### INDIGENOUS LAW BULLETIN – CHILD RIGHTS EDITION

The Centre collaborated with the Indigenous Law Centre to produce a child rights focussed edition of the Indigenous Law Bulletin. The bulletin explored issues relating to the rights of Indigenous children and young people and included articles on out-of-home care arrangements, self-harm and help-seeking behaviour, and the work of Indigenous community controlled organisations, programs and solutions.

For more information on the Bulletin, see:  
<http://www.ilc.unsw.edu.au/publications/indigenous-law-bulletin-817>

### UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

We were a part of the Advisory Committee for the Joint NGO progress report for Australia's Universal Periodic Review at the United Nations. The Centre's role included coordinating and drafting the children's rights section of the Joint NGO progress report. The Child Rights Taskforce and our Centre endorsed the report.

The NGO Report was submitted to the UN on 23 March 2015 with endorsements from 190 organisations. You can view a copy of the Report here: <http://hrlc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Final-UPR-NGO-Submission1.pdf>





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[www.childrights.org.au](http://www.childrights.org.au)



A true collaboration ... Rachel Delaney (Telstra), Noam Peleg (UNSW Law), Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, Jane Farnsworth (KWM), Matthew Keeley (NCYLC), Joan Jardine (AGD), Thomas Hough (ASIC).

### NAPCAN PLAY YOUR PART AWARD

The Play Your Part Awards recognise organisations, individuals and communities that play their part to improve the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in Australia.

The Centre, along with our partners at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, the University of New South Wales, King & Wood Mallesons, Telstra, and the Australian Securities & Investments Commission received a national award for our Child Rights, Lawmail and Lawstuff work in 2015. We were proud to receive this award alongside other award recipients including Kids Helpline and Optus, and children's advocate Amrit Versha.

*"I was pleasantly surprised to find a reply from Lawmail on the 2nd day after I had sent my question. . . Lawmail was very understanding of my situation . . . Extremely useful, so many links and details were provided and Lawmail was very specific with my situation. I was impressed with how much depth Lawmail went into, rather than just giving general advice".*

Client (young person)



### HESTA COMMUNITY SECTOR AWARDS

We were shortlisted in the Social Impact Category for the HESTA Community Sector Awards for providing free, online practical problem solving to young Australians in Lawmail and for helping young people facing online abuse and cyberbullying.

### E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER SUBMISSIONS

Over the past year we have been highly involved in the development of the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act which established the Children's e-Safety Commissioner. In our unique and privileged role as the only nation-wide provider of free legal advice to both victims and alleged perpetrators of youth cyberbullying, we have written and spoken extensively about this issue and the need for law reform. We made submissions at each stage of the Bill process to share our experiences of the issues affecting children in Australia. We were able to undertake research to identify trends in the cyberbullying space and to share our best practice response models to cyberbullying problems.

The input of the centre was recognised by the Hon Paul Fletcher, MP who thanked the centre for sharing our rich experience in advising the victims of cyberbullying, and identified our model of sending formal written requests to cease cyberbullying behaviour as a best practice model, which helped form the development of the "end user notice" function of the Commissioner.

### INFORMATION SHARING RESEARCH

This year we also undertook leading research with the UNSW Social Policy Research Centre on information sharing between government agencies and government and other sectors, particularly in regards to child welfare, and children moving in between schools. This research has been used to inform the NSW and Victorian Governments' approach to collaborative service delivery and family/domestic violence.

