NATIONAL PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTRE

Annual Report 2006

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The Centre has adopted the following principles in relation to pro bono services:

- ***Pro bono should operate to complement and not be a substitute for properly funded government funded legal services.***
- ***The planning, design and provision of pro bono services should be determined by reference to the needs of socially and/or economically disadvantaged people.***
- ***Pro bono work should always be done to the same standards of attention, priority and professional performance as fee paying work.***
- ***Pro bono practice is a voluntary activity.***
- ***Government has a vital role in encouraging, supporting and facilitating pro bono initiatives.***

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Chair's message

Peter Stapleton

The fabric of our society requires the existence of the rule of law for many reasons but in particular, to enable lawyers to utilise the law to provide access to justice to all in our community – especially the disadvantaged and the needy – and so seek to ensure equity and fairness. Traditionally, lawyers have assumed a professional responsibility to assist in providing social justice to the community through the provision of pro bono legal services.

I congratulate all lawyers who have undertaken pro bono legal work for a person or an organisation that otherwise may not have been able to obtain social justice in our community. Hopefully your actions were rewarding and assisted in making a difference to someone in need.

In this context I fully endorse the Centre's proposed aspirational target policy. A voluntary pro bono target of 35 hours per lawyer per year is, for most, a realistic pro bono commitment. By agreeing to it lawyers are, as a profession, signalling acceptance of a shared responsibility to provide pro bono assistance to those in need.

With four years of secure funding from the federal government and from Attorneys-General in all states and territories, the Centre has an opportunity to move towards achieving its key objectives and fulfilling its strategic plan. We look forward to continuing to support the profession in its pro bono legal activities, to completing our national survey of the profession's pro bono activities and actively promoting the pro bono ethic.

I thank Tony Fitzgerald, past Chair of the Centre, for his contribution. I also thank the Centre's staff and Directors for their competence and their assistance throughout the year. We look towards a continuing commitment in the new year by the legal profession to its important pro bono legal work.

October 2006

'The way in which lawyers respond to the community's need for access to justice, in all its forms, is a measure of their right to be seen as members of a profession which acknowledges responsibilities that transcend the individual interests of its members.'

Murray Gleeson, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Opening Address, National Access to Justice and Pro Bono Conference, 11 August 2006.

Director's report

John Corker

The 2005/2006 year was marked by the strategic planning process and by the Centre embarking on several major projects. Following the commitment of the Federal Government to fund the Centre until July 2009 and the decision of the State and Territory governments to supplement that funding, the Centre developed a four year strategic plan for 2005-2009. The 10 key themes emerging from the process were mentioned in last year's report and continue to guide us.

Major projects

Major projects undertaken this year have included the pilot of the national survey of the legal profession in Queensland and considerable planning, in conjunction with the Law Council of Australia and the Australian Legal Assistance Forum, for the National Access to Justice and Pro Bono Conference, held in Melbourne in August 2006.

A key resource, in the form of the CLC volunteers website, was launched in October 2005 at the National Association of Community Legal Centres conference. Two papers were published by the Centre during the year: *regional, rural and remote pro bono: models and opportunities* and *Pro Bono Referral Schemes in Australia, A History of Professional Association & Law Firm Schemes.* For further details of resources and our publications see Projects and Activities (p.5).

At the end of 2005, the Centre moved premises. Gone are the extremes of temperature in the delightful and historic White House building at UNSW. We have moved into the very stylish, yet practical, new UNSW Law Faculty Building, with new 'green' air conditioning and heating and importantly, proximity to our 'social justice' colleagues in the new Law Centres precinct. The precinct houses nine separate centres and promises the opportunity for greater collaboration between the centres themselves and the members of the law faculty.

