

Annual Report

2016/17



Thank you for your generous support for Law Access!



Photo above: Pro bono lawyers, law students and supporters taking part in the Law Access Walk for Justice on 16 May 2017.

Photo on cover: Bell Tower photo before the Inaugural Walk: L-R Katrina Williams, Principal Lawyer, Law Access; Michael Cole Executive Director, College of Law; The Hon. Justice Richard O'Brien of the Family Court of Western Australia; Matthew Howard SC, President of the Western Australian Bar Association; The Hon. Robert French AC; Alain Musikanth, President of the Law Society of Western Australia; Chief Judge Kevin Sleight of the District Court of Western Australia; The Hon John Quigley LLB JP MLA Attorney General; The Hon. Jennifer Smith Acting President of the Western Australian industrial Relations Commission; The Hon. Wayne Martin AC, Chief Justice of Western Australia; Genevieve Cleary, President of the Criminal Lawyers' Association of Western Australia; Professor Doug Hodgson, University of Notre Dame Australia Law School; William Sloan, Vice President of the Family Law Practitioners of Western Australia; Associate Professor Natalie Skead Dean and Head of School, UWA Law School; Paula Wilkinson, Director, Law Access; Adam Ebell, Chairperson, Law Access; Matt Keogh MP, Director of Law Access (partially obscured); Assel Dawood, UWA Law Student volunteer; Professor John Cordery, Provost, Curtin University.

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About Law Access

Law Access Limited (known as Law Access) triages applications for pro bono assistance by conducting a means and merit assessment and matches meritorious applicants with pro bono lawyers.

Law Access advises unsuccessful applicants as to why their matter is not able to be referred, thereby hopefully preventing unnecessary legal costs for the applicant and Courts where an applicant may otherwise pursue an unmeritorious matter.

Law Access is a company limited by guarantee and a public benevolent institution registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. Law Access Limited was established in December 2014 to implement the recommendations of a Lotterywest funded feasibility study Doing The Public Good by Kalico Consulting.

Law Access Limited commenced delivering the Law Access Pro Bono Referral Service, formerly delivered by the Law Society of Western Australia from 1 July 2015.

“ Law Access has been a game changer in the pro bono scene for Western Australia. We now have a dedicated clearing house that can professionally screen and allocate pro bono matters in an efficient and sensitive manner. This frees up pro bono coordinators like myself to do the real essential pro bono work. In addition, Law Access also provides a pro-active hub for all matters pro bono – including educational resources and advocacy. It’s great to know that with Law Access we are now closer to ensuring that all have the opportunity to access the legal system.”

Adam Levine, Partner K & L Gates, Member of Law Access Stakeholder advisory committee and Law Access Pro bono coordinators Committee.



Left to right: Micah Kickett; Professor Techera; Charmaine Roughley; Elma Alton-Prat; Genevieve Teo; Associate Professor Aviva Freilich.



2017 Law Access Walk for Justice prizewinners

Left to right: Adam Ebell, Chairperson Law Access, The Hon. Jennifer Smith, top individual fundraiser, Zemyna Kuliukas, President of top university team Curtin Student Law Society, The Hon. John Quigley LLB JP MLA Attorney General, Whitney Corfield, top individual student fundraiser, Catherine Berbatis of MinterEllison, top fundraising team trophy.

Report from the Chairperson

In the 2016/17 financial year Law Access continued to deliver on our mission of relieving disadvantage through pro bono legal assistance.

We adopted a 3 year Strategic Plan developed by the Board in consultation with our sole member and our stakeholders. Kalico Consulting provided in kind support for this process. The plan which guides our work is on the Law Access website under the publications section on the “About Law Access” section.

Our service has been described by Peter Lochore a barrister accepting our pro bono referrals for us as a “Catalysing Agent for Change”.

This year we have worked hard to catalyse change through:

- Reaching out to community organisations assisting vulnerable people to maximize awareness of our service and increase the numbers of appropriate referrals we receive;
- Refining our triage, assessment and referral process with

the assistance of our stakeholders;

- Undertaking collaborative service planning with legal assistance providers to identify areas of unmet legal need;
- Fostering research to develop the evidence base for pro bono and legal assistance service delivery;
- Referring matters with public interest which will benefit a broader class of people;
- Recruiting more pro bono lawyers, and;
- Recognising the contribution of pro bono lawyers.

