



Growing
Together:
Pro Bono
Impact
Report

OUR PURPOSE

We use our legal expertise, platform and profile to deliver impact and outcomes through pro bono legal services.

OUR IMPACT



First Nations communities can achieve the outcomes they want to achieve.



The impact of environmental disasters is mitigated.



Family and domestic violence is reduced.

Artwork and impact icons

We commissioned Yaegl visual artist Frances Belle Parker to design three impact icons and create a larger canvas painting, entitled Wilaarawa Dugulaarra 'Growing Together' in Yagjirr language, to provide a visual representation of our three pro bono priority areas and mark the launch of our new pro bono practice.

Frances is from Maclean in New South Wales and is deeply inspired by her mother's land, Yaegl land. Frances has been a practicing artist for the last 20 years coming to prominence after winning the Blake Prize in 2000, making her the youngest ever winner and the first First Nations recipient in the prize's history. Frances has exhibited nationally and internationally and worked on several public art projects including the digital display of her work 'Angwirri' on the sails of the Sydney Opera House on 26 January 2021. Our Head of Pro Bono, Leanne Collingburn, attended high school with Frances at Maclean High School and credits her deep respect and admiration of First Nations Peoples to growing up with the Yaegl people of Northern NSW.

¹ We are grateful to Cassie Lang and Stephanie Parkin, both Co-Founders and Principals of Parallax Legal, for their contributions and advice in relation to the First Nations aspects of our Pro Bono Impact Strategy.

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Leadership perspectives



Luke Mountford
Managing Partner

HopgoodGanim has a long history and heritage of philanthropy that started with our founders, Paul Hopgood and Joe Ganim, in the early 1970s, and this has been continued ever since as we've evolved and developed as a leading Australian mid-tier law firm.

Over nearly 50 years, our community involvement and participation, as well as our social impact, have taken many forms. Most recently, we've been recognised with accolades including the Salvation Army's Others Award for having an extraordinary spirit of service to others in the Australian community and being a finalist in the Queensland Philanthropy Awards for Corporate Philanthropist of the Year.

In 2022, Leanne Collingburn was appointed as our inaugural Head of Pro Bono.

Complementing our broader philanthropy and community work, our Pro Bono Impact Strategy is pivotal to the work we do in pro bono legal services. Introducing this strategy was a milestone for our firm and I'm proud of everything we've achieved so far, under Leanne's leadership, to collaborate with our partners and work towards short- and long-term outcomes that make a difference.

Our team are humbled to stand beside some of the organisations we've been fortunate to work with to deliver impact across our pro bono priorities so far, and there will be much more to come.



Leanne Collingburn
Partner and Head of Pro Bono

We started our new pro bono journey with a theory. Our theory was, that if we focused our pro bono legal services in just three areas that we are really passionate about, and we thought about the impact we could have in these three areas, as well as the changes we wanted our work to deliver, and then we mapped that out in an Impact Strategy for all to see and for us to measure – we might be able to do something really worthwhile, and we might be able to do something we could all be proud of.

Though we are only at the beginning of our journey, I'm so incredibly proud of all that we have achieved since the launch of our Impact Strategy in May 2022. Together, our people have embraced our strategy in a way I never could have imagined. Our team members in Perth and Brisbane have helped deliver impact across our three priority areas in different but complementary ways – directly through the pro bono work of our legal practitioners and Effective Governance team and indirectly

through events and fundraising, administrative support and volunteering.

I am indebted to our wonderful community of partners and promoters for embracing our strategy and supporting the pro bono work that we do and the impact we seek to achieve.

Finally, I am grateful to our clients. Thank you for placing your trust in us.

Pro Bono at HopgoodGanim



HopgoodGanim Lawyers is a leading independent mid-tier law firm with highly skilled legal teams across key sectors and commercial areas of legal practice.

We also house a leading team of private client lawyers. In addition to this work, we use our legal expertise, platform and profile to deliver impact and outcomes through pro bono legal services.

Our dedicated pro bono practice:

- works with First Nations communities to achieve the outcomes they want to achieve;
- works to mitigate the impact of environmental disasters; and
- works to reduce family and domestic violence.