State based activities

While several of our projects this year were aimed at all States and Territories, our particular focus was Western Australia and South Australia. In Perth, in conjunction with the Community Legal Centres Association (WA) Inc ('CLCA'), a workshop was held in WA Law Week in May 2006 to discuss unmet legal need and the role of pro bono services in WA. A report is included in Projects and Activities (p.5)

In South Australia, the Centre invited the current president of the Law Society of SA, Deej Eszenyi to join our Advisory Council and contributed information to the meetings of the Access to Justice Committee of the Law Society of SA. We hope that the Centre's publication of the history of Pro Bono Referral Schemes will be of particular value to South Australia, which is one of the three jurisdictions in Australia with no formal pro bono referral scheme.

Engagement and Advocacy

The Centre continued to work closely with the legal profession and to undertake collaborative activities with law firms, community legal centres, Indigenous legal organisations, legal aid bodies and pro bono referral schemes. My trip to the Pro Bono Institute Annual Seminar held in Washington DC and to Pro Bono Law Ontario in Toronto in March 2006 provided a good opportunity to learn about new initiatives and to promote the pro bono work of the Australian legal profession. It also provided a great opportunity to work with the Australian pro bono coordinators who attended to explore and exchange new ideas about pro bono practice.

Better coordination of pro bono service delivery remains an important objective and new resources in this area will be forthcoming in the 2006/2007 year. The Centre continues to promote, advocate and broker pro bono partnerships between community organisations and law firms. These are expanding in number and diversity and providing a 'win/win' outcome for both parties.

Capacity building remains important as does spreading the pro bono responsibility more evenly across the profession. It is hoped that the Centre's introduction of aspirational pro bono targets in the coming year will lift the visibility of pro bono work across the profession. Through continuing liaison with legal aid, community legal centres and Indigenous legal organisations at State, Territory and national levels, we will work to ensure that pro bono services are used to complement – rather than replace – publicly funded legal services.

During the year I attended many meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops where I chaired sessions, made presentations and participated with a view to supporting and promoting pro bono legal services in Australia. My role, which varies from advocate to broker, resource provider to coordinator or simply providing encouragement and enthusiasm, is an intrinsic part of ensuring that the Centre fulfils its role as national leader and coordinator of pro bono legal services in Australia.

Board and Advisory Council

I would like to thank all the Board and Advisory Council members for the valuable contributions they have made during the year. I would like to particularly thank Tony Fitzgerald who provided strong leadership during a time of uncertain funding and who stepped down during the year as Chair and Director. I also thank Paul Redmond who had been the UNSW nominee on the Board since the Centre's commencement. Paul stepped down as a Director upon taking up a new position at the Law Faculty, University of Technology, Sydney. We wish him well in his new role. The UNSW Board position has been filled by the new Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of New South Wales, Professor David Dixon.

I would also like to acknowledge the important guidance provided to me by Professor David Weisbrot who stood down during the year as Chair of the Advisory Council.

Finally, I wish to warmly welcome Peter Stapleton as the Centre's new Chair and Deej Eszenyi as Chair of the Advisory Council. I look forward to working with them, the staff, the Board and the Advisory Council over the next twelve months.

Projects & Activities 2005-06

Reports of the Centre's projects and activities are grouped according to the key objectives of the Centre, as detailed in its Strategic Plan. Special reference is made to our state based activities:

1. Promoting pro bono work throughout the legal profession…

Pro Bono Partnership award NSW

The Centre again sponsored the Pro Bono Partnership Award as part of the annual Justice Awards of the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW. This award is presented to a partnership between a private law firm, community organisation and/or community legal centre in NSW that has developed an innovative and outstanding pro bono legal assistance relationship, resulting in improved access to justice for disadvantaged people in the community. This year the award went to Mallesons Stephen Jaques and the National Children's and Youth Law Centre for their multi-dimensional and multi-layered partnership.

clcvolunteers launched in ACT

A new website that facilitates volunteering at Community Legal Centres (CLCs) across all states and territories in Australia was launched in October at the National Community Legal Centres Conference in Canberra, ACT. The site allows potential volunteers to find out which of the 214 listed CLCs are looking for volunteers at any point in time – and what skills are needed. A comprehensive 'what to expect as a volunteer' section on the website provides general information about volunteering at CLCs. The site builds on work done by the Monash and Latrobe University Law Students' societies with their www.lawvolunteers.org.au site for Victoria. CLCs can easily keep their details current by clicking on a link on the site through which an email is sent to the website administrator. The clcvolunteers website is a joint initiative of the Centre and the National Association of Community Legal Centres.

