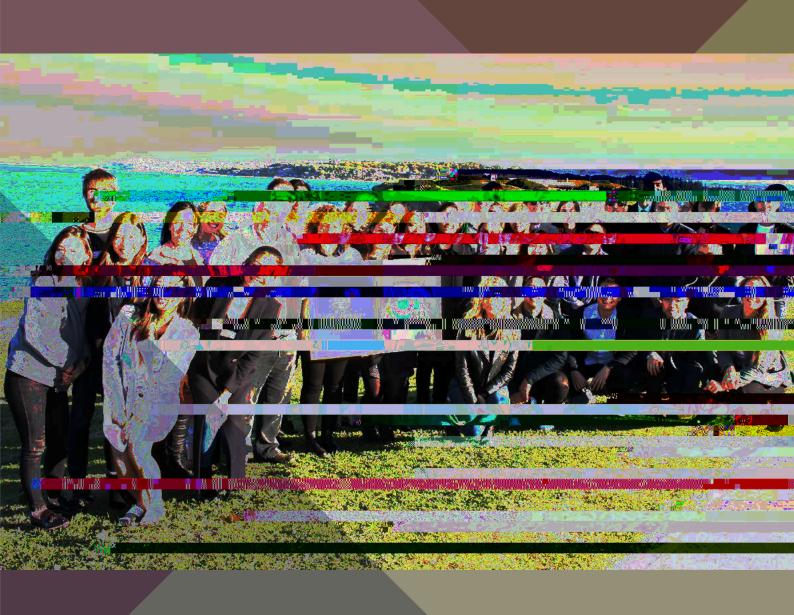
# Kingsford Legal Centre





Kingsford Legal Centre is a community legal centre providing free legal advice, casework, law reform and community legal education to people who live, work or study in the Randwick City Council and the Port Botany and Mascot Wards of Bayside Council (ex-Botany Council). We specialise in discrimination law and provide advice New South Wales wide on discrimination problems. KLC is a part of UNSW Sydney Law Faculty and provides clinical legal education to its students.

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Kingsford Legal Centre acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans, the traditional custodians of the Sydney Coast. We pay respect to those Elders, past and present and thank them for allowing us to work and study on their lands.

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#### KINGSFORD LEGAL CENTRE MISSION STATEMENT

Kingsford Legal Centre is committed to social justice and to promoting access to, and reform of, the legal system.

We aim to provide quality legal services to the community and to promote excellence in clinical legal education whilst fostering a critical analysis of the justice system.









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### Dean's Foreword

2017 was a very busy and productive one for Kingsford Legal Centre and UNSW Law Faculty in general as we strive towards the delivery of the University's 2025 strategy. This has meant a year of change as well as growth which has seen our faculty continue to rate very favourably in all international ratings.

The unique opportunity that every law student at UNSW enjoys, is participating in at least one clinical component at KLC over the course of their studies. All students do this through Lawyers, Ethics and Justice and in addition they have the option of studying at the Centre for 2 full days a week in a Community or Employment Law Course when they are nearing the end of their studies.

Students' experience of clinical legal education at KLC continues to be very positive, as evidenced by their comments throughout this report.

The breadth and range of community legal education and law reform work(m )0.7t 1s.001Tmy ofoT\*il eds]TJ oughout 5(, iss (y of)-117 ( )

### Director's Report

2017 was a very hectic and tumultuous year for Kingsford Legal Centre and the community legal sector generally, but also an exciting and productive one.

The first half of the year was dominated with funding uncertainty which was very unsettling and can have a negative impact on our ability to continue to provide service to our community members and our students. I think, however, that KLC weathered the storm admirably and that is in no small part due to the incredible support we received from all of our stakeholders.

In 2017 KLC achieved a NSW award from the Australian College of Educators. The award is for Social Justice and Community Service and recognises the work of KLC, which links the University and its law students with social justice work. Further, KLC Office Manager Denise Wasley received an Australia Day Community Service Award for her outstanding service to the community of the City of Randwick. This award reflects KLC's commitment to delivering a community development model of service to our clients and our focus on our large housing estate community.