Schedule 3 of our Constitution containing the Gift Fund rules was amended by our sole member on 27 June 2016 to align with the more streamlined reporting requirements required of public benevolent institutions. Our amended constitution is on the website and on the ACNC portal.

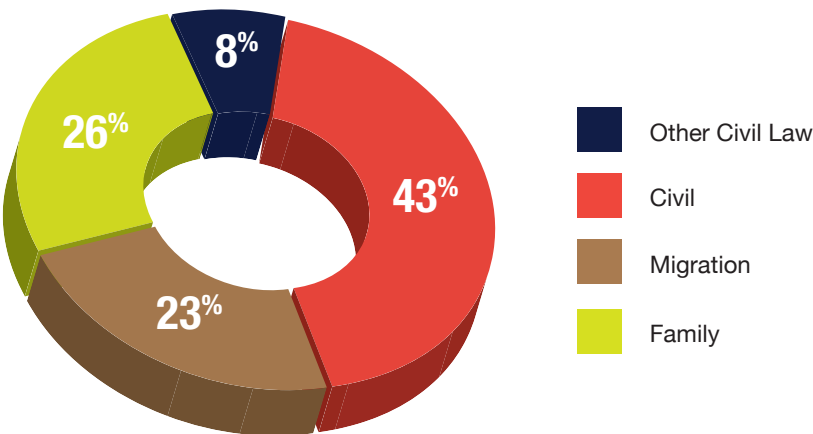
Adam Ebell
Chair

8 December 2017

Law Access statistics

Applications by matter type for FY 2016/17

The table below shows that Family Law and Migration Law were the matter types with the highest numbers of applications.



526
applications*
means tested and
merit assessed



284
applicants
were advised why their
matter had no merit



155
matters placed
applicants matched
with lawyers



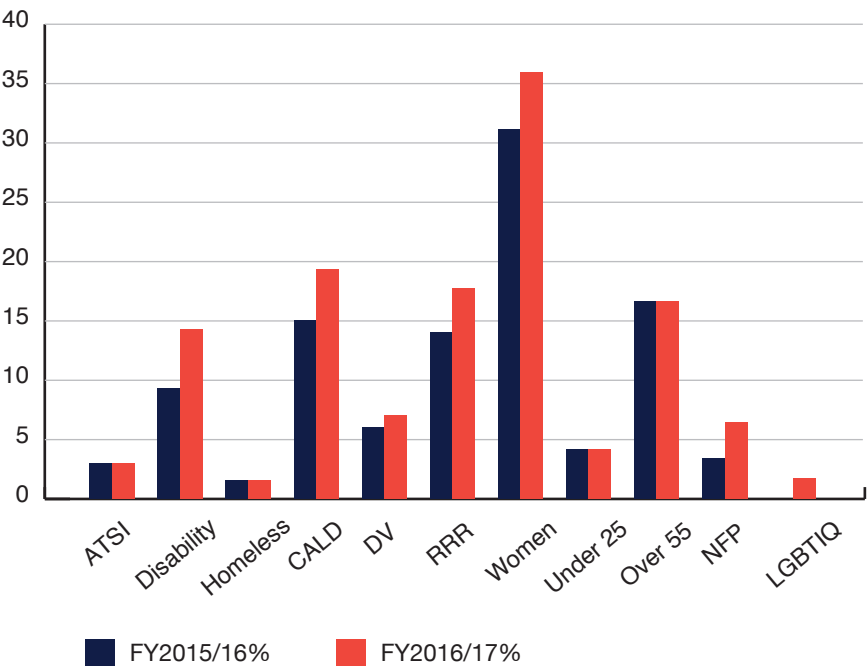
\$1.5 million**
Estimated value of
pro bono legal services
provided during 2016/17

* remaining matters were outside guidelines, withdrawn as the matter settled, unable to be placed or are waiting on receipt of further information to be assessed.

** this figure is based on a conservative estimate of around \$10,000 worth of pro bono legal services provided per pro bono referral. The \$1.5 million reflects estimated pro bono lawyer time and does not reflect the presumably greater value of the social impact of pro bono legal services delivered to individuals and to the community of Western Australia.

