



Annual Report 2021

Moonee Valley Legal Service

OUR COMMUNITY

Moonee Valley Legal Service provides free legal advice, information and referrals to anyone who lives, works or studies within the City of Moonee Valley.

Main Office
13A Wingate Ave, Ascot Vale, VIC 3032

OUTREACH LOCATIONS

Avondale Heights Library
69-79 Military Rd, Avondale Heights, VIC 3034

Broadmeadows Family Relationship Center
L1 1/1100 Pascoe Vale Rd, Broadmeadows, VIC 3047

Niddrie Library
483 Keilor Rod, Niddrie VIC 3402

Travencore PARC
50 Flemington St, Travencore, VIC 3032

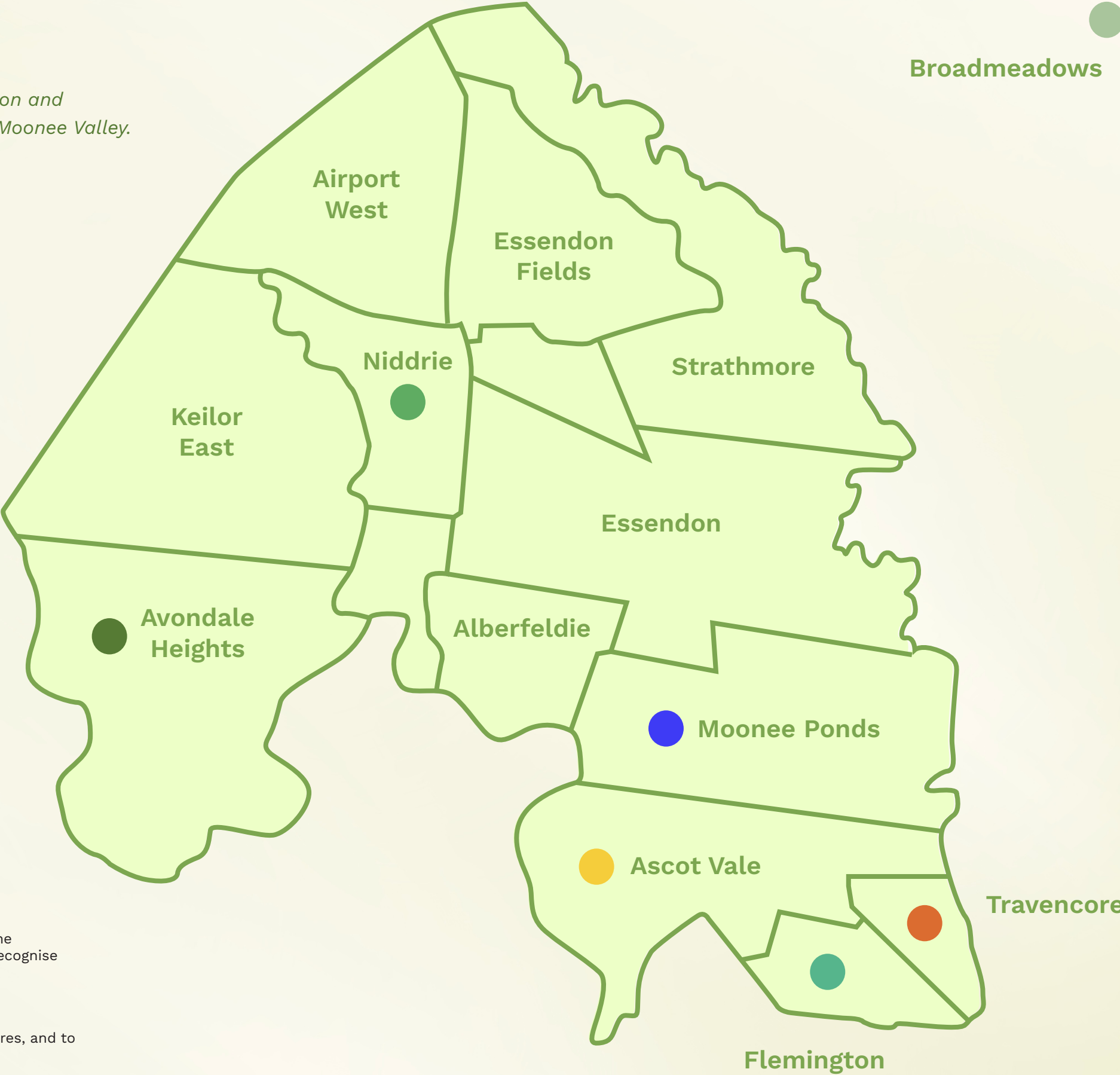
Flemington Public Housing
29 Crown St, Flemington, VIC 3031

Sam Merrifield Library
762 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds, VIC 3039



We acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our service stands. We recognise their continuing connection to lands, waters and communities.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.