We remained prolific in law reform in 2017. One of the achievements that I think I am most proud of is the work Law Reform Solicitor Maria Nawaz and I undertook, in partnership with the Human Rights Law Centre, to

# Aims And Objectives Of Kingsford Legal Centre



### Ability/Disability, How do we Incorporate Teaching about this in our Clinics?

KLC Director Anna Cody presented a paper at the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference in early July. In the paper Anna presented findings about how disability issues are taught within the curriculum of a clinic in Mexico as well as clinics at UNSW Sydney. She explored concepts of ability/disability and the social and medical understandings of these concepts. Anna led the group in exploring the most effective means for teaching issues within a clinical setting. Anna asked the central question, how do we as clinicians ensure we don't maintain stereotypes or prejudice in our teaching.

#### Australian College of Educators (ACE) Award

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#### Global Alliance For Justice Education (GAJE) Conference

GAJE is a global alliance of educators committed to achieving justice through education. Every 2 years GAJE hosts an international conference with delegates at each conference representing every region of the world. These conferences are aimed at promoting the exchange of information and experience among people involved in justice education around the world. KLC Director Anna Cody was the lead on the conference organising committee this year with the Conference being held in Mexico in December. KLC also took the lead on the Fee Waiver/Grant Committee for the conference.

Anna Cody and KLC Principal Solicitor Dianne Anagnos both presented papers at the conference as well as being facilitators in the Train the Trainers part of the Conference.

#### **Indigenous Access Initiatives**

During 2017 KLC continued to make a significant contribution to the Law Faculty's commitment to increasing the numbers of Indigenous students studying law. KLC is an active participant in the Indigenous Legal Education and Research Committee.

### Classes on Working with Indigenous Clients and Communities

The seminar program for students includes a class on working with Indigenous clients and communities in order to provide greater insight and skills for students.

### Winter School Program for Indigenous High School Students

KLC hosted Indigenous high school students during the Winter School program involving Year 10, 11 and 12 students. The students came to the Centre to learn a bit more about the law and what happens at law school. They enjoyed meeting other students and staff as well as debating real life legal problems and deciding what they should do.

#### Indigenous Pre-Law Visits

KLC hosted a visit by pre-law Indigenous students organised by the Nura Gili Centre. The Nura Gili Centre is key to improving Indigenous access to, and retention in, tertiary studies in the University. The students came from around Australia and were mostly school leavers. The Faculty of Law pre-law program is a well-developed program with an introduction to various areas of law and excursions to expose students to a wide variety of University activities.

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CASEWORK –	
Open at period start	60
New cases opened in period	78
Total cases open during period	138

### Legal Tasks

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander / Disability / Main Language Spoken at Home Not English / Interpreter Used



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander % of clients identifying as Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait

Islander

Disability
% of clients with a disability

Main Language Spoken at Home Not English % of clients

% of clients

### Non-Casework Projects - Opened In 2017



# Advice and Casework

Each week KLC offers over 35 daytime and evening appointments for clients at our Centre and at our outreaches. We also see clients who have GLI; FXOW\ DWWHQGLQJ WKH &HQWUH E\ YLVLWLQJ WKHP LQ their home, in hospital, nursing homes or in jail.

In 2017 we:

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paid compensation and the business agreeing to run training about sexual harassment in the workplace for all staff and management. Our client was very pleased with the result – he was an extremely vulnerable, low income earner and would not have been able to make a formal complaint against his ex-employer without KLC's help.

# Generalist Law Practice

### Great Outcome in Victims Compensation Reassessment- 5 Years Later

KLC has continued to be actively involved in raising awareness of the inadequacy of the NSW Victims Compensation scheme. This inadequacy is highlighted by Frieda's (not her real name) case. Frieda first came to KLC over 5 years ago. She needed help to apply for victims compensation after surviving repeated child sexual assaults by a family member. KLC helped Frieda to apply, and made detailed legal submissions for compensation. Unfortunately, the victims compensation scheme changed while we were still waiting for a determination of her application, and she only received \$10,000 under the new, less-generous regime. This was devastating for Frieda, who was still receiving regular treatment and counselling as a result of the assaults. KLC once again helped her when Victims Services announced the re-assessment scheme for victims who had lodged applications prior to the legislative amendments. The new determination took another year to finalise, but this time Frieda received a much better result, with an additional \$35,000 being awarded to her. Although this amount still does not go far enough to compensate her, it will go some way towards helping her to achieve some financial stability for her family. It was a long time coming, but we are relieved that Frieda has finally received some recognition for the injuries and trauma she suffered and survived.