Comparison applicant profile (percentage of total applications)

The table below shows that we increased the number of applications for 6 out of 11 of our priority applicant groups. The remaining applicant groups are in the same proportion as the previous financial year.



Report from the Chief Executive Officer

Thanks to the support of our pro bono lawyers, funders, donors, stakeholders we were able to achieve many of the goals set out under the key objectives of our strategic plan this year;

1. Enhancing services

We applied funding from donations we received to translating an information sheet for legacy caseload asylum seekers into the top five community languages of this cohort. We shared the information sheet through our networks of community agencies, our Lawyers for Refugees Network and through the Resources for Practitioners page on our website.

Implement strategies for increased reach to regional areas

With in-kind advice from Adam Levin of Jackson McDonald and a \$5000 donation from Allen & Overy we established a disbursements fund to assist pro bono lawyers with non-legal disbursements such as interpreter and translation costs and regional travel costs. Allen's Linklaters generously donated \$4000 in June 2017 to top up this important fund.

Law Access also worked to build our relationships with regional private practitioners, Legal Aid offices and regional community legal centres. This resulted in an increase in referrals from regional and remote Western Australia.

Explore the possibility of developing an alternative dispute resolution service

The University of Western Australia (UWA) Law School offered free training for the Manager Law Access to undertake the unit *ADR for Professionals including National Mediation Accreditation* and commenced discussions with Law Access about a potential collaboration involving dispute resolution referrals to a proposed UWA clinic.

2. Working in partnership

Collaborate with universities on a common research agenda

A Law Access Research Collaboration comprised of representatives from the five Western Australian universities was established in April 2016 and developed a research agenda identifying priority areas of unmet legal need.

A cross institutional team of researchers led by Associate Professor Jill Howieson of UWA received a Public Purposes Trust (PPT) grant in February 2016 to undertake research on family violence and property disputes which was the priority research area identified.

A Law and Society Honours student also commenced a thesis examining the impact of cuts to legal assistance for criminal law matters in WA Magistrates Courts. This topic was suggested by Law Access.

Participate in collaborative service planning with other legal assistance providers

Law Access also continued to participate in the Collaborative Service Planning Group established by the parties to the National Partnership Agreement for legal assistance in Western Australia. Law Access took part in the group's legal need mapping exercise for Western Australia which resulted in the publication of three reports on the Legal Aid Western Australia website.

Work with stakeholders to identify and plan community legal education

Law Access identified unmet need for community legal education about applications on the basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity for asylum seekers.

Allen's Linklaters produced two resources in collaboration with Law Access for asylum seekers and for legal practitioners and migration agents

Collaborate with the Law Society's Access to Justice Committee

The Chief Executive Officer of Law Access continued to report on policy and public interest issues arising from Law Access case work to the Law Society of Western Australia's Access to Justice Committee.

3. Building organisational capacity

Continue to develop service policies, procedures and referral pathways

The Law Access database currently includes more than 540 firms and individual lawyers from our Lawyers for Refugee and LGBTIQ networks representing more than 10% of the WA legal profession. Our Continuous Improvement Project funded by a donation from Allen & Overy allowed Law Access to deliver further service improvements and to attract and retain more pro bono lawyers to take referrals from Law Access. This funding allowed Law Access to review and in consultation with our stakeholders issue new guidelines for not-for-profits seeking pro bono assistance in 2016/17.

The Allen & Overy funding also allowed Law Access staff to design, distribute and collate a number of feedback instruments for staff and pro bono lawyers and for development of a recognition strategy for pro bono lawyers taking our referrals. Staff time was also used to work with in-kind IT support from the Law Society of Western Australia (LSWA) to develop a new contact database and to merge our separate client databases for each financial year. This has allowed Law Access to collect more comprehensive data and to better interrogate this data.

Funding received from King & Wood Mallesons and from Corrs Chambers & Westgarth enabled Law Access to



Left to right: UWA law student volunteer Emily Taylor, Principal Lawyer Katrina Williams and Jackson McDonald secondee lawyer Nicole Burns.

enhance our pro bono referral services, particularly in the area of migration law where demand for assistance with Judicial Review applications remains high. As the only service provider assisting asylum seekers at this stage of the process, the extra funding from our generous donors allowed the Principal Lawyer's hours to be extended and gains to be made in our processing of these resource intensive matters. The donated funds also helped Law Access staff nurture our vital Lawyers for Refugees Network who accept our referrals.