National Conference in August 2006 in Melbourne

Preparation and planning for the National Access to Justice and Pro Bono Conference (August 2006) took up considerable time. This was to ensure that sessions reflected the important issues for our constituents in each State and Territory. We worked closely with the Access to Justice Committee of the Law Council of Australia to develop a program that placed pro bono practice issues in the context of legal aid, crime and punishment, human rights and relationships, and civil justice.

Other conferences

Other Australian conferences and meetings in which the Centre participated include: International Conference on Engaging Communities (Brisbane, 14-17 August 2005); Victorian Pro Bono Workshop (16-19 October 2005); meeting firms and Australian Lawyers' Alliance (ALA) to discuss pro bono; liaison with 'No-win, no-fee' firms; Australian Corporate Lawyers (ACLA) National Conference.

Western Australia – law week seminar

A workshop was held in WA Law Week (May 2006). It was attended by representatives from 10 Community Legal Centres in the Perth and Fremantle area, 3 regional CLCs, the WA Legal Aid Commission, the Law Society's Law Access Public Interest Law Clearing House and national pro bono coordinators from Blake Dawson Waldron, Clayton Utz and Allens Arthur Robinson, all of whom have offices in Perth. The workshop identified a number of areas of acute legal need and the importance of establishing a single point of access for pro bono services in WA. Workshop participants thought the Law Society was the appropriate 'access' organisation but noted that it would need additional resources to fulfil this function.

South Australia – Access to justice committee

The Centre contributed information to the meetings of the Access to Justice Committee of the Law Society of SA.

International event

The US Pro Bono Institute (PBI) annual seminar held in Washington DC provided an opportunity for the Centre Director to visit other pro bono organisations in North America (including Pro Bono Law Ontario) and to bring back some fresh pro bono initiatives. Of particular interest was a session on community organisations successfully 'pitching' pro bono projects to law firms. (Notes on the seminar and tips from a law firm, a community organisation and the director of the PBI, Esther Lardent, on how to pitch a new pro bono project to a law firm or in-house legal team have been posted to the Centre website.) The pitching idea was used in a Melbourne workshop, attended by CLCs and firms, as part of the Victorian Attorney-General's Community Partnership Scheme.

Advocacy of national aspirational pro bono target

In order to raise the profile of pro bono work across the profession, the Centre consulted widely with the profession and embarked on the promotion of a voluntary, national 'aspirational' pro bono target. The target is for 35 hours per year per lawyer across the nation.

The Centre intends to work with constituents to further develop this project into a key area of activity during 2006-2007.

Law student and law school pro bono – University of Western Sydney

Building on the success of its information and issues paper on law students and pro bono, the Centre continued to support the trial of the Pro Bono Students Australia (PBSA) program at the University of Western Sydney law school. The trial started in first semester 2005. Students have shown great interest in the program and placements have been made at the Federal Magistrates Court and the Blacktown Migrant Resource Centre. The Centre has liaised with the Australian Law Students Association and participated in their meetings and made a presentation to their executive.

The Centre is continuing to work with universities to enhance law school pro bono and is currently in dialogue with the Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD) in this regard.