#### Victims Compensation Claim

Kym (not her real name) was the victim of severe domestic 2vices

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### Outreaches

Outreach clinics are an important part of KLC's service delivery to our clients. The location of our outreach clinics is informed by our Legal Needs Assessment of our catchment, requests by community organisations and workers, and our resources. The success of our outreaches is in large part due to the strong partnerships KLC has with local community organisations. We are very grateful for the warmth and generosity of all our outreach partners.

#### Long Bay Correctional Centre Outreach

This outreach clinic helps inmates at Long Bay Prison. KLC responds to requests from prison welfare workers or prisoners directly. Prisoners who contact KLC by telephone are immediately put through to a solicitor for assistance and we regularly arrange legal visits to provide advice. We also regularly attend pre-release information sessions at the prison to help prisoners deal with their legal issues as they face release

#### Yarra Bay Outreach

Our Yarra Bay outreach is staffed by our Aboriginal Access Worker and is aimed at the local Aboriginal community. It is a fortnightly (during school terms) drop-in clinic situated in the La Perouse Community Health Centre at Yarra Bay. The emphasis of this clinic is developing relationships with our community and working with them on community legal education and law reform issues, as well as providing advice on legal problems.

Outreach	Clients Targeted
South East Community Connect	People who live in (ex-)Botany LGA
Kooloora Community Centre	Social housing tenants in the South Ward of Randwick LGA
Long Bay Correctional Centre	Civil matters of inmates of Long Bay Correctional Centre
Yarra Bay	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients

#### South East Community Connect Outreach (ex-South East Neighbourhood Centre)

Our SECC outreach operates to provide access to clients from the Port Botany and Mascot Wards of Bayside Council (ex-Botany Local Government) areas. It is a popular clinic with three appointments every second Wednesday throughout the year.

#### Kooloora Community Centre Outreach

KLC's advice outreach clinic at Kooloora sees clients from the five major housing estates in the South Ward of Randwick City Council. This clinic is a fortnightly drop-in clinic which operates during school terms. It's a very successful clinic, with very disadvantaged clients attending who have multiple and complex issues.

<sup>`</sup>Herbert Smith Freehills Secondee Olivia Kelly (centre) with SECC workers

# **Employment Clinic Report**

2017 was another busy year for the Employment Clinic. Employment is the largest single area of advice for KLC and this work informs the Centre's law reform submissions and community legal education programs. Tess Deegan was our Employment solicitor until September when she went on leave. Fiona Duane took over the clinic for the balance of the year. Below is a breakdown of the clinic's service delivery for 2017:-

Problem Type	No. of advices	No. of Legal Tasks	No. of Other Representations
Employment Other (not unfair dismissal or conditions/entitlements)	135	9	2
Employment conditions/ entitlements	142	7	4
Employment unfair dismissal	87	5	7

#### **Employment Law for School Kids**

On 13 September, KLC students Bernie Lai and Yiwen Gao gave a presentation on workplace rights to Year 10 students at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College (OLSH), Kensington. The OLSH students learned about workplace issues including minimum wage, sexual harassment, discrimination and workplace safety. This workshop is a really useful one for high school students who are often unaware of their rights in the workplace and we are always happy to present on

### Secondees Report

Since 1992 Herbert Smith Freehills has provided KLC with secondee solicitors, on a six month rotation basis. This is an extraordinary pro bono commitment which greatly enhances KLC's capacity to provide advice and casework to disadvantaged members of our community. Secondee solicitors take on a caseload, attend the South Eastern Connect Community Centre outreach as well as doing many home, hospital and prison visits. These solicitors participate in all parts of KLC's service including teaching law students, delivering community legal education sessions and attending community events.

#### Advice and Casework

In 2017 Herbert Smith Freehills secondees gave 160 advices, worked on 37 legal tasks and opened 11 new casework files. They provided advice across a broad range of matters, including debt, victims compensation, consumer complaints and domestic violence.