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OUR BOARD & STAFF

Board Members

- Helene McNamarra
President
- Ben Wyatt
Vice President
- Kieran Barns-Jenkins
Secretary
- Roy Burrows
Treasurer
- Tim Jeffrie
Committee Member
- Kirsty McIntyre
Committee Member
- Margaret Gannon
Committee Member

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- Daniel Long Nguyễn
Manager
- Lokesh Kashyap
Lawyer
- Joanna Carlton
Principal Lawyer
- Jeremie Nguyen
Administration Co-ordinator
- Gary Sullivan
Lawyer
- Daniel Cashmore
Administration Officer
- Anita Khoder
Lawyer
- Sabrina Adem
Youth Engagement Officer
- Brian Burton
Lawyer
- Erin Lockington
Family Violence Project Officer
- Oznur Akbas
Lawyer
- Katia Lallo
Lawyer

ABOUT US



Our Purpose

We exist for our local community, providing free, accessible services to enhance wellbeing, fairness, equality and social justice within the legal system. We work to empower our clients and to improve legal outcomes. We work with our community to connect people to and promote understanding of the law. We work to bring about positive change and to address injustice and inequality in systems and laws.

Our Values



Community: We value and are part of our vibrant & diverse local community & we promote empowerment & respect for all. Our clients are at the core of what do.



Quality: We are passionate, strive for continuous improvement & are committed to the provision of high quality, responsive legal services.



Collaboration: We work in partnership with others to achieve our vision. We are committed to the involvement of community members and volunteers.



Our Mission

To work with and empower our diverse community to **improve outcomes** by providing high quality, culturally appropriate legal services, community legal education and advocacy.



Our Vision

To contribute meaningfully to a vibrant community legal sector. To ensure legal help is accessible to all who require it, with a focus on those who would not otherwise be able to get legal assistance. To be recognised by our local community as a reliable and resourceful service that meets the community's needs. To make the most of technological opportunities, build upon our unique service offerings and be adaptive and responsive to social change.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



*On behalf of the Board of Management of the **Moonee Valley Legal Service (MVLS)** I wish to acknowledge the resilience and strength of our **Moonee Valley** community shown throughout another difficult year of lockdowns and public health risks. In this financial year, the service continued to provide services to clients within varying Covid-safe conditions during several periods of lockdown. Our staff deserve our gratitude and thanks for their efforts to achieve this.*

The challenges and success of our service have also been assisted by our key funding body VLA, other funding partners, our community partners including Wingate Avenue Community Centre and the Moonee Valley Council, and our project partners including Flemington Kensington Legal Service. We are fortunate to have Gadens Lawyers continued support with pro bono legal work. Of course there are many other organisations and individuals whose support we appreciate and value, including our Volunteers.

Our previous Manager, Jacki Holland resigned to take up a new role with the State Government in late 2020, which was a major upheaval for staff and the Board. The service was very fortunate to have had the benefit of her excellent leadership skills and professionalism. We wish her well in her new role.

Three members of the Board recruited, interviewed and appointed Daniel Nguyen to the Manager role in January 2021, and he brings new skills and experience to the service. We welcome him to the service.

During the year Geoff Nicholls retired from the Board and we thank him for his service and for representing the northern part of the Moonee Valley catchment. Alexandra Laurence (Brooke) also retired after several years and we thank her for her skills and input in marketing and social media. John Foley also retired and we thank him for his work on new projects and for being Treasurer for several months.

New Board members include Roy Burrows appointed as Treasurer in March 2021, Kieran Barns-Jenkins

appointed as Secretary in August 2021 and Margaret Gannon appointed as Board member in September 2021. They are all candidates for election at the AGM in November. Having Board members who are from our local community has always been an asset to our service as these good people are also invariably involved in other community activities as volunteers or in their professional and personal lives. There is a wealth of skills and knowledge amongst our Board of Management and busy members always find time to contribute to strategic planning, extra tasks and support of the service.

One key achievement has been the Board's ongoing commitment to ensure our services align with the key objectives of the MVLS Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 which focusses on:

- Strengthening our finances through diversifying our funding sources.
- Delivering services relevant to client needs.
- Building a positive workplace for staff and volunteers.
- Connecting with our community and promoting our service to clients.
- Collaborating with partners and service providers to assist clients most in need.

A copy of the plan is available on the website.

We are fortunate to retain continuity at staff Board level, thanks to the ongoing work of Ben Wyatt, Anna Martin, Tim Jeffrie and Kirsty McIntyre who have experience of MVLS over several years. Similarly, the Principal Lawyer, Joanne Carlton supports the legal staff and the service delivery to clients and has provided valued input through transition to new management and throughout lockdown with staff working from home. The Finance Officer, Jan Thorpe also provides extensive knowledge of the broader financial accountabilities and regulations, and generously supports new staff and Board members, which is much appreciated by the Board of Management.

We also thank our local Members of Parliament, the Hon. Danny Pearson, The Hon. Ben Carroll and the Hon. Bill Shorten for their commitment and support to our service over many years.

In summary, the staff and Board of Management continue to provide critical legal support to vulnerable clients and work to improve and extend our services to the disadvantaged.

Helene McNamara—Chairperson

Great customer service. Great people who are there to help clients and serve them in the best way they can.



(Caption)

MANAGER'S REPORT



*The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that our society is extremely resilient and through collective action can adapt to any situations. The **Moonee Valley Legal Service** has continued to work in partnership with the local community to remain accessible and deliver vital legal service. Importantly it is taking the opportunity to reimagine a future to remain adaptive and responsive to social change.*

Having had the privilege to commence the Manager role at the beginning of 2021 it was immediately apparent that MVLS was a tight knit team, which had come together and maintained the exceptional level of service it was known for in the community. It had an exceptional reputation amongst community partners and external stakeholders alike and for that I must thank my predecessor Jacki Holland for her outstanding leadership during her time. With the strong foundations in place and a committed Board it was apparently clear to me that an amazing opportunity existed for MVLS to be ambitious in its aspirations.