2. Providing assistance and support to existing and potential service providers …

RRR pro bono project – WA launch

The Centre's information paper on regional, rural and remote (RRR) pro bono in Australia was launched in Western Australia on 8 May 2006 as part of WA Law Week. The paper, *regional, rural and remote pro bono: models and opportunities*, was developed as part of a regional, rural and remote pro bono project, funded by the Law & Justice Foundation of NSW. The paper aims to raise awareness and provide information and ideas to encourage the uptake and expansion of pro bono assistance to disadvantaged communities in RRR areas.

Referral histories project

In May 2006, the Centre published a history of referral schemes in Australia. The publication covers professional association and law firm schemes and is based on information provided by various scheme coordinators. *Pro Bono Referral Schemes in Australia* was compiled with the aim of recording details about the origins and development of the referral schemes so that their history is not lost. It also provides a resource for existing schemes to learn about their counterparts in other States and Territories and, hopefully, will assist those who are considering establishing their own referral schemes.

Pro bono clearing houses

The Centre has developed close relationships with the three Public Interest Law Clearing Houses (VIC, NSW, QLD). Among other activities, the Centre has:

- Supported QPILCH in its funding applications
- Supported VPILCH in co-hosting a workshop on pro bono partnerships with the Victorian Federation of CLCs
- Supported NSW PILCH by attending joint meetings of the three NSW referral schemes.

Projects & Activities 2005-06

Building and regularly updating the NPBRC website with information about areas of need, opportunities to assist, pro bono issues, the Centre and its projects

During the year, much new content was added to the website on a regular basis. With this increased content, plans were developed for a new and more functional website. Tenders were called for towards the end of the year. The Centre website has been updated with information about areas of need, opportunities to assist, the national survey (which can be done online), pro bono issues, the Centre and its projects. Visits to the website continue to increase in number. Hits on the www.nationalprobono.org.au website averaged 15,000 per month during 2005-2006 and rose steadily to reach almost 22,000 in May 2006.

Publishing the Centre's eNewsletter

The Centre has continued to produce Pro Bono News, its bi-monthly subscription-based eNewsletter. The eNewsletter provides information about the Centre and its activities, as well as state-based pro bono news, events and issues. Subscription numbers for the newsletter exceed 600 and continue to grow. There were 7 editions published in 2005-2006.

Liaison and meetings with law firms

Staff from the Centre attended pro bono coordinator meetings in NSW and Victoria, met with lawyers in Western Australia and Queensland and attended launches of many other pro bono initiatives across Australia.

3. Making available information and resources to assist pro bono service providers …

Conducting a national, state by state, pro bono activity survey of firms, individual lawyers and barristers

The Centre commenced its national survey of the legal profession with Queensland lawyers in March/May 2006. The Queensland survey was done in conjunction with Associate Professor Belinda Carpenter from the School of Law at the Queensland University of Technology and with financial assistance and cooperation from the Law Society of Queensland (QLS). The project has attracted support from a private social research company, from the Law Council of Australia and various State and Territory law societies/institutes. The Centre's three-part project will initially survey lawyers in each state and territory, then follow with surveys of law firms and finally, barristers. The Centre plans to complete the surveys and to compile and publish the results in 2007.

Identifying and publishing information about legal need

The Centre devotes considerable resources to identifying and publishing information about legal need. We assist with distribution of information about legal need to pro bono providers to assist them in directing their limited resources to areas of greatest unmet need. This is reflected in the relationships developed with community organisations and in the reports and submissions developed and made available by the Centre. In particular it has involved promoting information about regional rural and remote pro bono and the research on legal need undertaken by the NSW Law & Justice Foundation. This year it also included some assistance to Gillian McAllister and Tom Altobelli from the University of Western Sydney in setting the framework for their report titled 'Pro bono legal services in Western Sydney'. Their report was published in November 2005 and is available on the Centre's website.

Mapping pro bono services in Australia

This major research project is being updated and reviewed before publication. It provides a current overview of the Australian pro bono landscape – and a detailed look at particular pro bono services. The research for this project has provided the Centre with insights into how pro bono is developing in Australia and where we might best target our resources. When published, the mapping project will give a comprehensive picture of pro bono activity across the nation.

