



# **HIV/AIDS LEGAL CENTRE**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2015–2016**

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## ABOUT US

### OUR VISION, OUR MISSION, OUR VALUES

To see an end to the HIV crisis.

To provide free and comprehensive legal assistance to anyone in NSW with an HIV-related legal problem and to undertake community legal education and law reform activities in areas relating to HIV.

To provide high quality legal services whilst displaying an appreciation of, and sensitivity to, the special needs of people with an HIV related legal matter.

### OUR WORK

HALC's vision is to see an end to the HIV/AIDS crisis and does so by providing free and comprehensive legal assistance to anyone in NSW with a HIV-related legal problem; undertaking community legal education; and engaging in law reform activities in areas relating to HIV/AIDS.

To deal with these particular issues, we adopted a different service delivery model to most other community legal centres. Rather than a triage service that provides initial advice and referral, we focus on ongoing casework and routinely run longer and more complex matters in order to achieve genuine, systemic change.

### OUR FUNDING

Our principal funding source is a discretionary allocation of monies from the *NSW Public Purpose Fund* (comprising 28% of our income), with monies from the State and Federal Attorney Generals contributing a further 55%.

However, without the support of our generous donors and the community we would not be able to do **all** that we do. HALC continues to supplement its core funding from alternative sources to include grants, speaker fees, fundraising campaigns and donations from the community (17%). This enables us to continue to employ 4 solicitors.

A total of \$33955 in generous donations from clients and HALC supporters, a large part of which was generated from the HALC annual crowdfunding Campaign '*Leave no-one behind*'. The live crowdfunding event organised by 10x10 Philanthropy raised \$7657.

A grant of \$10,000 from Queensland Positive People for the production of the Queensland Disclosure Guide

A total of \$2564 in speaker fees for sessions presented to migration agents and health support services.

Other revenue such as costs recovered, expense recoveries, and disbursements recovered makes up the balance of our income.



## PRINCIPAL SOLICITORS' REPORT

The HIV/AIDS Legal Centre continues to progress our ambit to be a specialist in HIV related law. As an HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis specialist legal centre, HALC is among just a few centres of a similar nature worldwide. We continue to test and progress the laws pertaining to the rights and responsibilities of people with HIV and viral hepatitis and ensure that people with HIV and viral hepatitis can participate in the community on an equal basis with others – a challenge that continues to exist in 2016.

The 7th National HIV Strategy 2014-2017, released in July 2014, continues to recognise an increased role for advancement of legal and human rights protections to reduce HIV prevalence and morbidity. The identified human rights issues for HIV are discrimination and stigma, harm reduction, the criminalization of HIV transmission and the intersection with that and public health laws, and principles of mutual responsibility.

HALC is actively engaged in supporting the objectives of the National Strategy but not confined to those core human rights issues alone. HALC's role also addresses the broader health and social impacts of HIV and its prevention among core communities at risk and we have identified a number of areas that are not listed in the National Strategy which continue to impact upon the daily lives of people with HIV and viral hepatitis.

We routinely advise and represent HIV positive people and those at most risk in respect of: housing, debt, criminal law, mental health, social security, family law, discrimination, end of life planning, insurance, employment, immigration and privacy matters among others.

This year HALC has continued to provide legal services in any matters with a nexus to HIV or viral hepatitis, and where the issues are relevant to the client being enabled to participate in the community in a meaningful and equal basis. The service approaches its mission in line with the approach promoted by the National Strategy to promote the health and wellbeing of all people with HIV. The approach encourages responsive, adaptive and evidence based action. In this way HALC provides legal services relevant to the overarching goal and specific objectives of the National Strategy.

Due to the continued development of staff skills and capacity, and the well-established volunteer program we have been able to run more test cases and public interest litigation in the 2015/16 financial year than in any other year. Our work on these high profile cases has not in any way affected our capacity to deliver the core day to day services. Our staff of just four is able to deliver a tremendous amount of work as a result of our successful volunteer program. We have also continued to reach and educate more people with HIV through our community and continuing legal education that we deliver throughout the year.

HALC is the only funded HIV specialist legal centre in Australia. We continue to be contacted by prospective clients and service providers Australia-wide, which disappointingly due to the scope of our funding being limited to providing services in NSW, means that many people with HIV related legal matters who live interstate have to go without assistance. We hope to be able to increase funding in the future to reach those interstate clients.