Law Access benefitted from pro bono advice from Ashurst, Herbert Smith Freehills and K & L Gates in relation to operational and governance issues.

ITC and operational systems

Law Access continued to receive in kind accommodation and facilities from the University of Western Australia and in kind corporate services including IT support from the Law Society of Western Australia.

Law Access also continued to receive in kind archival services from Compu Stor.

Human resource and knowledge management

Staff and secondees

Funding provided by Jackson McDonald and donations from the 2016 Walk for Justice helped to secure ongoing administrative support for Law Access which complemented the Continuous Improvement Project funded by Allen & Overy.

Funds from the 2017 Walk for Justice have been applied to a project to improve our pro bono capacity in Family Law. In late June 2017, we advertised for a Senior Family Lawyer for 2 days a week for 6 months. This position (filled in FY 2017/18) aims to help Law Access address the growing numbers of family law applications and the difficulties we have been facing in assessing and referring pro bono family law matters.

Law Access received vital in-kind support in the form of one day a week each of lawyer time from Australian Government Solicitor, Jackson McDonald and MinterEllison. The secondee lawyers assisted with triage, assessment and referrals.

Volunteers and student interns

We also received in-kind paralegal and administrative support from UWA law student volunteers and student interns from the UWA Law School, Edith Cowan University and the University of Notre Dame Australia provided further in kind paralegal and other administrative support.

Three experienced lawyers, David Carroll, Felicity Clarke and Timothy Mason also assisted Law Access on a part-time volunteer basis with assessments during the year.

Recognition strategy for our pro bono lawyers, volunteers, secondees, pro bono partners and staff

Law Access recognised the contribution of pro bono lawyers at our Thank You Drinks event held in December 2016 which was generously sponsored by MinterEllison.



Left to right: Pro bono family lawyers Rebecca Bunney and Rachel Oakley at the 2016 Law Access Thank You Drinks hosted by MinterEllison.

The Hon. Michael Mischin MLC Attorney General and Minister for Commerce was guest speaker, talking about the value of pro bono work.

4. Ensuring sustainability

Developing relationships and engagement

In its second full year of operation Law Access continued to build community and stakeholder engagement.

Our Stakeholder Advisory Committee with representatives from the profession, the Courts and key stakeholders such as the Community Legal Centres' Association of WA and the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA, the Western Australian Council of Social Services and the five Western Australian Law Schools met three times to guide the development and direction of the service.

Law Access continued to recruit and attract pro bono lawyers through a regular segment in the Law Society of Western Australia's weekly newsletter Friday Facts, and by supporting our established pro bono legal networks.

Our Law Access Pro Bono Coordinators' Committee with representatives from around 20 large and medium sized firms met four times. The Pro Bono Coordinators Group continues to grow with three new firms joining in 2016/17 following approaches to the firms by Law Access.

The Law Access Lawyers for Refugees Network met twice to discuss emerging legal and policy issues and education

and training needs and opportunities. This network of more than 50 barristers, solicitors and migration agents assisted Law Access by accepting meritorious applications for judicial review of migration law decisions.

Jeremy Rich of Allens and the Chief Executive Officer of Law Access were interviewed on RTRFM's All Things Queer radio show about our Law Access Lawyers for LGBTIQ network in April 2017.

Our fundraising and revenue strategy

In 2016/17 Law Access progressed the implementation of its fundraising plan attracting \$60,524 in donations, an increase of more than \$16,000 compared the previous financial year when we received \$43,952 in donations. The Board adopted a revised fundraising plan in May 2017 following a fundraising strategy workshop in April 2017.

Law Access Walk for Justice

The Law Access Walk for Justice, held in Law Week in May each year grew by 50% this year. The Walk builds recognition of the pro bono work undertaken by lawyers and law students and also raises vital funds for Law Access.

Our ambassadors included The Hon. Robert French AC, The Hon. Wayne Martin AC Chief Justice of Western Australia and the heads of all the legal professional associations in Western Australia who walked with us to demonstrate the value of pro bono work and to help to build pro bono culture.