## SECTION 2

# FINANCIAL REPORT AND GOVERNANCE

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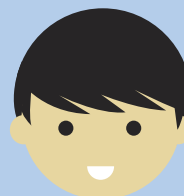
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**The Centre is accountable and responsible in its operations, use of funding and resources.**

*"I was treated with  
lots of respect and  
the advisor seemed  
to genuinely care  
about my case"*

**Client (young person)**



## BOARD

**Transparency and trust is maintained between the Board and the Centre.**

1 JULY 2014 TO 30 JUNE 2015



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2007 to present



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2006 to present



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2011 to present



**Dr Kyllie Cripps**  
2012 to present



**Adam Gordon**  
2012 to present



**Fionn Skiotis**  
2013 to present



**Roger Christie**  
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**Jackie Woods**  
2013 to present



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The Board of Directors  
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University of New South Wales  
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Dear Board Members,

In accordance with Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 and in accordance with the requirements of Subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of National Children's and Youth Law Centre.

As audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit, and no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, or any applicable code of professional conduct, in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully,  
**DOBBS VUMBACA & CO**



George Vumbaca CA  
Partner

13<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
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ACN 062 253 874 ABN 73 062 253 874, THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION  
AND THE OFFICE OF LIQUOR, GAMING AND RACING**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the National Children's and Youth Law Centre, which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, including disclosures required for the purposes of compliance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 & associated regulations, and the Directors' Declaration, as set out in pages 3 to 12.

*Directors Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 & associated regulations, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. We confirm that a written independence declaration was provided to the directors of the National Children's and Youth Law Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015, a copy of which is included in the financial report and would be in the same terms if given to the director at the time of this auditor's report.

*Audit Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report of the National Children's and Youth Law Centre is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- iii) complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013; and
- iv) the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and associated regulations.

**DOBBS VUMBACA & CO**

George Vumbaca CA  
Partner

Date: DRAFT PENDING SIGNOFF

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## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>515,412</b>	<b>359,087</b>
Employee Costs	(365,782)	(248,838)
Consultants	(17,211)	-
Depreciation and Amortisation	(3,472)	(3,342)
Insurances	(3,619)	(2,920)
Computer and Website Expenses	(18,652)	(18,433)
Auditor's Remuneration	(3,650)	(3,600)
Accounting & Bookkeeping Expenses	(24,472)	(24,858)
Printing and Production Costs - Publications	(12,218)	(2,590)
Travelling & Staff Development	(20,761)	(20,554)
Administration and Overhead expenses	(5,277)	(4,264)
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Income Tax</b>	<b>40,298</b>	<b>29,688</b>
Income Tax Expense	-	-
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>40,298</b>	<b>29,688</b>
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year</b>	<b>40,298</b>	<b>29,688</b>

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from grants, donors, projects & customers	492,401	284,677
Payments to suppliers and employees	(411,114)	(339,416)
Interest Received	3,932	3,636
<b>Net cash from/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>85,219</b>	<b>(51,103)</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchases of Property, plant & equipment and Intangibles	-	-
Disposals of Property, plant & equipment and Intangibles	-	-
<b>Net cash from/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	85,219	(51,103)
Cash at the beginning of the year	322,332	373,435
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	<b>407,551</b>	<b>322,332</b>

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

	Retained Earnings \$	Asset Replacement Reserve \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1st July 2013</b>	<b>120,475</b>	<b>11,676</b>	<b>132,151</b>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	29,688	-	29,688
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30th June 2014</b>	<b>150,163</b>	<b>11,676</b>	<b>161,839</b>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	40,298	-	40,298
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30th June 2015</b>	<b>\$190,461</b>	<b>\$11,676</b>	<b>\$202,137</b>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	407,551	322,332
Trade and other receivables	11,748	107,407
Inventories	2,000	2,000
Other current assets	5,053	4,175
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>426,352</b>	<b>435,914</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	3,709	7,030
Intangible assets	-	151
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>3,709</b>	<b>7,181</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>430,061</b>	<b>443,095</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	176,178	136,570
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>176,178</b>	<b>136,570</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	51,746	144,686
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>51,746</b>	<b>144,686</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>227,924</b>	<b>281,256</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$202,137</b>	<b>\$ 161,839</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained Earnings	190,461	11,676
Asset Replacement Reserve	11,676	11,676
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$202,137</b>	<b>\$23,352</b>