4. Promoting pro bono law to community organisations and the general public …

Undertaking general promotional activities

The Centre has continued to increase its profile. Promotional material including copies of the Annual Report, fliers and fact sheets have been widely distributed. Articles, commentary and opinion pieces written by or about the Centre have been published in a range of newsletters and journals, including *The Australian Financial Review*, *Australian Corporate Lawyer*, *Law Society Bulletin*, *Lawyers Weekly*, *Ethos*. Presentations promoting pro bono and the Centre have been made at conferences and other fora.

Raising the profile of pro bono

Centre staff attended and participated at State and National CLC conferences, and assisted with training initiatives and relationship-building events at home and interstate. This has resulted in new productive pro bono relationships and partnerships.

Raising awareness about pro bono legal services

Awareness of pro bono legal services has been raised by the Pro Bono Students Australia (PBSA) program which promotes pro bono law to non-profit community organisations. The Centre has also contributed information to the National CLC Directory on pro bono services. The Centre participates in many cross-sector networks including CLCs, legal aid and ILOs to raise awareness about pro bono issues and services.

Participating in the policy development processes

The Centre has developed and published policy positions for both government and the profession on how pro bono services can best assist low income and socially disadvantaged persons to obtain access to legal services.

Working with Indigenous Legal Organisations (ILOs)

The Centre has continued to focus on developing services for ILOs by convening meetings with law firms to discuss how they might best assist with various issues faced by ILOs, by undertaking further work on a resource paper on ILOs and pro bono services (to be published in 2006-2007) and by meeting and discussing pro bono with members of various ILOs.

Staff & Interns

John Corker – Director of the Centre since January 2004, John has had a diverse career within the law as judge's associate, barrister, Aboriginal Legal Aid lawyer, General Counsel for the Australian Broadcasting Authority and senior associate with Clayton Utz. His broad experience across the profession equips him to lead the Centre into its fourth year of operation.

Jenny Lovric – the Centre's Senior Policy and Research Officer, is a major contributor to many of the Centre's publications, including the mapping and regional rural and remote projects. Jenny also works with staff and interns on a variety of projects and participates in many of the cross-sector meetings, promoting pro bono awareness and assisting pro bono providers and recipients to work together.

Stephanie Astle – has a law degree and worked with Freehills and the Disability Discrimination Legal Centre before joining in the National Pro Bono Resource Centre as Administrator in February 2006. As with all she does, Stephanie managed the Centre's move into new premises with the ideal administrator's combination of planning, patience, energy – and humour.

Olivia Wellesley-Cole – was appointed as Project Officer, Policy and Research in May 2006. Olivia has an MBA from City University London and a Masters of International Law from Sydney University. She is primarily responsible for the Centre's national pro bono survey of the legal profession. She has worked extensively with refugee women.

Lynne Spender – is the Centre's Publications Coordinator. She is an editor and writer who has been involved with legal centres for over 20 years and is a previous editor of several editions of The Law Handbook NSW. She is currently enrolled as a PhD student at UWS.

Tory Kakoshke – Tory joined the Centre as Administrator during 2005 and left in December 2005 to take up a position with the Office of Workplace Safety. The Centre was sorry to lose her and her exceptional organisational and administrative skills.

Interns

In its fourth year of operation, the Centre has again been fortunate to have had assistance from several interns through its association with the UNSW Law Faculty Social Justice Intern program. Students make significant contributions to the work of the centres, and in turn are able to gain practical experience in research, writing and advocacy about issues affecting social justice. Thank you to students during the 2005-2006 year:

Semester 2 (2005): Matthew Carbines, Zahra Tafreshi
Semester 1 (2006): Amy Ward, Geoff Wong

Board & Advisory Council

Board members

Chair: Peter Stapleton

Peter has been a Board Member since 2000. He was instrumental in establishing Blake Dawson Waldron's national pro bono practice. He was chair of Redfern Legal Centre for many years in the 1980s. Since joining the firm in 1983, Peter practised in the area of commercial and corporate law, specialising in asset and share acquisitions, joint ventures and foreign investment laws and regulations. Apart from acting for Australian corporations, Peter acted for many overseas corporations in connection with their business operations in Australia, particularly Chinese, Japanese and European corporations.