The past year has proven to be an incredibly exciting period for MVLS as it strengthens its service delivery, expands its staffing capacity, develops meaningful relationships, and collaborates with partners on exiting new projects.

Reconnecting with our community was the key priority as we implemented an engagement plan concentrating on community development and legal education as restrictions lifted in March. In a little over three months, we delivered over 70 CLE sessions to a diverse audience, recommenced, and added an addition 2 legal outreach locations and attended over 100 stakeholder meetings.

We invested in our staff, hiring a communication project officer (Judy) to redevelop our website/social media content to be more engaging, a Family Violence Project Officer (Erin) to build community networks, a Youth Engagement Officer (Sabrina) to empower the next generation and a Legal Needs Project Officer (Charlotte) to explore an evidenced based approach to our work.

We are excited to take on new projects with existing partners such as exploring an NDIS legal clinic (Gadens), chairing the Moonee Valley Family Violence Network (Moonee Valley City Council), integrating family supports (McKillop Family Relationship Centre) and providing holistic family violence services (Wingate Avenue Community Centre).

Our focus on integrating services and facilitating co-located services has also led to some amazing new relationships. We look forward to welcoming Relationship Matters (Family Violence Support Group), Latitude (Youth Homelessness Support), Women Health West (Family Violence Counselling) and Better Place Australia (Elder Abuse Prevention Services) to our offices and working to provide tailored and holistic support to our community.



Without such a committed team this would not be possible, and I wish to commend and thank all the staff at MVLS for their tireless efforts. Additionally, the support we have received from our community and

partners has been overwhelming and we wish to thank everyone for all they have contributed. We look forward to the new opportunities the coming year will provide and are ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

Daniel Long Nguyễn—Manager

PRINCIPAL LAWYER REPORT



MVLS provides generalist legal service to the community through our day and night service. We undertake outreach through partnerships with local libraries, specialist clinics and community legal education. Our lawyers have a mixture of general and specialised skills that enable MVLS to assist those most at need.

The year has certainly thrown us a curve ball and whilst we had to change our plans our commitment to providing legal assistance to our community never wavered.

I'd like to first thank our team of lawyers for their resilience and professionalism this year especially given the challenges they have faced. Our team has adapted well to working from home, juggling the implementing of new technologies, the home schooling or just children at home (let alone partners!).

MVLS has had a history of being mobile and responsive to its communities particularly in its use of technology. With a history of innovating with projects such as FineFixer, Stremlines and Anika our response to supporting our communities during COVID has been no different.

We have worked diligently to develop innovative opportunities for harnessing technology to deliver efficient and accessible available legal services. With added capabilities to our service mix such as Zoom based appointments, a digital portal for client's uploading files, online intake services, a new planned website and integrated practise management software soon to come it's certainly been a whirlwind 12 months as our clients have taken up these new services.

The technological advances have not only been important for improving accessibility of services during these lockdowns but has also allowed us to free up the precious time of our lawyers. This extra resource has allowed us to invest in expanding our physical outreach services to clients with more complex needs.



With the expansion of our Lawyers in Libraries project to now include Sam Merrifield Library, our community is provided a service which is familiar, discreet, and able to be accessed under the guise of their usual activities. Additionally, we have been able to expand our offerings at Travancore Prevention & Recovery Care to work with clients with mental health needs and commenced another Health Justice Partnership to provide legal clinics to residents at Crown St Public Housing estate.

The MVLS lawyers are excited to be undertaking our team's next adventure as we work towards providing our communities with a truly integrated practice and multi-disciplinary approach that will address both social and legal outcomes.