#### **Unfair Debt**

Our client, Fatma (not her real name), received Centrelink payments as her only income and owed just over \$1,000 in overdue utility bills. She was overwhelmed by other unexpected expenses and medical problems and fell behind in these bills. She heard about a company that helps people negotiate with creditors, and entered into an agreement with the company as she was desperate for a resolution to the debts. The company did not clearly explain to Fatma that it was going to charge her almost twice the amount she owed to the creditors in order to represent her in the negotiations. When Fatma refused to pay this amount, the company served her with a Statement of Claim, even though they had not done any work for her. KLC secondee solicitor Olivia Kelly assisted Fatma by reviewing her documentation and drafting her Statement of Defence for the Local Court. This resulted in the company withdrawing its claim against Fatma and not pursuing the debt. Olivia was also able to assist

#### Community Legal Education

#### Secondee Experience of KLC

Rafe Andews, Herbert Smith Freehills secondee in 2017, writes of his KLC experience:-

Working as a secondee at Kingsford Legal Centre is rich, varied and rewarding; my 6 months there felt like a professional growth spurt.

, DGYLVHG FOLHQWV UDQ ¿OHV ZURWH DGYLFHV DQG OHWWHUV appeared before a Tribunal, and negotiated with a range of parties including government departments, opposing lawyers, companies, police and prosecutors. I coordinated with social workers, chased debt collectors, and visited clients in prison. I learned to manage students as junior lawyers, taught a class, supervised a student to appear in court, and went out in the community to explain the law and

This responsibility and trust placed in me came matched with support and expertise. It was much easier to practise thinking on my feet and using my judgment when I always knew who I could turn to for help and advice. And that

spread the word about the services KLC offers.

wasn't just for me as a secondee: KLC is comprehensively collaborative, generous, and pragmatic.

I also ran some of the Centre's advice nights, where members of the community come in for short appointments with volunteer solicitors. I met and worked with lawyers from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines, from VROH SUDFWLWLRQHUV WR ODZ\HUV government, public interest, and in-house. I saw and learned all manner of approaches to practice, based on their enormous and diverse experience.

`Rafe Andrews

I learned about legal strategy, but also about the discipline required to break down a problem and to explain it to clients. Those problems were rarely exclusively legal ones, and navigating interpersonal and mental health issues ZDV VRPHWLPHV GLI; FXOW VRPHWL eye-opening.

People come to Kingsford Legal Centre for help. It was humbling and moving to be able to help them, supported by smart lawyers and good people, using the skills and knowledge I've been developing. In turn, it has made me a PRUH UHVSRQVLYH DQG FRQ;GHQW ODZ LQ ELJ DQG VPDOO ODZ;UPV

I cannot express how grateful I am to every person at KLC and Herbert Smith Freehills who gave me this opportunity.

### Aboriginal Access Project

#### Service Provision

In 2017 6.4% of KLC's clients identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

#### Yarra Bay Outreach

KLC's outreach service to the Aboriginal community continues every second Wednesday afternoon at La Perouse Aboriginal Community Health Centre. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members are free to drop in to the centre to have a yarn with our Aboriginal Access Worker about their legal problems, with no need to book an appointment. The main focus of the outreach is to consult with the community and establish and maintain positive relationships with them. KLC promotes the service via letterbox drops, regular table updates on the KLC website, via social media platforms and by posters at various local community organisations.

### Community Liaison

#### Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG)

The AAG continued to be a valuable and supportive group to KLC's Aboriginal Access Worker. The AAG consistently provides input to the Aboriginal Access Worker on AAP work. KLC is very grateful for their generous commitment to our centre. Members of the AAG in 2017 were: Ron Timbery, Emma Langton, John Leha, Brendon Lindley, Robyn Murphy, Sharron Smith and Keith Ball.

#### Law Reform

Submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission's Indigenous Incarceration Rates

### KLC advocates for human rights at UN in Geneva

KLC was in Geneva in October to attend the UN Human Rights Committee's review of Australia for its compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. KLC and the Human Rights Law Centre led the NGO delegation. The delegation was diverse with representation from Indigenous People's Organisation Australia, Disabled People's Organisations Australia, Refugee Council of Australia and Remedy. We briefed the UN Human Rights Committee and advocated for them to raise key human rights concerns with the Australian government. The review itself was thorough and Australia was challenged in particular for its stance on refugees and offshore detention, as well as its poor progress on Indigenous rights. They also were concerned about high rates of violence against women, particularly Indigenous women, and women and girls with disability. KLC also had an article in The Conversation - With a seat on the UN Human Rights Council, Australia must fix its record on Indigenous rights.