– Alexandra Stratigos & Melissa Woodroffe



## AN OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

HALC provides legal information, advice, advocacy and court representation for people with HIV and HCV related legal problems. HIV-related work remains the bulk of HALC's work, with HCV legal work is generally restricted to strategic casework (such as discrimination or privacy breaches).

HALC has maintained a service which is readily available throughout the week via telephone, email or direct contact at the office, as well as providing outreach services to people in hospital, custody, detention and in rural and regional areas. Hospital and Hospice visits, each year become more and more the exception, nonetheless they continue to be a very valuable service to HIV positive clients and families of HIV positive persons.

Links with healthcare providers (in both the Sydney area and beyond) continue to be excellent. Relationship building and maintenance is actively pursued with service providers, social workers, allied healthcare workers, and medical professionals, including by way of training delivery, in-service attendances and through informal connection.

HALC continues to utilise and maintain a referral list of practitioners who are able to assist on matters outside of HALC's knowledge base. Pro bono counsel assist on a number of matters including public interest/ test case matters. HALC's MoU with KempStrang to utilise KempStrang staff in a volunteer capacity to deliver ongoing advice and casework under the auspices of HALC's 'Migration Program' has been extremely successful. In addition, the support KempStrang provides to HALC with regulatory requirements in the areas of employment and governance for the Centre itself has been invaluable. HALC's MoU with DLA Piper and 7 Wentworth Chambers for access to specialist legal advice and referrals for matters outside HALC continues and has now been effective for almost 3 years.



Over the 2015/16 financial year,

HALC saw 894 clients;

Ran over 649 cases;

Provided 693 advices; and

Responded to 171 information inquiries: 38 outside of the Sydney area (27%)

**Highlights included:**

229 cases closed in the year:

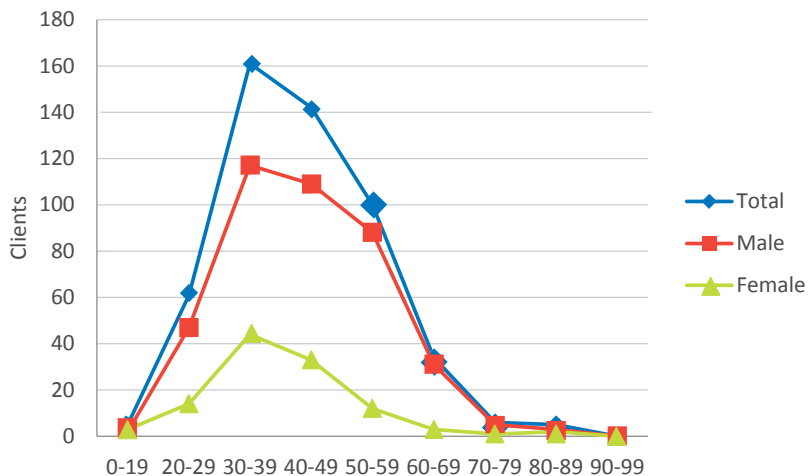
68 were major cases,

13 with public interest

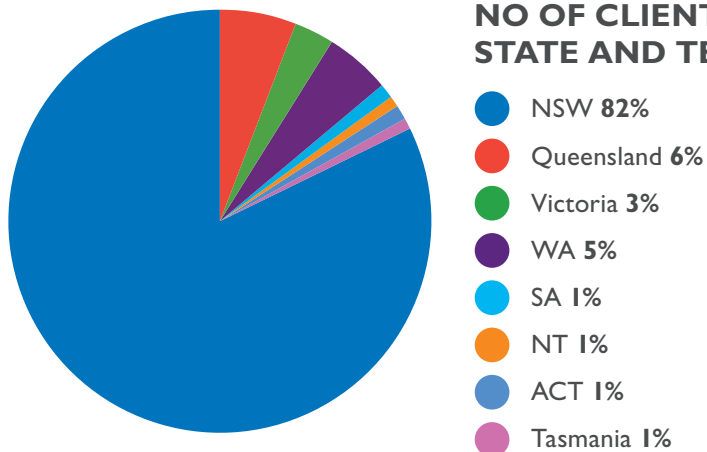
38 with Court representation

In addition, HALC completed 37 projects  
(including 18 Community Legal Education)