Joanne Carlton—Principal Lawyer

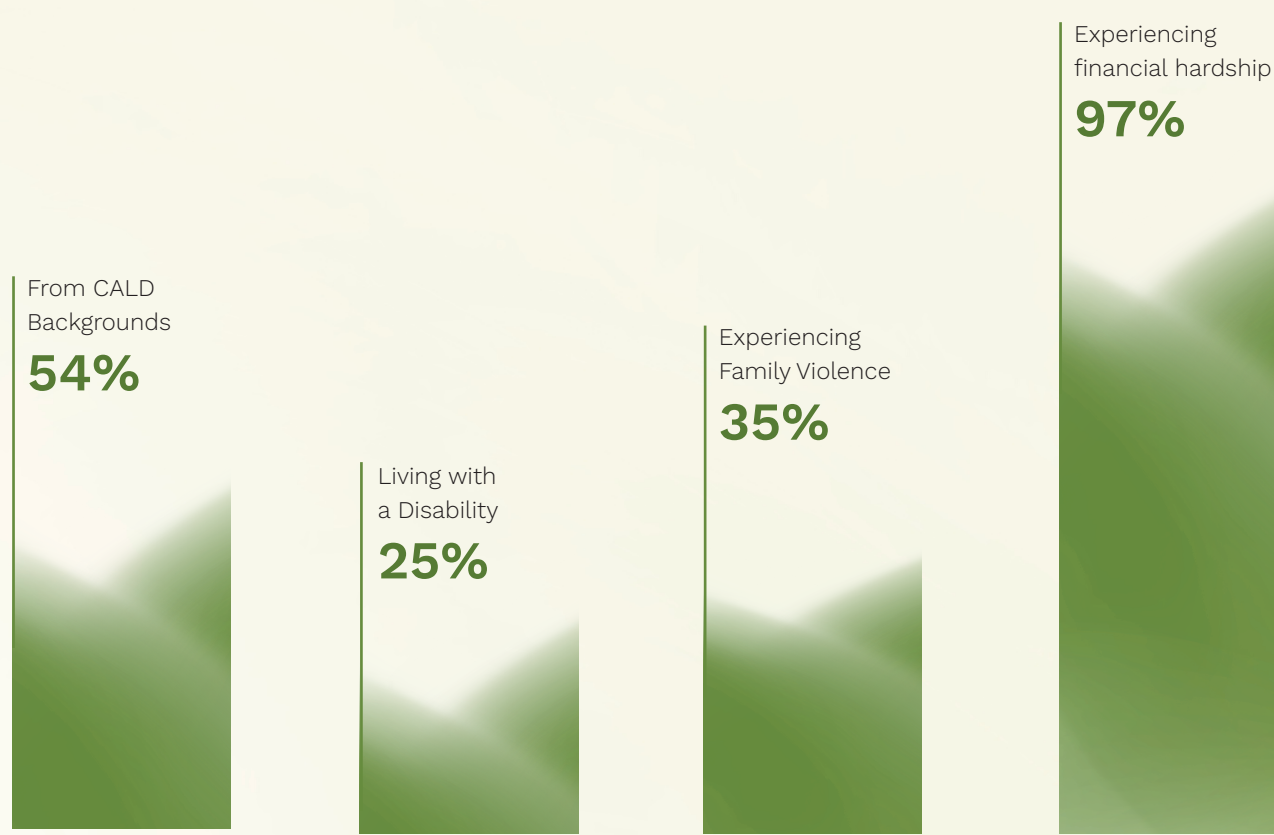
We are so excited by the approach MVLS is taking to provide holistic supports clients.



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LEGAL SERVICE SNAPSHOT

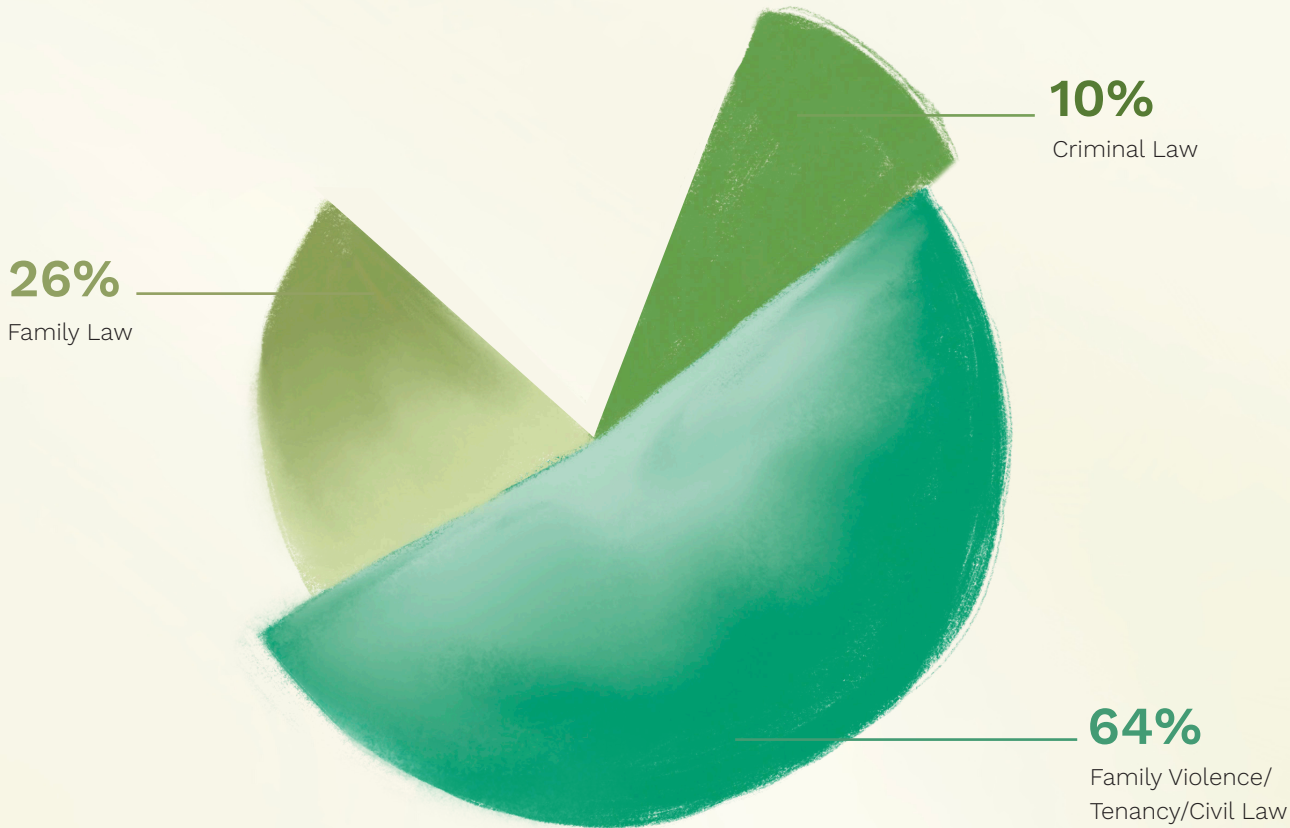
Our Clients



Legal Assistance Provided



Percentage of Work



Client Satisfaction

Our communities accessing our services told us after their appointments.