Delivering impact

At HopgoodGanim Lawyers we want to ensure that our pro bono legal work, and community impact work, delivers real outcomes and impact. We believe this is best measured through the perspectives of our clients, our community partners and promoters and indeed our own people. The following pages of our report display a small collective of our impact, including through the stories of our clients, and as measured against some of the short- and long-term changes in our Impact strategy, as well as the UN Sustainable development goals. Below are some additional facts and figures demonstrating the impact of our pro bono program on our people and our community:

- ✓ Our people and our community become involved in, share and celebrate the work we are doing.
- ✓ Our people engage with our nation's history.
- ✓ Our people and our community understand the change and impact we want to achieve & commit to achieve it.



HopgoodGanim was recognised with a Salvation Army Others Award in recognition of our longstanding support and commitment to the work of the Salvos. The Award honours "an extraordinary spirit of service to 'others' in the Australian community, with 'others' being a word that's underpinned the Salvos' mission and work since its foundation.

10,000+

readers of our educational content on the Indigenous Voice during 2023

12

graduate clerks led our participation in the 2023 LawRight & LawAccess Walks for Justice, raising \$5,000.

800+

engagements with our 2022 family and domestic violence (FDV) awareness month client profile campaign

300+

registrations for our joint CLCQ webinar presentation with Townsville Community Law Inc on elder abuse and coercive control

4,000+

safe nights of accommodation supported for young women and children in need through a Lady Musgrave Trust housing development

12

sponsors jumped on board to support First Nations lawyers' breakfast

1st

Pro bono lawyer in Queensland to be promoted to Partner

Top team

Fundraiser for the Women's Legal Service Epic Walk for domestic violence (DV)

Realising impact

The words and messages of our clients, partners and community collaborators tells a powerful story. Here are some messages of support and impact that complement our focused efforts to realise positive change across our three priority areas.

Jyi Lawton, Chief Executive Officer Triple A

"Triple A is a First Nations community-controlled multimedia organisation that delivers essential services in radio, media, communications, media training and events for the First Nations community.

"As a not-for-profit in media, we have limited resources and certainly don't specialise in the legal space, so to have a relationship with HopgoodGanim to have the trust that our legal needs are met through pro bono support is critical to the operations and sustainability of our organisation. When it comes to the legal space, it can be often scary and it's hard to know where to start. HopgoodGanim were able to provide the appropriate support and expertise to meet our legal needs.



"The Pro Bono support provided by HopgoodGanim has allowed us to reinvest the money we would have spent in legal fees into our service delivery and focus on our core business, knowing that those critical legal and governance needs are met and in place."

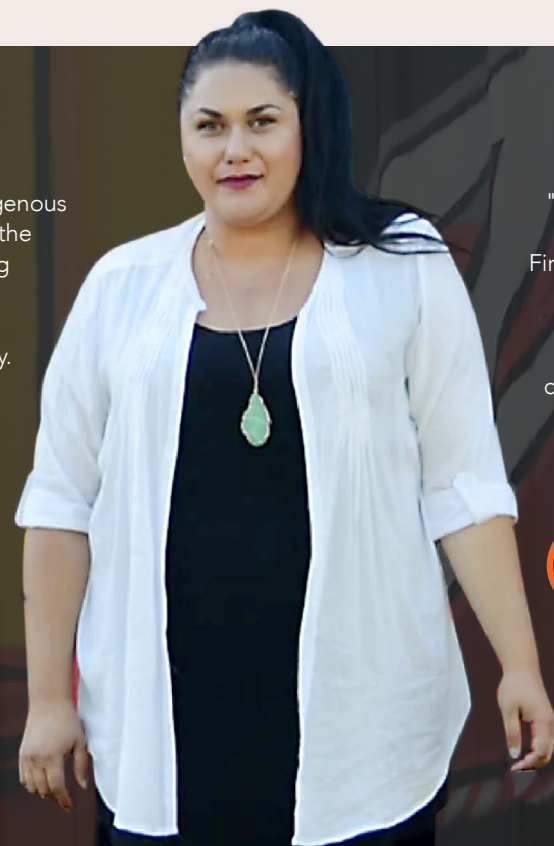


Play Message from Jyi

Naomi Moran

"The Koori Mail is Australia's national Indigenous newspaper, proudly based on the lands of the Widjabul Wia-bal people of the Bundjalung Nation. Last year the Lismore community and surrounding regions were disastrously impacted by the Lismore floods in February. Throughout our flood recovery efforts, HopgoodGanim provided incredible and valuable support to The Koori Mail during crucial periods of recovery. The expertise and advice from the team was essential to our ability to best navigate how to rebuild our organisation.

"The legal advice and allround in-kind generosity and kindness from the HopgoodGanim team was essential to our recovery."