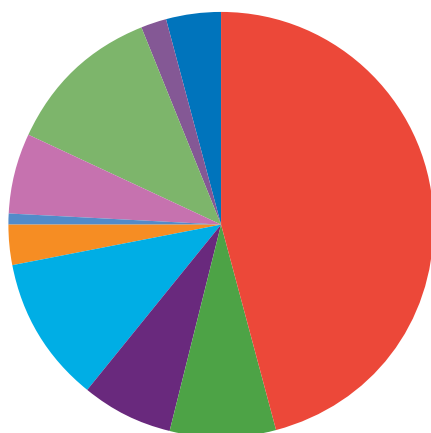
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**NO OF CLIENTS BY STATE AND TERRITORY**

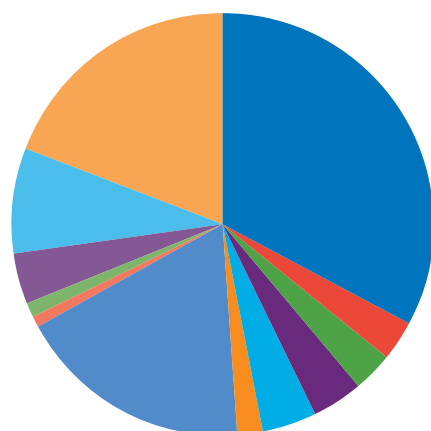


## DISIRIBUTION OF CLIENTS IN NSW



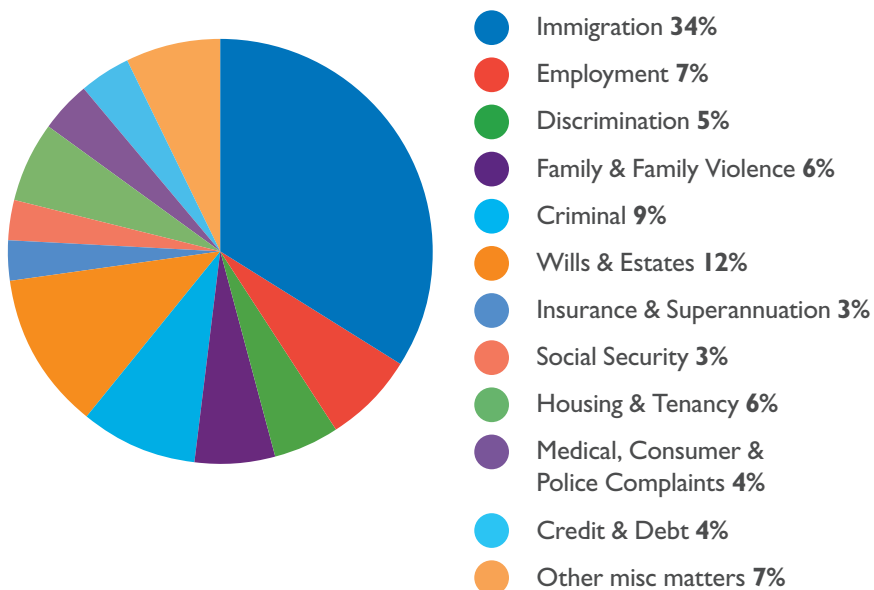
- Sydney CBD 4%
- Sydney Metro 46%
- Sydney Western Suburbs 8%
- North Coast 7%
- Upper and Lower Hunter Valley 11%
- Central Coast 3%
- Central Tablelands 1%

## CLIENTS: BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH



- Australia 33%
- New Zealand 3%
- Pacific Islands 3%
- United Kingdom 4%
- Europe 4%
- Middle East 2%
- Asia 18%
- North America 1%
- Central America 1%
- South America 4%
- Africa 8%
- Not stated 19%

## MATTERS BY PROBLEM TYPES





## OUR MATTERS: TRIED AND TESTED

### TRIED AND TESTED

From the High Court of Australia to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal in the 2015/16 financial year no case was too big and no one was left behind. This was an action packed year filled with test cases that have clarified and changed the legal rights of people with HIV across the country.

The first test case of the year began before the Full Federal Court where we took on the Australian Defence Force to make them accountable for discrimination under the Fair Work Act (FWA) for denying employment to people with HIV. This was a matter that had not yet been determined and demonstrated the incredibly wide exemptions that the Defence Force benefits from. The Defence Force is exempt from being held accountable under the Fair Work Act and exempt from being held accountable under the Disability Discrimination Act. We stand with HIV advocates who continue to advocate for change account the discriminatory policy held by the Defence Force so that people with HIV can protect our country just like any other Australian Citizen.