SAFE FROM HARM

Family Violence Project



*With continued funding from the State Government of Victoria, the **Safe from Harm** project, in partnership with Flemington and Kensington Community Legal Centre, continues to show a strong presence in the community by serving its members with wraparound holistic support for clients who are affected by family violence.*

Now in its eighth year, the project continues to represent a central feature of our services by providing legal assistance and support to clients with needs arising as a result of family violence with respect to intervention orders, separation, parenting and property matters pertaining to family law, divorce, fines, migration and debts.

Across the FY2021 period, MVLS, through this project, assisted 51 clients who were at risk of, or experiencing family violence. We provided advice across 65 matters and assistance in 18 matters. This is in addition to clients assisted by Flemington Kensington Community Legal Centre.

Despite continued COVID related challenges, MVLS ensured continuity of its service to the community by providing legal advice via phone and online services during the latter half of 2020 and were able to resume in-person consultations beginning 2021 in line with government directives. Outreach services including the Niddrie library, Avondale Heights library and our new outreach service— the Sam Merrifield library, were also able to recommence in 2021. Our partnership with the Broadmeadows Family Relationship Centre also continued throughout the year, via the online platform, ensuring that our services were still available to assist clients in negotiating positive outcomes in relation to parenting arrangements.

Community legal education, in partnership with CALD communities and other stakeholder and service providers, were able to be delivered both online and in-person. In collaboration with the Moonee Valley Family Violence Network, MVLS also delivered a fantastic

“The lawyers there helped me at a time where I really needed it most.”

in-person two-tiered event at the Kensington Town Hall which consisted of the yearly network forum followed by a community engagement luncheon (coinciding with the National Families Week).

With a focus on service delivery for culturally and linguistically diverse communities, the project continues to advocate for the needs of the community and strive for the best possible outcome for its clients. We look forward to the new year as we begin to develop our integrated and multi disciplinary approach to aspire to a society free from violence.

Oznur Akbas—Family Law and Family Violence Lawyer

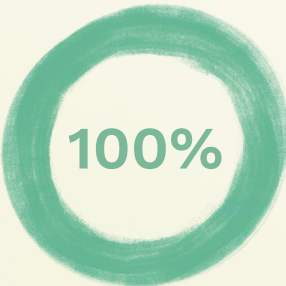


Safe from Harm Clients

Our communities accessing our **Safe From Harm** clinic told us after their appointments.



Felt safer and better supported



Felt a positive experience of accessibility, safety, and discretion of service.



Felt that their cultural needs were considered and met by us.

“Our team of nurses are eternally grateful for the lawyers at MVLS who are always ready to answer a call.”