Robin Banks

Robin is Director of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) and the Public Interest Law Clearing House (PILCH). Before PIAC, Robin was a senior associate at Henry Davis York in employment and industrial relations. Robin has also worked at the Canadian Human Rights Commission, in Darwin on a coronial inquest in the death of an Aboriginal boy in detention, as Co-ordinator of the NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre and as an advocate for people with disabilities.

Michael Cole

Manager Community Services, Law Society of WA, managing Law Access Public Interest Law Clearing House, the Litigation Assistance Fund (WA), the Francis Burt Law Education Centre and Law Week in WA. Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in WA in 1980. Former Regional Director of the Australian Government Solicitors' Western Australian Office. Michael has been a Board member since 1999.

Michelle Hannon

Michelle is the Pro Bono Director at Gilbert+Tobin. She has conducted a number of human rights and discrimination cases and was an executive member of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights for a number of years. Previously, Michelle worked in industrial and employment law and litigation at Freehills. She became the founding principal solicitor at the NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre, undertaking test case and public interest litigation, as well as policy work and community legal education in the area of disability discrimination. Michelle has been nominated by the Sydney based pro bono co-ordinators to the NPBRC Board.

Emma Hunt

Co-Executive Director of the Public Interest Law Clearing House (Vic) Inc. Emma represented PILCH Vic, PILCH NSW and QPILCH on the Board of the National Pro Bono Resource Centre until March 2006 when she left to go on maternity leave. Her place was taken by her job sharer, Paula O'Brien. Emma has been a Co-Director of PILCH (Vic) Inc. for six years and, prior to working at PILCH, worked as a Judge's Associate, and as a lawyer at community legal centres and legal aid in Australia and overseas.

Jane Hutchison

Currently Manager of the Hobart Community Legal Service Inc, Jane has been involved with community legal centres for over 15 years. She was a Board member of the Financial Services Consumer Policy Centre from the mid 90s (helping to establish the Centre) until 2003 and previous Chair of the Australian Financial Counsellors and Credit Reform Association.

Aleecia Murray

'Australian Young Lawyer of the Year' in 2004, Aleecia is based in South Australia where she works as a research officer, lecturer and tutor. She has previously been Project Coordinator for a UN development program in Laos, enhancing access to justice through the Lao Bar Association. With a long history of involvement in access to justice issues, she was the founding coordinator of the Refugee Advocacy Service of South Australia (RASSA) and coordinator of a Youth Crime Prevention Program delivered to high school students.

John North

John North was President of the Law Council of Australia (2005-2006) and is a Partner of North & Badgery Solicitors in Dubbo and Sydney. He is a member of the Legal Aid Commission of NSW, and former President of the Law Society of NSW. He has a continuing interest in pro bono, legal aid, Indigenous, prison and child care issues and in streamlining court procedures.

Board & Advisory Council

Paula O'Brien

Paula has been the Co-Executive Director of the Public Interest Law Clearing House (Vic) Inc since June 2003. She has also held a position as Lecturer/ Senior Fellow in the Law School at the University of Melbourne since 2002. She serves on the boards of several community organisations in addition to the Centre, including the Consumer Action Law Centre and Financial & Consumer Rights Council. She is heavily involved with access to justice activities in Victoria, including through the Federation of Community Legal Centres Justices Initiatives Standing Group and its Elder Law Task Group, the Law Institute of Victoria Access to Justice Committee, and the Victorian Bar Legal Assistance Committee.