*“I am incredibly disappointed that I can no longer work for the ADF but I know that HALC will continue to investigate ways to fight for others. I am also happy that my case helped to expose some of the incredible injustice that people with disabilities, such as HIV, face when trying to work for the ADF and hopefully one day these laws will be changed and the ADF will accountable for their actions.”*

Next we decided to take a tilt at the long out dated Commonwealth, state and territory policies that excludes health care workers with HIV from performing particular roles, namely from performing exposure prone procedures (EPPs). Internationally, it is recognised that where a health care worker with HIV is on treatment and virally suppressed or an elite controller, then they do not pose a risk to patients when performing EPPs. Our client, a health care worker who had been recently diagnosed with HIV was already dealing with a difficult health diagnosis and was then terminated from his position when he disclosed his HIV status; he was told that, due to the state and Commonwealth policies, he could not perform the duties required of him. After commencing proceedings in the Australian Human Rights Commission, one of the more progressive states, being where our client worked, acknowledged that the policy was outdated and allowed our client to return to his former position subject to certain conditions. The conditions imposed are in line with international standards and existing scientific and medical evidence, and now our client use his skills and experience to continue to help others. We are hopefully that the other states and territories soon fall into line.

*“I just wanted to continue to work in the profession which I had worked and studied so hard to be part of. My diagnosis with HIV was hard enough, but to then lose the work I loved on top of that left me shattered. HALC was there for me, they found a great barrister to help and made sure that I got my job back and can continue to do what I love – saving lives.”*

This year we also successfully settled three income protection insurances matters for the discriminatory refusal of the provision of insurance products to clients on the basis of their HIV status. We took these cases to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and the QLD Civil and Administrative Tribunal and obtained a total of approximately \$100,000 in damages for the clients. These cases are highlighting to the insurers that their practice in relation to provision of insurance to people with HIV are outdated and must change. We anticipate further cases, and hope for systemic change which will allow people with HIV to access life insurance and employment related insurance cover.

*“I am not going to be around for much longer. The cancer has advanced and it is taking over my body. I applied for income protection some time before I had cancer, I disclosed my HIV to the insurer. I just wanted to make sure that my boy would be ok if anything should happen to me HALC has made sure that when I go at least my son will have a bit of money to help him get by.”*

Finally, the year of the test case would not have been complete without a trip to the High Court of Australia. Mr Zaburoni was charged and convicted of intentionally transmitting HIV to his ex-girlfriend and the decision was upheld by the Queensland Court of Appeal. Mr Zaburoni then approached us for help after Legal Aid Queensland said that the matter had not merit to seek Special Leave in the High Court. With the expert assistance of counsel Tim Game, SC, and Georgia Huxley, Mr Zaburoni was successfully granted leave to appeal in November 2015 and then on 6 April 2016 the matter was unanimously found in

Mr Zaburoni's favour. This decision affects not just people charged with intentionally transmitting HIV but anyone who is charged for intentionally causing harm to another person. The High Court has now better clarified the law on this question – this case will be one for the text books.

We then represented Mr Zaburoni in the Queensland District Court where he was resentenced to the offence of causing (recklessly as opposed to intentionally) grievous bodily harm, an offence which he had pled guilty for in 2013. He has now been released from custody.



## CLIENT REFLECTIONS

HIV remains a highly stigmatised condition. In addition, it disproportionately affects populations that are already at risk of harm and exclusion from social services. The recent UNAIDS Gap Report identifies 12 key populations, including children, migrants, and people with HIV. A person with HIV might thus face a number of structural inequities, emphasising the need for specialist HIV-legal services competent across a variety of legal issues.