#### Clinical Legal Education

"As a young Aboriginal woman, and prospective lawyer, the KLC experience has reinforced my commitment to participate in justice initiatives, especially in those aimed at improving access to justice for my mob. If I am not involved in these initiatives directly, i.e. as a permanent CLC or ALS solicitor, the number of volunteer lawyers on the advice night demonstrated to me that I will always have an ability to find time in my work schedule to dedicate to pro bono schemes. At various points throughout the night, I could not help but feel proud to be part of the valuable service that KLC provides to those within our community, especially when so often my family have sat on the other side of the table."

The seminar 'Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and communities' was delivered to students twice in 2017. Students also attended the Yarra Outreach as well as working on community events, and law reform and policy projects. Students work closely with the AAW on all aspects of their work, including attending the Yarra Outreach, law reform and community legal education projects.

### Community Legal Education

Community Legal Education (CLE) is a key part of Kingsford Legal Centre's service delivery program. It is informed by our advice and casework clinics as well as our community development work. KLC runs an extensive program both proactive and reactive to community requests. KLC's general CLE program is coordinated by Solicitors and Clinical Supervisors Natalie Ross and Dianne Anagnos. In 2017 KLC's CLE program held 19 workshops and events.

#### **Community Workers Series**

KLC has continued its regular community workshop series. This series presents plain English law seminars to local community workers. Some of the topics covered in 2017 were:-

- Legal Basics
- `Amendments to AVO and domestic violence laws
- ` Debt issues
- Compensation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.
- National Disability Insurance Scheme

#### **CLE** by Request

KLC also runs an extensive 'By Request' CLE program for our local community. Highlights of the program in 2017 include a South Eastern Community Connect (SECC) Community Information Session for relatives of people with dementia about guardianship

#### Family Law/Domestic Violence CLE

In 2017, KLC held the following CLE as part of our Family Law/Domestic Violence CLE program:-

- `Guest Speaker Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Network on 'Non-Consensual Sharing of Intimate Images'
- Seminar on 'Victims Compensation & Domestic Violence for Sexual Assault Survivors' community workers series
- Seminar on 'Domestic Violence Update' community workers series

#### Other CLE Work in 2017

KLC has done a number of workshops and seminars for high school students in 2017, including:-

- Matraville High on Law Reform
- Year 10 students at OLSH Kensington about their employment rights.
- Year 10 and 11 students at Matraville Sports High School about the legal issues facing newly arrived migrants and refugees.

<sup>`</sup>KLC students Wendy Tran and Basim Zaidi and KLC Solicitor Dianne Anagnos

#### Tenancy Training for our Volunteers

KLC held a training (followed by drinks!) session which focused on tenancy law issues – an issue which we have seen coming up a lot in advice nights. The session was led by Mark West, from the specialist Eastern Area Tenants Service and a former CTTT (now NCAT) member, Charlotte Steer, who teaches Housing Law at UNSW Sydney. The training was well attended and informative – big thanks to Mark and Charlotte for generously sharing their time and knowledge.

#### International Students and Online Scams

KLC solicitors noticed that a number of international students were falling victim to online scams. So in September we wrote a short article for Student Development International to include in their international students newsletter. The content of the article focused on scams and online shopping, providing students with information on identifying potential scams, protecting themselves from scams and what students should do if they believe they have been scammed.

<sup>`</sup>KLC Solicitor Natalie Ross

# Law Reform And Policy

KLC has a dedicated Law Reform and Policy Solicitor position coordinating our proactive and reactive law reform and policy projects, which aim to address systemic injustice and improve the lives of our disadvantaged clients. Our law reform projects are informed by the advice and casework of the Centre and all members of staff participate in this area of our service. Maria Nawaz was KLC's Law Reform Solicitor in 2017. All KLC law reform submissions are available on our website.

#### Major Law Reform Projects in 2017

Australian Law Reform Commission's Indigenous Incarceration Rates Inquiry

KLC made a submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission's Indigenous Incarceration rates Inquiry. In our submission, we raised issues including high incarceration rates, police accountability, mandatory sentencing, issues faced by female offenders, and availability of diversionary programs. We raised human rights concerns, including

#### Other Law Reform Highlights in 2017

KLC engaged in other law reform activities which aimed to address systemic injustice:

#### Fund Equal Justice Campaign

KLC joined other CLCs and peak bodies CLCNSW and NACLC in a successful campaign to reverse the federal 30% funding cuts to CLCs.