Caitlin Perry

Caitlin is the coordinator of the Darwin Community Legal Service and a member of the NT Law Society's legal aid and pro bono committee. She replaced Shirley Southgate as the National Association of Community Legal Centres' (NACLC) representative on the Board from May 2005. Caitlin has a B.Ec from Sydney University and was previously Coordinator of Redfern Legal Centre.

Carolyn Sappideen

Carolyn is a Professor of Law and Head of the Law School at the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and is also the Director of Elder Law which provides research into legal issues affecting older Australians. Her teaching interests include Medical Malpractice Law, Property Law and Law of Torts. She is a recipient of a number of research grants including a joint grant from the Commonwealth government on Transactional Learning in the Law of Contracts. She is also the new author for Fleming, The Law of Torts (10th ed) and has published numerous articles and co-authored several books.

Advisory Council members

Professor David Weisbrot
President, Australian Law Reform Commission

Professor Don Chalmers
Head of School, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania

Mr Chris Dodds
President, NSW Council of Social Service

Ms Deej Eszenyi
Partner, Camatta Lempens Solicitors, Adelaide
(Immediate Past President of the Law Society of SA)

Mr Chris Gabelish
Coordinator, Geraldton Resource Centre

Mr Ian Govey
Deputy Secretary, Civil Justice and Legal Services Group
Attorney General's Department

Ms Jenny Hardy
Deputy Director, Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission

Ms Kathy Laster
Director, Victoria Law Foundation

Ms Fiona McLeay
Director Community Connect Program, Clayton Utz
(Now General Counsel, World Vision)

Mr Dennis Nelthorpe
Consumer Consultant, Melbourne

Ms Alexandra Richards QC
Barrister, Victorian Bar

Photo Highlights

Pro Bono Coordinators attending the PBI seminar in Washington DC, March 2006

From L to R: Annette Bain (Freehills), Jennifer McVicar (Baker&McKenzie), David Hillard (Clayton Utz), Georgina Perry (Allens Arthur Robinson), John Corker (NPBRC).

Esther Lardent, Director of the US Pro Bono Institute (PBI) and John Corker at the PBI Annual Seminar, Washington DC, March 2006.

Photo Highlights

New Law School Building at UNSW where the Centre is now housed.

New Law School Building, Union Road, UNSW.

Financial reports

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	2006	2005
	$	$
Revenue from ordinary activities	355.052	275,727
Expenses from ordinary activities		
Printing	4,122	5,970
Employee benefits expense	226,281	242,594
Depreciation expense	4,723	6,815
Audit fee	2,978	2,112
Insurance	4,077	3,995
Computer and Communications	4,658	16,260
Library	1,015	1,231
Travel	16,259	10,773
Other expenses from ordinary activities	11,516	12,403
Surplus/(Deficit) From Ordinary Activities	79,423	(26,426)
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	-	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	79,423	(26,426)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2006	2005
	$	$
Current Assets		
Cash assets	246,921	94,710
Receivables	76,725	4,745
Other	1,488	1,295
Total Current Assets	325,134	100,750
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	6,122	9,345
Total Non-Current Assets	6,122	9,345
Total Assets	331,256	110,095
Current Liabilities		
Payables	83,522	6,035
Provisions	18,739	16,988
Other	62,500	–
Total Current Liabilities	164,761	23,023
Net Assets	166,495	87,072
Equity		
Retained Earnings	166,495	113,498
Total Equity	166,495	113,498

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The National Pro Bono Resource Centre is an independent, non-profit organisation that supports and promotes pro bono legal services.

The Centre receives financial assistance from the Federal Attorney-General's Department and from the Departments of the Attorney-General in the States and Territories. Accommodation and other support is generously provided by the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.

Further information about the Centre including details of the Centre's publications, current activities and projects in development is available at www.nationalprobono.org.au

You can subscribe to the Centre's eNewsletter at http://lists.nationalprobono.org.au

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