### Discrimination

*I will always be indebted to the service provided by HALC. The discrimination levelled at my deceased son was something that caused extreme sorrow for me and I would not have known how to deal with the situation. The excellent handling by HALC enabled me to “DO” something to question the discrimination. It was a long process but I had one layer of suffering lifted from my grieving process. Thank you HALC.*

### Migration

*“I first contacted your service and spoke with Alex I was at the age of committing suicide. I could not face myself to be deported back to Malawi where I had nothing to go back to. My illness was a major obstacle, but Alex helped my family by advising me to take one step at a time. Four years of waiting for a response from the Minister was like half a century but not now it is all over. I sincerely thank the whole team at HALC. My heart is at peace.”*

*“Your service is the very best. Thanks to your hardworking team; Melissa and Suzanne, Thank you so much.”*

*“Thank you a lot for all you have done for me. I looked at the situation differently. Thank you for your work, for your understanding and for with you I felt like a normal healthy person.”*

## **Employment/Disclosure**

*"If it was not for you believing this was possible and pointing me in the right direction....I don't know what I would be doing now!!"*

## **Wills, POA & Enduring Guardianship**

*"I think HALC is a very positive place for people who need proper information and guidance. They are very good at making me feel like we were a team and at no time did I feel wrong for my decision to seek their help."*

## **Debt**

*"Very pleased with your service and with your paralegal, Eileen. She is very friendly and welcoming and kind."*

## **Criminal**

*"Just to note my sincere gratitude for all the help given me. They were every generous of their time and the care they took of me"*

## **Superannuation/Insurance**

*"I was very impressed with the service I received. The solicitor was very nice and always explained things clearly to me"*



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION AND LAW REFORM

An important aspect of HALC's work is to empower people with HIV to understand their legal rights and obligations. Our commitment to the delivery of legal education and resources about HIV and the law helps to achieve this goal.

This year HALC was invited to present at 15 Community Legal Education sessions, including sessions for people with HIV, doctors and pharmacists, medical students and migration agents. This work included sessions in Newcastle and Brisbane as well as Sydney and surrounds.

HALC continues its long-standing relationship with the University of Sydney, delivering lectures on HIV and the law to medical students and students in the Masters of Public Health program.

As the only specialist HIV legal centre in Australia, HALC has an important role to play in advocating for law reform in areas that affect people with HIV. We have a two-pronged approach to law reform:

- 1) Strategic litigation – using an integrated approach of casework and policy/legal change to achieve an outcome for the individual client, and also prompt change to discriminatory or unjust laws and policies thus having a wider impact on people in similar circumstances in the future.
- 2) Submissions to Parliament advocating for law reform. For example, HALC has for many years been actively advocating for changes to NSW Public Health laws which affect people with HIV (see below).



The NSW *Public Health Act 2010* is undergoing its statutory review process and HALC has both individually and in partnership with other HIV sector organisations provided detailed written submissions addressing proposed amendments to the Act. This also included participating in a community forum organised by the Ministry of Health.

## Articles and resources

All HALC publications are available on our website, [www.halc.org.au](http://www.halc.org.au). During the period, HALC published articles in HIV Australia and in Users News, a publication by NUAA, an NGO advocating for people who use drugs.



HALC also drafted a guide to HIV and the law in Queensland, a guide to discrimination and blood borne viruses, and a guide to criminal law and HIV in all the States and territories. These resources are all currently undergoing focus group testing and review prior to final drafting and publication.

HALC revised and updated its Chapter on HIV and the law in the Law Handbook and provided an additional introductory health law section. HALC also prepared a chapter on HIV and the law for inclusion in the Lawyer's Practice Manual, and reviewed and contributed to the Australian Society for HIV Medicine's Contact Tracing Manual.

## Events and Awards

### *Honour Awards 2015*

HALC was thrilled to be one of the finalists in the Honour Awards this year, an annual event acknowledging outstanding service within the NSW lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community.



## *10 x 10 Philanthropy Event*

HALC was selected as one of three charities to present at a fundraising event organised by 10 x 10 Philanthropy. HALC participated in a live crowd-funding event for young professionals to donate to charities in a scalable and sustainable way. HALC raised over \$7,000 in donations on the night.



## *Risky Business – Perspectives of HIV in the legal landscape*

HALC was invited to present at a one day conference in Brisbane on HIV and the law, with a focus on the criminalisation of HIV transmission. The conference brought together legal, medical and community experts. HALC continues to be involved in a criminalisation of HIV transmission working group which is working towards producing a consensus statement bringing together the contemporary legal, scientific and medical evidence around transmission of HIV in Australia.



**RISKY BUSINESS?  
PERSPECTIVES OF HIV IN  
THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE**

**HIV AND THE LAW FORUM**  
Keynote speaker: Dr Ian Freckelton QC

**SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2016  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**VICTORIA PARK, HERSTON BRISBANE**

Sponsored by:

**HIV** FOUNDATION QUEENSLAND

Queensland Positive People

## *Fair Play*

HALC solicitor Suzanne co-ordinated a team of volunteers for the Fair Play programme, providing legal and safety information to partygoers at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival. The Fair Play team monitor police activity during the events and provide support for anyone who gets searched or questioned by police.

