



ANNUAL REPORT 2015 ADDENDUM

Details of Outreach Activities

The Rural Women’s Legal Service provides free Legal advice and information to women in rural and remote areas of South West Queensland which is funded by the Australian Government Attorney-General’s Department.

Locations include:

Charleville	Charleville Neighbourhood Centre, 114-118 Alfred Street (cnr Eyre Street), Charleville, Qld, 4470	Tues every 6 weeks, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Chinchilla	Family Support Centre 67-71 Middle Street Chinchilla, Qld, 4413	Mon every month, 11:30am-1:00pm
Cunnamulla	Local Area Co-Ordinator Disability Services, South West LAC Group, DOC, CS & DS P O Box 10, Cunnamulla, Qld, 4490 AND Cunnamulla Courthouse, P O Box 227, Cunnamulla, Qld, 4490	Tues every 6 weeks, 9:00am-11:00am
Dalby	The Myall Youth and Community Network Centre, Cnr Drayton and Nicholson Sts Dalby, Qld, 4405	Second Mon or Thurs each month, 10:00am-11:30am
Goondiwindi	Care Goondiwindi 56 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi, Qld, 4390	Second Tues each month, 12:00pm-1:30pm
Miles	Murilla Community Centre 73a Murilla Street Miles, Qld, 4415	Mon every 6 weeks, 12:00pm-1:30pm
Roma	Centacare, 133 A/B McDowall Street, Qld, 4455 AND Roma Community Hub Maranoa Regional Council 57 Bungil Street, Roma, Qld, 4455	Tues every 6 weeks 9:00-9:30am (The Hub) and 10:30am-12:00pm (Centacare)
St George	Centacare, 88-90 The Terrace, St. George, Qld, 4487 AND	Tues every 6 weeks, 2:00pm-3:30pm (Centacare) and



	Care Balonne, 84-86 Victoria Street, St George, Qld, 4487	9:00am-10:30am (Care Balonne)
Stanthorpe	Stanthorpe Community Development Service Inc. 8 Corundum Street Stanthorpe, Qld, 4380	First Wed or Thurs each month, 10:00am-11:30am
Tara	Tara Neighbourhood Centre 49 Day Street, Tara, Qld, 4421	Third Wed each month, 11:30am-1:30pm
Warwick	Lighthouse Community Centre 37 Guy Street Warwick, Qld, 4370	First Wed or Thurs each month, 10:00am- 1:00pm

Management Committee

Dan Toombs – President

Dan Toombs has shared a long history with TASC dating back to the mid-nineties where he was a committee member of the then, Toowoomba Community Legal Service. He later worked as a Disability Advocate and Lawyer, followed by his appointment to the role of CEO, which he held until 2011. These days, Dan works at the eclipse of innovation technology with many law firms in both Australia and the United States.

Kurt Alexander – Vice-President

Kurt Alexander has over 21 years in general management, financial management, administration management, and project management. He has 9 years of professional international business consulting and analysis experience, coupled with 3 years extensive finance training in Australasia and the Middle East. Kurt is the director, senior consultant, trainer and analyst of Condamine Developments, an Australian Company focused on International Business performance and training. Kurt has extensive experience in a wide array of consulting/training engagements within the electrical, hospitality, tourism, resort, mining, property development, construction, telecommunications, agriculture, engineering, retail, IT, manufacturing and consumer industries within Australasia, Sri Lanka and the Middle East.

Michael Maguire - Member

Michael has been lecturing at the University of Southern Queensland since 1989. Until recently he was a partner in a legal firm in Toowoomba, practising mainly in the area of Family Law. Michael has had a long association with TASC having been a committee member for ten years, a volunteer solicitor over a period of 27 years and a part-time employed solicitor between 1989 and 1994. He was admitted to practice as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1980 and is also a Solicitor of the High Court of Australia. He has a Graduate Diploma of Education and Master of Law degree. His areas of teaching interests include Family Law and Introduction to Law. Michael is also on the Toowoomba and Southwest Queensland Family Law Pathways Network committee and the Community Advisory Team for the Family Relationships Centre (FRC) in Toowoomba. He has a supervisory role for Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners at the FRC in Toowoomba.



Justin Searle—Treasurer

Justin is a partner at Clear Vision Accountancy Group and has been in the accountancy industry for over 20 years. He has developed firm relationships with other industry partners ensuring he delivers cutting-edge business development and profit optimisation advice. Justin specialises in business strategic development, corporate and self-managed super fund structuring. Justin’s approach to his business is replicated in his role as Treasurer ensuring TASC always receives expert, practical advice in keeping up with the organisation’s financial demands as it grows and evolves to meet its clients’ priorities.

Philippa Whitman – Secretary, Chief Executive Officer

Philippa is the Principal Lawyer and Chief Executive Officer of TASC. Philippa was admitted as a Solicitor of Queensland in 1983. She has practised law since that time with a focus on commercial and administrative law, disability law and corporate governance.

Lesley Beames - Member

Lesley has spent many years specialising in the people-side of organisations. She has worked as a generalist human resources advisor, training and development consultant and most recently as communication and marketing manager. Lesley’s particular interest is in creating an environment where everyone can explore ideas, solve problems collaboratively and achieve results in a way that promotes harmony and builds morale. After working at the University of Southern Queensland for over 20 years, Lesley retired in 2012 to pursue her interests in writing, history and volunteer work. Lesley has returned to the TASC Management Committee following a break of a few years. She hopes that her skills in communication, education and people management will be beneficial to TASC as it strives to provide quality services to the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Rachel Coe – Member

Rachel’s commitment to social justice drew her to study psychology and apply these skills in the area of offender rehabilitation. After 10 years in front line service delivery, Rachel sought opportunities to influence and improve practice through roles in quality assurance and staff development. She remains passionate about striving for excellence in service delivery through the use of evidence based practices. Rachel moved to Toowoomba in early 2013 and was keen to become involved with her local community. She was drawn to TASC’s values around social justice and their client centred practices

Ben Maden - Member

Benjamin has been Finance Manager at Carbal Medical Centre since March 2013 and previously was a tax and business restructuring specialist in an accounting firm in Toowoomba. Benjamin is a Chartered Accountant with 11 years’ experience and is enthusiastic about businesses achieving their full financial potential.

Benjamin is a brother of an intellectually impaired sister and is passionate about the rights of the disabled. Benjamin is also a believer in “blind justice” and ensuring universal access to the justice system.