Thank you

Pro bono lawyers

To all the pro bono lawyers who took our referrals and the legal assistance service providers and stakeholders who assisted us.

Law student volunteers and interns

Angela Crombie, Elma Alton-Pratt, Zoe Blight, Clinton Arnold, Shani Claassen, Assel Dawood, Karan Devgun, Terry East, Ane Espach, Anna Lea Hiltenkamp, Tiffany Lau, Lydia Low, Alexandra Lee-Arney, Tracy McDonald, Mia Mher, Stephen Minz, Felicity Negus, Alvin Ngo, George Onishi, Aidan Ricciardo, Samantha Roumenos, Madeleine Smith, Mhairi Stewart, Gemma Swan, Emily Taylor, Emily Templeton-Knight, Amy Thomasson, James Treacy, Lauren Wright, Nancy Zheng.

Seconded lawyers

Australian Government Solicitor:
David Carroll, Thomas de Bes, Teresa Ling, David Ireland

Jackson McDonald:
Michael Bragg, Nicole Burns, Hala Quandour, Darcy Thompson and Simon Webster

MinterEllison:
Catherine Berbatis, Emily Chappelow, and Amy Ryan

Volunteer lawyers

David Carroll
Felicity Clarke
Timothy Mason

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To all those who donated to the Law Access Walk for Justice appeal, the Law Access GiveNow appeal, The Blackstone Society, the WA Society of Jewish Jurists and Lawyers, and the Law Society CPD presenters who elected that the Law Society make a donation to Law Access on their behalf.

Walk For Justice sponsors

College of Law, Profile Recruitment, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, the University of Notre Dame Australia, and the University of Western Australia.

Thank you Drinks sponsors

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In-kind supporters

Ashurst, Compu-Stor, Gilbert + Tobin, Herbert Smith Freehills, Kalico Consulting, K & L Gates, Jackson McDonald, MinterEllison and the University of Western Australia.

Financial Statements



Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	104,543	63,546
Trade and other receivables	4	2,032	7,420
Prepayments		486	444
Total current assets		<u>107,061</u>	<u>71,410</u>
Non-current assets			
Office equipment		4,702	6,708
Total non-current assets		<u>4,702</u>	<u>6,708</u>
Total assets		<u>111,763</u>	<u>78,118</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	6,436	15,002
Income received in advance		10,000	-
Provisions	6	16,482	22,583
Total current liabilities		<u>32,918</u>	<u>37,586</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	6	8,183	-
Total non-current liabilities		<u>8,183</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities		<u>41,101</u>	<u>37,586</u>
Net assets		<u>70,662</u>	<u>40,532</u>
Equity			
Retained surplus		70,662	40,533
Total equity		<u>70,662</u>	<u>40,533</u>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Profit and Loss

As at 30 June 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue	3	293,932	275,453
Depreciation expenses		(2,006)	(710)
Utility expenses		(545)	(818)
IT Support expenses		(2,872)	(4,673)
Employee expenses		(231,134)	(211,227)
Travel and accommodation expenses		(2,363)	(5,030)
Administrative expenses		(12,461)	(17,059)
Other expenses		(12,422)	(5,403)
Surplus for the year		30,129	30,533

The above Statement of Profit and Loss should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2015	10,000	10,000
Surplus for the year	30,533	30,533
Balance as at 1 July 2016	40,533	40,533
Surplus for the year	30,129	30,129
Balance as at 30 June 2017	70,662	70,662

Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from donations & grants		321,065	240,678
Interest and other receipts		9,018	777
Payments to suppliers and employees		(289,086)	(230,491)
Net cash generated by operating activities		<u>40,997</u>	<u>10,964</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plants and equipment		-	(7,418)
Net cash generated by investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(7,418)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>40,997</u>	<u>3,546</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>63,546</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7	<u>104,543</u>	<u>63,546</u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2017

1. General information

Law Access Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The address of its registered office is Level 4, 160 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA Australia.

The postal address for the principal place of business is M249, The University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley WA 6009.

The physical address of the Principal Place of business has been supplied to the ACNC but is suppressed for publication on the ACNC website as Law Access' work is conducted remotely and members of the public/applicants are not able to attend the principal place of business in person.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager & Company Secretary on 8 August 2017.