CLIENT STORIES

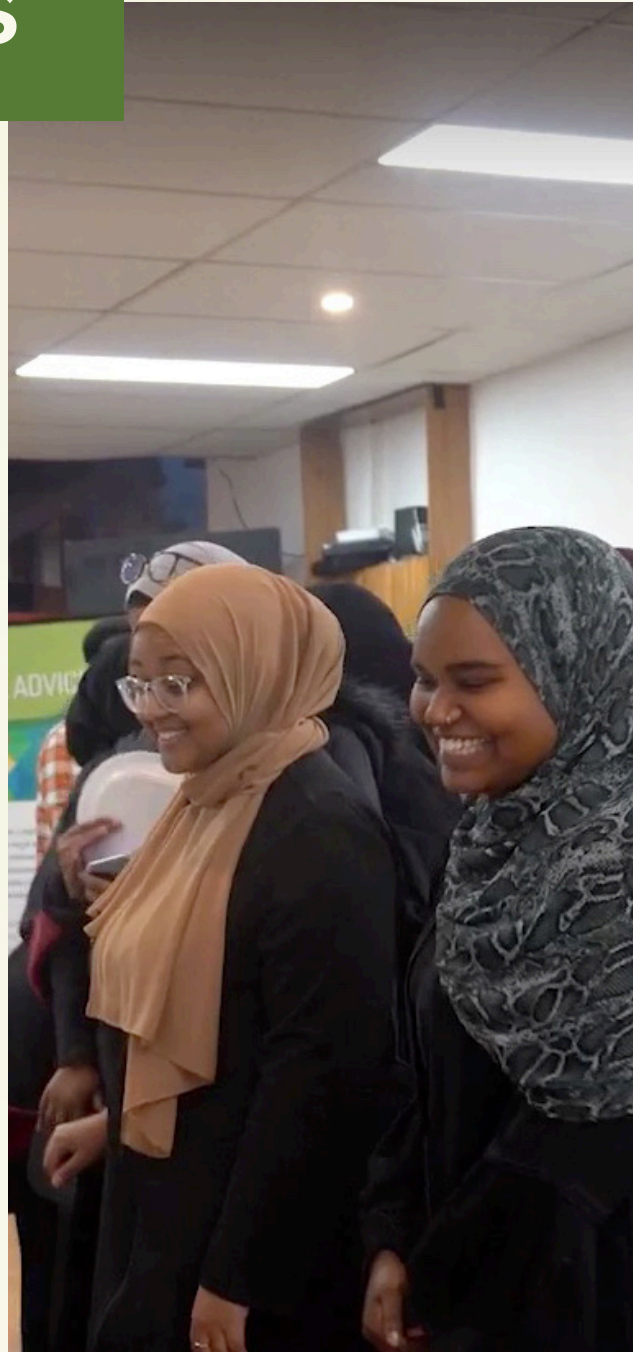
Holistic & Multi-Disciplinary Approach

Having assisted Nora* with her divorce application, Nora subsequently sought our advice in relation to a family violence incident where she was forced to flee her home with her three children, from her husband. Nora engaged our services after an unsuccessful pursuit with police in relation to obtaining an interim intervention order against her husband. Nora disclosed years of financial and emotional/psychological abuse and most recently, threats to kill.

Following our appointment, we assisted Nora in making an urgent interim application for a family violence intervention order and were successful in obtaining an interim full no-contact order. We subsequently represented her at the court hearing and were successful in finalising the matter with a final full no-contact order protecting her and her children.

Following that, Nora received an invitation from the Family Relationship Centre for parenting mediation. We discussed with Nora what mediation was and how it works. We also advised how the court process works within the family law jurisdiction if a parenting plan could not be agreed between the parties. This allowed for Nora to determine which course of action would best suit her circumstances regarding the best interest of her children.

Nora was grateful for our assistance in all three of her matters.



first time Jeanette had ever engaged in any support services for the trauma of her childhood.

VOCAT was very sympathetic to Jeanette's circumstances and made substantial awards in her favour totalling more than \$35,000.

Jeanette offered her sincere gratitude to MVLS for assisting her through this very difficult period and supporting her to obtain financial assistance which will directly benefit her recovery from violence.

Empowerment

Jeanette* a survivor of sexual assault contacted our service seeking advice in filing a Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT) application in relation to a historical family matter.

Whilst working with Jeanette to address her legal case our VOCAT Lawyer referred Jeanette to a mental health specialist that MVLS was partnered with. This was the

COVID-19 FAMILY VIOLENCE RESPONSE



*With funding support from the **Moonee Valley City Council**, MVLS employed a Family Violence Project Officer in December to respond to the immediate needs of community members impacted by Family Violence during COVID. The Project Officer worked closely with members of the **Moonee Valley Family Violence Network** to ensure a coordinated and integrated approach was adopted to address the increase of Family Violence matters in the **Moonee Valley** community.*



The six-month project began with an initial review of the current state of family violence in Moonee Valley, as well as looking at the strengths and challenges for the Network, particularly in a pandemic context.

Network members echoed general findings that COVID-19 impacted the ability for victim survivors to access services, and that service providers were subsequently seeing an increase in the complexity of cases due to social and economic impacts.

In these uncertain times members of the Network noted the benefits of information sharing and networking that participation in the group provided, as well as the advantage of engaging in joint initiatives that wouldn't be possible otherwise. COVID-19 had presented some challenges though, including on the resources and capacity of Network members. The value of the collective approach taken by the Network during COVID was invaluable.

With restrictions easing, MVLS was eager to be proactive in its community engagement. Given the needs identified for the community and by Network services, a two-tiered event was held in May at the Kensington Town Hall. In the morning, about 40 Network members from 15 different services attended to hear several guest presenters speak on the theme of youth and family violence. Surveys undertaken after the event showed that all attendees increased their understanding of available family violence services in the area, and that it contributed towards improving networking between agencies and referral pathways for people needing assistance in relation to family violence.

Following the Network forum, a community lunch was held at the same location and open to all local community members. It was attended by local Moonee Valley residents, including those residents living in the local public housing estates. Network services were invited to remain in attendance for the lunch, with opportunities to distribute information and speak with interested community members. Approximately 80 people attended the community lunch and were provided with materials an information developed by the Network on pathways to access family violence supports. As lockdown resumed in the following weeks, this event was timely in ensuring this information was accessible to the community.

In June MVLS commenced Chairing the Moonee Valley Family Violence Network and it is excited by the opportunity and aware of the responsibility it entails.

Erin Lockington
—Family Violence Project Officer

HOUSING SECURITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY



The Tenancy Project has focussed on increasing awareness of tenancy rights and obligations and assisting clients to resolve matters such as rental arrears, maintenance, and possession orders. Efforts during COVID-19 restrictions have included working to maintain service delivery in addition to strengthening stakeholder relationships with a view to continuing strong referral pathways.

The MVLS Tenancy clinic is a truly unique service with MVLS being the only Community Legal Centre in Victoria located on a public housing estate. We also work diligently to centre the voices of public housing residents in all our work. MVLS is equipped to do this as our leadership team has a lived experience as public housing residents and several of our staff are current housing residents.