The Fair Play programme received a 2016 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Achievement Award.



## OUR WORKING MODEL: HALC'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

HIV still affects so many areas of people's lives. Our team of volunteers who are recent law graduates, law students, and volunteer solicitors all give their time to work alongside our team of 4 paid staff (co-principal solicitors, one combined coordinator/solicitor and a junior solicitor) to help people with HIV.

We deliver around 17,000 hours of legal support and act for around 1,000 people per year across a variety of areas. It goes without saying that HALC does what it does because of the amazing partnership we have with our team of volunteers.

Over the past year we have had the opportunity to run test cases in the High Court and the full court of the Federal Court, not to mention being instrumental in the change of discriminatory policies against HIV positive health care workers performing certain duties. But it's not only about the "big" matters...it is about those every day challenges that our clients face.

*"I have been a volunteer paralegal at HALC for three months. It didn't take long for me to realise that the legal system often stinks. The problem is a poor legal system has drastic effects on people's lives. ... At HALC we fight the odds every day and make sure no-one is left behind."* – Peter

Our volunteer program is not just about allowing us to assist twice as many people as we would otherwise be able to. The program is so much more; it is about an exchange between the centre and our volunteers, providing volunteers with a real opportunity to learn and grow as lawyers; they are the first point of contact and work directly with clients through the progression of their matters.

Amanda tells the story of how volunteering was an incredible experience which shaped her career and instilled a passion in her to help society's most vulnerable members.

*"The work undertaken had a profound impact on the course of my life as a solicitor... If I hadn't had the experiences I had at HALC, I highly doubt that I would have started on a path that allowed for me to engage in such meaningful work."*

Koko is an undergraduate student from UNSW and had been working as a volunteer paralegal at HALC for two months. He says:

*"I am excited about how much I can learn from the place and astounded with their work; where I come from, there is little or no legal support for people living with HIV."*

Chiraag was a volunteer paralegal with HALC for about 5 months; he recalls his experience at HALC:

*"I walked into the office on my first day expecting to work on niche little medical matters – how little I knew! Over my five months I worked on everything from migration to criminal matters, with splashes of insurance, privacy and estate planning thrown in. It was amazing how much I learned about the law and practicing it in my time there."*

Trent reports...

*"My PLT experience has been exciting, challenging, thought provoking, and rewarding on every level."*



At the end of the day however, it is about our clients. A recent volunteer recollects ...

*“During my last appointment with Natasha she turned, made a prayer gesture with her hands and bowed. She said ‘Thank you for helping me. No one has ever helped me’. But for me no thanks was needed the privilege was ours.” – Carole*

[At] *“HALC is not just about helping people with their legal issues, it’s about saving their lives” – Eileen, Volunteer Solicitor*

\* where needed, names of clients have been changed to respect and protect their confidentiality.





## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

HALC's service model is a holistic delivery of care. We operate in conjunction with allied services, including primary healthcare workers. Relationship building and maintenance is actively pursued with service providers, social workers, allied healthcare workers, and medical professionals, including by way of training delivery, in-service attendances and through informal connection.

HALC continues to work with organisations such as the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF), Positive Life Inc, Positive Heterosexuals, Hepatitis NSW, ACON, SWOP, NUAA and others to improve client services and community linkages. Work has also taken place over the period with NAPHWA, NSW Ministry of Health, Kirby Institute, Queensland Positive People, ASHM, UNAIDS and International AIDS Society.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### STAFF

Indraveer Chatterjee	<i>Principal Solicitor (resigned)</i>
Melissa Woodroffe	<i>Co-Principal Solicitor</i>
Alexandra Stratigos	<i>Co-Principal Solicitor</i>
Suzanne Castellas	<i>Coordinator/Solicitor</i>
Vikas Parwani	<i>Solicitor</i>