Marriage Equality Campaign

KLC partnered with Inner City Legal Centre, the UNSW ALLY Network and our Law Faculty colleagues to promote the participation of UNSW Sydney students in the postal survey on marriage equality. In particular we targeted students who hadn't yet enrolled with AEC, urging them to sign up and have their voices heard. We also assisted students who were already enrolled to check that the AEC had their correct address. Stalls were held in the Law Faculty and outside the main library, over a week, and attracted lots of students who were very engaged in the issue.

#### Submissions

- Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women's Country visit to Australia.
- Submission to the review of the Offence of Serious Vilification in NSW.
- Submission to the NSW government's Justice for everyday problems: Civil Justice in NSW discussion paper.
- Submission to NSW Parliament General Standing Committee No 3 Inquiry into the provision of education to students with a disability or special needs in government and non-government schools in New South Wales.

- Submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission
  Disability Discrimination Commissioner's Shaping our future
   discussions on disability rights consultation.
- Submission to Inquiry into Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
- Preliminary Submission to Australian Law Reform
   Commission's Inquiry into Indigenous Incarceration Rates
- Response to the Justice Project Issues Paper on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- Response to the Justice Project Issues Paper on People with a Disability
- Submission to the NSW Department of Justice Consultation on the civil litigation reforms of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

#### **Committees and Alliances**

KLC has also advocated for improvements to access to justice through participating in a number of committees and alliances:

- `Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Network
- ` CLC NSW Board
- ` CLC NSW Employment Law Network
- ` NACLC Employment Law Network
- ` CLC NSW Law Reform & Policy Network
- CLC NSW Domestic Violence and Victims Compensation subcommittee co-convenor
- NACLC Human Rights Network co-convenor
- NLAF Prisoners Group
- ` Just Reinvest NSW
- Legal Aid Board CLC Representative
- NACLC Board NSW Representative
- NCAT Administrative and Equal Opportunity Division Consultative Forum
- NCAT Liaison Group CLC NSW Representative
- `Law Society of NSW Human Rights Committee
- Young Lawyers NSW Human Rights Committee Chair

### Communications

In 2017 Social/Digital Media expert Amelia Boyd-Olsen continued working at KLC until November to boost KLC's presence in this arena. This has proved very effective in expanding the reach of KLC's message to different stakeholders.

#### Kingsford Legal Centre E-Bulletin

The E-Bulletin is a monthly publication which outlines the work of the centre, including casework, community legal education and law reform. It is also an opportunity for the Centre to publicise events and to celebrate achievements of staff, students and volunteers. The e-Bulletin has around 600 subscribers. In 2017 KLC produced 10 editions of the E-Bulletin

#### Community Newsletters

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#### Research Publications

Australian Clinical Legal Education – Designing and Operating a Best Practice Clinical Program in an Australian Law School – ANU Press

KLC Director Associate Professor Anna Cody, along with some of Australia's leading clinical legal education academics

– Adrian Evans, Anna Copeland, Jeff Giddings, Peter Joy, Mary Anne Noone and Simon Rice – are proud to announce the publication of the above book. It is the culmination of many years of research. The book sets out in detail the

many complex issues associated with developing law students' public-interested professionalism in an Australian context. It also offers very practical guidance on how to construct and operate a best practice clinical program. The book is available to purchase in hard copy or free download at: http://press.anu.edu. au/publications/australian-clinical-legal-education

#### Award Nominations & Successes

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Unsung Hero - KLC Volunteer Mike Steinfeld

KLC was very proud to see the Rotary Club of Maroubra honour KLC volunteer of well over 30 years, Mike Steinfeld, at their event in early November. The Rotary Club event is to honour those community heroes who quietly give back to their community – and Mike is certainly one of those!. Mike is a part of KLC DNA and we all admire and respect him so were gratified to see him honoured by Rotary. We were also very grateful to receive a very generous donation of \$300 from them. Thanks Rotary Club of Maroubra and of course, thanks Mikey!!