We were excited to earlier this year with the easing of restrictions to recommence the in person public housing tenancy clinic in partnership with Gadens. Some key highlights included successfully referring a complex repairs and maintenance, and compensation matter on a pro-bono basis to Gadens. In newer developments we have cemented a partnership with co-health to establish a Seniors' Legal Outreach Clinic which is based Crown Street Public Housing High Rise.

The Ascot Vale and Flemington redevelopments remain an ongoing focus for our Service. Our priority has been working with the Redevelopment Project Teams to ensure that our clients are given a platform to provide input and voice their perspectives.

We saw during the Public Housing Lockdown the resilience and capacity which our local communities possessed. This year we have sort to leverage that capacity and work in partnership with young people living on the estates to run legal education and information sessions. With topics covering Police, Employment and Housing rights our focus has been on providing young people with the skills to thrive.

We are eager to continue engaging with our communities and look forward to the challenges and opportunities in the new year.



The lawyer helped me to find housing which my family are so happy with.

Real Outcomes For Our Community

Ali is a resident of the public housing estate in Ascot Vale who attended our Gadens Tenancy clinic regarding a relocation application with the Office Housing on foot since 2016. Ali was hoping to be provided with housing that better suited the needs of his family.

Ali informed us that he had been having difficulties liaising with the Office of Housing attempting to correct an error on his family's initial application.

Gadens' lawyers, under our supervision, liaised with the relevant public housing representatives and sought to correct those details on Ali's behalf.

Ali's application was successfully amended, and he was offered a house to relocate him and his family within a month. Ali's has moved into his new house and thanked our service and Gadens' lawyers for assisting him in his matter.

Lokesh Kashyap—Tenancy Lawyer

Tenancy Project Clients

Our communities accessing our Tenancy clinic told us after their appointments.



VOLUNTEER REPORT



While there was less opportunity to host volunteers at our service there has been no dampening of the willingness for our volunteers to serve our Moonee Valley community.

Approaching the new calendar year we returned to allow day service volunteers, COVID-safe of course! Further into the 2021 calendar year we had a full complement of student volunteers as part of their internship, conducted in partnership with Deakin University. They almost completed their internship entirely at the office, before restrictions had us all back working from home.

Our drop-in service on a Monday night recommenced at times during the year and provided a convenient option to receive advice from our array of talented volunteer lawyers.

In more recent news, our Volunteer & Office Coordinator, Jeremie Nguyen, has recently departed for a legal role in youth justice. We are indebted to his years of service, most especially his immense efforts to transform service delivery to a remote operation with such short notice. Many years of

implementing digital systems paid off, going from paper to digital advice records and client forms, the additional availability of Zoom and telephone appointments, as well as simple a function to allow clients to upload documents, pictures and other files.

As we eventually return to the office, we will keep many of the adjustments made that give our clients a more flexible and available service. We cater to our community by adjusting to their diverse needs and varied circumstances, and we especially appreciate our volunteers for being so flexible in allowing us to do this.

Thank you so much to all our volunteers, without your dedication and resilience MVLS would not be the same!

**Daniel Cashmore—Volunteer
and Office Coordinator**



DEAKIN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM REFLECTION



MVLS is committed to providing hands on legal experience to the next generation of lawyers passionate about achieving social justice. The Deakin Legal Internship is not just a teaching program but also allows MVLS to expand the services it provides to the community.



The program was my first chance at completing a legal internship program. I put in a lot of energy and enthusiasm to build experiences and establish solid professional relationships – whilst being given the opportunity to evaluate different practice areas to experience what how the legal profession operated.

After completing over 100 hours of placement with the Moonee Valley Legal Service, I can say I have had ample opportunity to deepen my knowledge of law through a practical legal environment.

By observing client interviews, answering client enquiries, completing administrative and research tasks, letter writing, and assisting with CLE projects – I have been provided with real and practical experience to apply my analytical, problem-solving and legal research skills.

I'm very excited and thankful for the opportunity to return as a Volunteer after my Deakin University Legal Internship Program is completed to continue my learning and build my capacity to work constructively, collaboratively and perceptively in the community legal sector.

I wish to thank the team for the experience so far, at the Ascot Vale office and helping with the transition to online. The opportunity has been incredible, and I am very excited to continue volunteering with the MVLS.

Braedon Waddell—Deakin Law Student

I was inducted through the Deakin University Legal Internship program, undertaking work-integrated learning with MVLS. I chose MVLS as my first preference because of its vision for social justice and equality for all and the capacity available to contribute to client advocacy services and community legal education.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Day Service

Legal Support

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|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Ashleigh Claire Spencer | Karman Bhinder | Meg Reid |
| Daniel Conti | Lyla Gook | Natasha Damjanovic |
| Gabriella Lauricella | Meg Halpin | Rocky Gao |

Night Service

Lawyers

- | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Alex La Roca | Greg Doran | Matt Illgotz |
| Allan Zabrdac | Ilsa Kuiper | Molly Lynch |
| Anita Raj | Jacki Holland | Rachel Yard |
| Bianca Baliviera | Jacqui Paterson | Sibel Islay |
| Benjamin Haber | Janna Baggio | Tugba Cicek (née Gocmen) |
| Catherine Farres | Leticia Rodriguez | Turgut Ozcitti |

Legal Support

- | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Alana Doolan | Issac Mclean | Will Peyton |
| Alexandra Eshaq | Kelly Bray | William Hettrick |
| Charissa Bennett | Nikita Chappell | |



(Caption)

TREASURER’S REPORT

Moonee Valley Legal Service’s financial situation remains strong due to the sound financial management and oversight provided by our Manager (Daniel Long Nguyen) and our Finance Officer (Jan Thorpe). I also wish to thank my predecessor (John Foley) for his excellent financial stewardship.