### VOLUNTEERS

Amy Griffiths	John Trinh
Anna Potter	Koko Aung
Arthurshen Jeyakumaran	Lauryn Petropoulos
Carole Hemmingway	Leslie Phung
Cassandra Bennett	Lisa Doyle
Chase Whitfield	Luke Richards
Chiara Angeloni	Mark Jongbloed
Chris Ge	Mark Klag
Daniel Jaszczuk	Matthew Barr
(Fiorentine) Dean Pefani	Michael Gvozddenovic
Eileen Sisavanh	Natalie Sztolcman
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Georgie Dodd	Sophie Swart
Hester Cavaciuti	Suzanne Ballard
Ida Nguyen	Trent House
Ida Nursoo	Yan Wan Gao
Jennifer Saouma	
Jeskirán Rekhraj	
Ji (Joyce) Li	

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gregory Gahl	<i>President</i>
Michael Frommer	<i>Secretary</i>
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Dale Schillinga	
Christopher Ward SC	
Indraveer Chatterjee	<i>Principal Solicitor (resigned)</i>
Alexandra Stratigos	<i>Co-Principal Solicitor</i>
Melissa Woodroffe	<i>Co-Principal Solicitor</i>
Suzanne Castellas	<i>Coordinator/Solicitor</i>

## PRO BONO PARTNERSHIPS

We gratefully acknowledge the support provided by our partners who in addition to providing professional advice, have also assisted with providing us with access to their graphic design expertise, and providing venues for HALC events.

1. Mark Procajlo and Sarah Johnson at Kemp Strang Lawyers
2. ACON Health Ltd and its staff for their ongoing support and assistance
3. The probono team at DLA Piper

## **BARRISTERS AND PRO BONO SOLICITORS**

We gratefully acknowledge the significant support, advice and expertise contributed by barristers and solicitors in private practice. This includes providing pro bono representation for clients in complex litigation.

Mr David Abrey	Ms Georgia Huxley
Dr Chris Birch, SC	Mr Cameron Jackson
Mr David Buchanan, SC	Ms Patricia Lowson
Mr Peter Callaghan, SC	Mr Mark McDiarmid
Ms Lisa D'Ambra	Mr Kerry Murphy
Ms Peggy Dwyer	Ms Penny Purcell
Ms Kate Eastman	Mr Mark Robinson, SC
Mr Tim Game SC	Mr Lachlan Robison
Mr Charles Gregory	Dr Chris Ward SC
Mr Scott Holmes	Mr Stephen Walsh

# HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated

(an incorporated association)

ABN 39 045 530 926

## Financial Report 30 June 2016

## Association Information

HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated

<b>Responsible Entities</b>	G Gahl	President
	S Castellás	
	M Frommer	Secretary
	D Schilling	
	K Stefanova	
	A Stratigos	
	K Sullivan	Treasurer
	C Ward	
	M Woodroffe	
<b>Public Officer</b>	Gregory Gahl	Public Officer
<b>Registered Office and Principal Place of Business</b>	414 Elizabeth Street Surry Hills NSW 2011	
<b>Auditors</b>	Steven J Miller & Co Chartered Accountants	

## Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2016  
HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue	4	367,830	313,201
Other income	4	99,402	119,977
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration expenses		(82,817)	(69,304)
Employee benefits expense		(344,499)	(301,261)
Depreciation expenses		(1,655)	(1,926)
Office overheads		(6,333)	(5,119)
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>		<u>31,928</u>	<u>55,568</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity</b>		<u>31,928</u>	<u>55,568</u>

The above statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Financial Position

for the year ended 30 June 2016  
HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	212,159	193,862
Trade and other receivables	6	200	1,620
Other assets	7	-	770
Total current assets		212,359	196,252
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Plant and equipment	8	5,066	5,051
Total non-current assets		5,066	5,051
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		217,425	201,303
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	9	21,400	24,160
Provisions	10	44,317	46,690
Total current liabilities		65,717	70,850
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions	10	14,300	24,973
Total non-current liabilities		14,300	24,973
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		80,017	95,823
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		137,408	105,480
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds		137,408	105,480

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.





## Independent Audit Report

To the members of the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated

### Report on the financial report

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016 and the statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory notes and responsible entities' declaration.

### *Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the financial report*

The responsible entities of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. In note 1, the responsible entities also state, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that, compliance with the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

### *Auditor's responsibility*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I 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 judgement, 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 association'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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the responsible entities, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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## Independent Audit Report

To the members of the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated

In my opinion the financial report of HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2012*.



**STEVEN J MILLER & CO**  
Chartered Accountants



**S J MILLER**  
Registered Company  
Auditor No 4286

Sydney

Dated 25, 10, 16