Law Access Limited is a public benevolent institution established to coordinate the giving of free, reduced fee, or deferred fee legal advice or representation by the legal profession. The service is targeted at financially disadvantaged individuals and not-for-profits in the community in genuine need of legal assistance who satisfy a means and merits test and are unable to obtain assistance from Legal Aid or a community legal centre.

2. Summary of accounting policies

A) Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the following mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

AASB 101 - Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107 - Cash Flow Statements

AASB 108 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1031 - Materiality

AASB 1048 - Interpretation of Standards

AASB 1054 - Australian Additional Disclosures

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

B) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and

other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Useful lives of assets

The entity reviews the estimated useful lives of assets at the end of each reporting period.

C) Revenue

Revenue is measured at fair value of consideration received or receivable.

Revenue is recognised when the amount can be reliably measured and it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity.

Grants

Grants are recognised when all conditions attached to the grant have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received. When the conditions of the grants have not been satisfied it is recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position.

Donations

Donations collected are recognised when the entity gains control of the funds, usually at the time of receipt.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

D) Income Tax

Law Access Limited is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

E) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

F) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables are measured initially at fair value then subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

Trade and other receivable are considered impaired when they are past due or when there are objective evidence that the entity will not be able to collect the amount due.

G) Office Equipment

Office equipment is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation. The assets are depreciated over their useful lives to the entity, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

G) Office Equipment (continued)

Gains or losses arising from the disposal of office equipment is the difference between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds and recognised in profit or loss.

H) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the entity that are outstanding at the end of the reporting period. These amounts are usually paid in 30 days.

I) Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits such as annual leave, wages and salaries are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the reporting period. The amounts are expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Long-term employee benefits such as long-service leave are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the reporting period. The amount is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made to employees, with consideration given to anticipated future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and period of service. Expected future payments are discounted with reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period using corporate bonds with terms to maturity close to the estimated future cash outflows.

J) Provision

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation.

K) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognized net of the amount of GST except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in are shown inclusive of GST.

3. Revenue

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Donations	60,524	43,952
Grants	225,000	230,176
Sponsorship	7,500	1,000
Interest Income	908	325
Total Revenue	293,932	275,453

4. Trade and other receivables

Current		
Trade debtors	-	600
Accrued Income	1,025	3,300
Other receivables	1,007	3,520
	2,032	7,420

5. Trade and other payables

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current		
Trade creditors	2,436	5,702
Accrued expenses	1,588	2,349
Other payables	2,412	6,951
	<u>6,436</u>	<u>15,002</u>

6. Provisions

Current		
Employee benefits	16,482	22,583
	<u>16,482</u>	<u>22,583</u>
Non-current		
Employee benefits	8,183	-
	<u>8,183</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and on hand	43,165	14,269
Short-term deposits	61,378	49,277
	<u>104,543</u>	<u>63,546</u>

Reconciliation of profit for the year to net cash flows from operating activities

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Surplus for the year	30,129	30,533
<i>Non-cash flows in operating surplus:</i>		
Depreciation of non-current assets	2,006	710
<i>Net changes in working capital:</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables	5,388	(7,420)
Increase in other assets	(41)	(444)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(8,567)	15,002
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	2,081	22,583
Increase/(decrease) in income in advance	10,000	(50,000)
Net cash generated by operating activities	<u>40,997</u>	<u>10,964</u>

Directors' Declaration

The Directors declare that in the Directors' opinion:

- a. there are reasonable grounds to believe that Law Access Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- b. the attached financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

On behalf the Directors.

X

Adam Ebell
Director



SIGN HERE

Date: _____

9.10.17.

Independent Audit Report

To the members of Law Access Limited

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Law Access Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit and loss for the year then ended, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the declaration by directors.

The Responsibility of directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with relevant accounting standards and the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The directors' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing 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 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 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 controls. 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 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Law Access Limited is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- b) complying with relevant accounting standards contained in Subdivision 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Regulation 2013;



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Chartered Accountant
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8 AUGUST 2017

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8 August 2017

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AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

This declaration is made in connection with the audit of the financial report of Law Access Limited for the year ended 30 June 2017 and in accordance with the requirements of Subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- No contravention of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- No contravention of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely



Ross Gregory Ledger
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