Our results for the 2020/2021 financial year show a surplus of \$26,769 after receiving \$870,310 in income and expenditure of \$843,541. The closing retained earnings stands at \$229,218 with \$218,627 of this currently in term deposits. Our financial health means that we are well placed to diversify our funding sources to ensure ongoing financial viability and maximize opportunity to effectively deliver services to our clients.

As per previous years, our core funding remained consistent from both Commonwealth and Victorian State governments. A key, one-off, COVID-19 funding grant for \$171,500 was received and, of that, \$102,000 has been carried forward to this year’s financials. This grant was provided through the National Legal Assistance Project and administered by VLA. This funding provided additional support to MVLS to address the increased legal need during COVID and to improve IT capacities for the organization. This money was

spent on bolstering our front-line legal staff along with significantly improving our IT capacities with a new server, improved website, and mobile technology equipment. All of this has had the added benefit to improving accessibility for our local and broader community.

MVLS has strived to work on the financial viability goals that have been set out in our 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. We have secured new funding via a grant from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, along with innovative alternative streams such as the licensing of FineFixer to Legal Aid NSW.

Finally, we have been provided the additional security of a 3-year core funding agreement with the Federal and State governments, initially commenced in 2020 and due to expire in 2023.

Roy Burrows—Treasurer

FINANCIALS REPORT

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Income		
Covid-19 Grants	171,500	
Fine fixer	7,970	
Interest Recieved	2,258	5,336
Sundry Income	41,927	23,348
Recurrent Grants VLA—Other		5,777
Other Grants and Donations Recieved	22,898	10,155
Deakin Students	2,000	9,000
VLA Recurrent Grants—Commonwealth	124,240	121,124
VLA Recurrent Grants—State	325,048	320,280
Department of Justice		129,937
Moonee Valley Council Grants	9,718	11,188
DPC Grant		127,142
LAFDR	17,296	19,234
VLA—CLSP SACs ERO Extra		33,740
VLA Family Violence	103,744	51,872
Tenancy Project	51,872	25,936
Grants—CLSP Carried Forward	(102,000)	(55,707)
Grants and Other Income brought forward	91,838	
Total Income	870,310	838,363

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Expenses		
Accountancy	1,129	623
Audit Fees	2,375	1,420
Bank Fees and Charges	32	3
Committee of Management/AGM	637	5,331
Comm Legal Education	8,503	172
Contract Worker	70,500	165,333
Depreciation-Other	6,240	6,579
Holiday Pay	5,880	5,481
Insurance	2,956	2,274
Internet	84	1,805
Library Resources	5,569	10,286
Long Service Leave	(4,548)	17,441
Membership	4,059	3,859
Minor Equipment	890	1,866
Portable Long Service Leave	10,263	7,790
Postage	94	1,569
Printing and Stationery	5,555	4,166
Practising Certificates	1,728	1,462
Programming and Planning	10,046	2,468
Rent	12,641	15,723
Salaries	628,310	479,146
Staff Amenities	955	3,654
Staff Recruitment	914	155
Staff Training	3,124	3,953
Storage Fees	810	1,011
Sundry Expenses	66	1,380
Superannuation	58,039	44,939
Telephone	4,585	7,396
Travelling Expenses	21	163
Volunteers	909	409
Workcover	1,175	931
Total Expenses	843,541	798,789
Surplus from ordinary activities before income tax	26,769	39,574

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net surplus attributable to the association	26,769	39,574
Total changes in equity of the association	26,769	39,574
Opening retained earnings	202,449	162,875
Net surplus attributable to the association	26,769	39,574
Closing retained earnings	229,218	202,449

Balance Sheet

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash assets	2	322,286	262,089
Other	3	218,627	137,031
Total Current Assets		540,913	399,119
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	24,686	12,729
Total Non-Current Assets		24,686	12,729
Total Assets		565,599	411,849
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	5	31,762	22,771
Current tax liabilities	6	21,153	12,786
Provisions	7	32,398	26,518
Other	8	200,109	91,838
Total Current Liabilities		285,421	153,912
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	7	50,959	55,487
Total Non-Current Liabilities		50,959	55,487
Total Liabilities		336,381	209,400
Net Assets		229,218	202,449
Members' Funds			
Retained earnings		229,218	202,449
Total Members' Funds		229,218	202,449

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 2: Cash Assets		
Bank Accounts:	320,652	256,409
- Cash At Bank		
Other cash items:	1,634	5,679
- Petty Cash	322,286	262,089
Note 3: Other Assets		
Current	218,627	137,031
Short term deposits	218,627	137,031
Note 4: Property, Plant, Equipment		
Leased plant and equipment:	89,869	71,782
- At cost	(65,183)	(59,052)
- Less: Accumulated amortisation	24,686	12,729
	24,686	12,729
Note 5: Payables		
Unsecured	2,830	170
- Trade creditors	28,932	22,600
- Other creditors	31,762	22,771
	31,762	22,771

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