#### In the Media:-

Anna Cody was interviewed on Victims Compensation by the ABC – the online article is at:- http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-06-16/victims-of-crime-in-nsw-push-government-for-more-compensation/8621910

Anna was interviewed on the following radio programs to discuss the ICCPR recommendations:

- UN Human Rights Committee criticises Australia's offshore detention policy, ABC News Radio http://radio.abc.net.au/programitem/pgE6gyNDx7?play=true
- `UN's report card on Australia's human rights, ABC Melbourne, Drive program http://www.abc.net.au/.../melbou.../programs/drive/drive/9118438
- `UN slams Australian human rights, Radio Adelaide http://radioadelaide.org.au/2017/11/14/un-slams-australianhuman-rights/

KLC also had articles in The Conversation:

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### Management Committee

Kingsford Legal Centre appreciates the contribution made by our Management Committee members during 2017. The committee met three times during the year: in March, June and October and provided valuable direction on several issues arising throughout the year. Thank you to Professor Jill Hunter for chairing the committee and to the committee members: Professor George Williams, Dean Faculty of Law (UNSW), Sean Brennan (UNSW Law School), Fei Wong, (UNSW Law School), Anne Cregan (Gilbert & Tobin) and Janet Green (Junction Neighbourhood Centre). KLC staff welcomes the Management Committee's commitment and support of the Centre and looks forward to working closely with its members again in 2018.

<sup>`</sup>KLC Management Committee Members (I-r): Professor George Williams (Dean), Professor Jill Hunter (Chair); Associate Professor Anna Cody (Director); Anne Cregan; Associate Professor Sean Brennan (absent – Fei Wong, Janet Green)

# Working With Our Community

#### **Management Committees**

A number of KLC staff were on local community management committees in 2017 including:- South East Community Connect (SECC), Deli Women and Children's Centre and the Eastern Area Tenancy Service (EATS). These cement KLC's relationships with these key community organisations and ensures that we are up to date on issues affecting these services' clients.

#### **Public Housing Tenants Groups**

In 2017 KLC attended meetings of the Bilga Tenants Group and the South Maroubra Tenants Action Group. Both groups are very well run and extremely effective in advocating on

#### **ASPIRE Expert Panel**

ASPIRE is a UNSW Sydney award-winning outreach program working in communities where the number of students who go on to university is low. In August KLC solicitor, Anita Will, sat on a 'panel of experts' for ASPIRE's Career Scene Investigation event catered to around 40 students from Birrong Girls' and Birrong Boys' High Schools. Anita shared with the students about her journey to becoming a lawyer with the aim of providing some insight to students who may be considering studying law at university.

#### Marriage Equality

KLC partnered with Ally and ICLC to run stalls on campus encouraging students to sign up to vote and if already enrolled, to check that AEC had their correct address. The stalls were very successful and many students took the opportunity to enrol. Social media around this was also very successful, particularly on twitter.

#### Family Fun Day

The sun was shining on Memorial Park in Matraville on

### Volunteers

During 2017 Kingsford Legal Centre boasted a roster of over 70 volunteer solicitors who provide advice at the Centre three evenings a week. Without their commitment and professionalism KLC could only service a fraction of the clients that we currently do. They are the heart and soul of KLC and we are very grateful for their generosity to our clients and students. We look forward to working with them in 2018. Congratulations are due to our 2017 paddle winner Fiona Duane (ex-volunteer now staff member) for the "Ultimate State of Zen" Award, for not losing her cool when a client asked her if she was volunteering as a requirement of a community service order.

Kingsford Legal Centre Volunteers 2017

Aaron McKinnon
Alan Segal
Alex Ying
Alexandra George
Alice Paul

Allison Lenard
Anna Harley
Anna Kerr
Arturo Norbury
Ben Malone

Cherlyn Chia
Christa Ludlow

Daniela Hartman

Danielle Mawer Danuzia Pontes

Dave McMillan
David Chen
Deborah Lum
Eliza Sarlos
Erin Gavin
Fiona Robson

Gina Block Graeme Ulbrick Helen Sims Hetti Blackburn

Isobel McGarity
Ivy Tseng
Jeane Wells
Jenna Pervan

Jessica Hall

Jo Ong

Joe Kennedy
John Nash
John Rappell
Judit Albecz
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