"The care taken by the team to navigate our needs as a First Nations organisation and community tells the story of a beautiful connectedness to Indigenous people and communities that is founded on respect and knowledge that is embedded in the HopgoodGanim culture."



Play Message from Naomi

Allison Baden-Clay's family

HopgoodGanim is a legal partner of the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation. Allison was murdered by her husband in a prominent family and domestic violence case in Australia, with HopgoodGanim providing significant pro bono assistance to Allison's family over several years.

In mid 2023, the family shared this letter to HopgoodGanim's previous Managing Partner, **Bruce Humphrys**, coinciding with our leadership transition, acknowledging Bruce, as well as associates and colleagues across the firm for their ongoing efforts to support the family.

"On behalf of our family, we express our deepest gratitude to you and your firm, HopgoodGanim, for the time, effort, and support over the last 11 years. We are forever grateful to your team, Freda, **Lisa, Paul, Greg, Justin, Tim** and many other associates, who spent many hours meeting

with us, fighting for us and achieving justice for our dear daughter Allison, making sure her three daughters remained with us growing into the beautiful ladies that they are today. Your firm gave us so much advice, kindness and hope to assist our family through very dark times. We had so much confidence in your expertise and professionalism when needed.

"We could not have come so far without you and your associates and partners. Allison's three girls, Hannah, Sarah and Ella, would not be the confident ladies they are today without your support and guidance. We recognise the many extra hours and the amazing effort from both Freda and Lisa during our crisis.

"We remain forever grateful and thank you for the difference you have made in all our lives."

Victoria Parker, Chief Executive Officer, Lady Musgrave Trust



Play Message from Victoria

"The impact of the pro bono support the Lady Musgrave Trust has received from HopgoodGanim has been transformational, and importantly will create lasting positive change for the women and children we are set up to support."

We've been lucky to receive outstanding legal advice and support that has grown and matured our organization in the planning, financial risk management and property areas.

"HopgoodGanim have also offered their world-class legal support to our tenants in the family law space. As a recent example of impact, team HopgoodGanim's team have helped us kickstart and contributed to a major development project that will see us grow our safe nights of accommodation from 8,000 nights per year to 12,000 nights per year in the next 12 months.

"The firm's generous commitment to what we stand for, their authentic and kind-hearted approach to reducing violence towards women and increasing opportunity, and their solidarity with us as an organization is a pleasure to experience. Without a doubt, HopgoodGanim's partnership will be etched into the history of what the trust has achieved over the last 12 months and in the benefits experienced by women and children who need them most for generations to come."



Working with First Nations communities

HopgoodGanim Lawyers is working with First Nations communities so that they can achieve the outcomes they want to achieve.



Our work with First Nations communities prioritises First Nations-led solutions and participation and so involves a lot of listening – including listening to the needs of communities from their own perspectives.

Sometimes legal support is needed, but not in the areas we might always think, and sometimes legal support is not the greatest need. Sometimes the greatest need is financial support, or a platform that would otherwise not be there, or a brainstorming session to help find a way forward, or sometimes the need is simply an introduction to someone new. So, while pro bono legal support is the focus of our impact, we are cognisant that this is not all we have to offer First Nations communities.

As a result, our 'Growing Together' with First Nations communities has taken a variety of forms, from legal advice and representation for individuals, to project development, donations and sponsorship, event participation and education of our own people.

Underpinning our **Pro Bono Impact Strategy** and our work in this area is our respect for First Nations peoples.

First Nations-led economic participation

The 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games (Games) are projected to bring \$4.6 billion in economic benefits to Queensland, resulting in a Games-induced uplift in tourism and trade¹ and the Queensland Government is focused on supporting First Nations businesses.²

Having worked with many startups, we know there are common legal issues that arise. There are also legal issues and disputes that are avoidable – if startups receive professional advice and are set-up for success from the outset.

We looked at what guidance was available to startups, and we couldn't find anything specifically targeting First Nations startups.

So, together with **Parallax Legal, Triple A, Humanize Media** and with input and guidance from **Joshua Creamer** and **BDO Australia**, we set about creating a suite of guidance fact sheets specifically for First Nations startups.

Launched in **Indigenous Business Month**, these guidance fact sheets will form part of a growing ecosystem of support for First Nations businesses to ensure they can leverage the Games' global audience and beyond.

¹ <https://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/reports/assets/2032-qlg-games-economic-analysis-summary-report-final.pdf>

² <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/93452>

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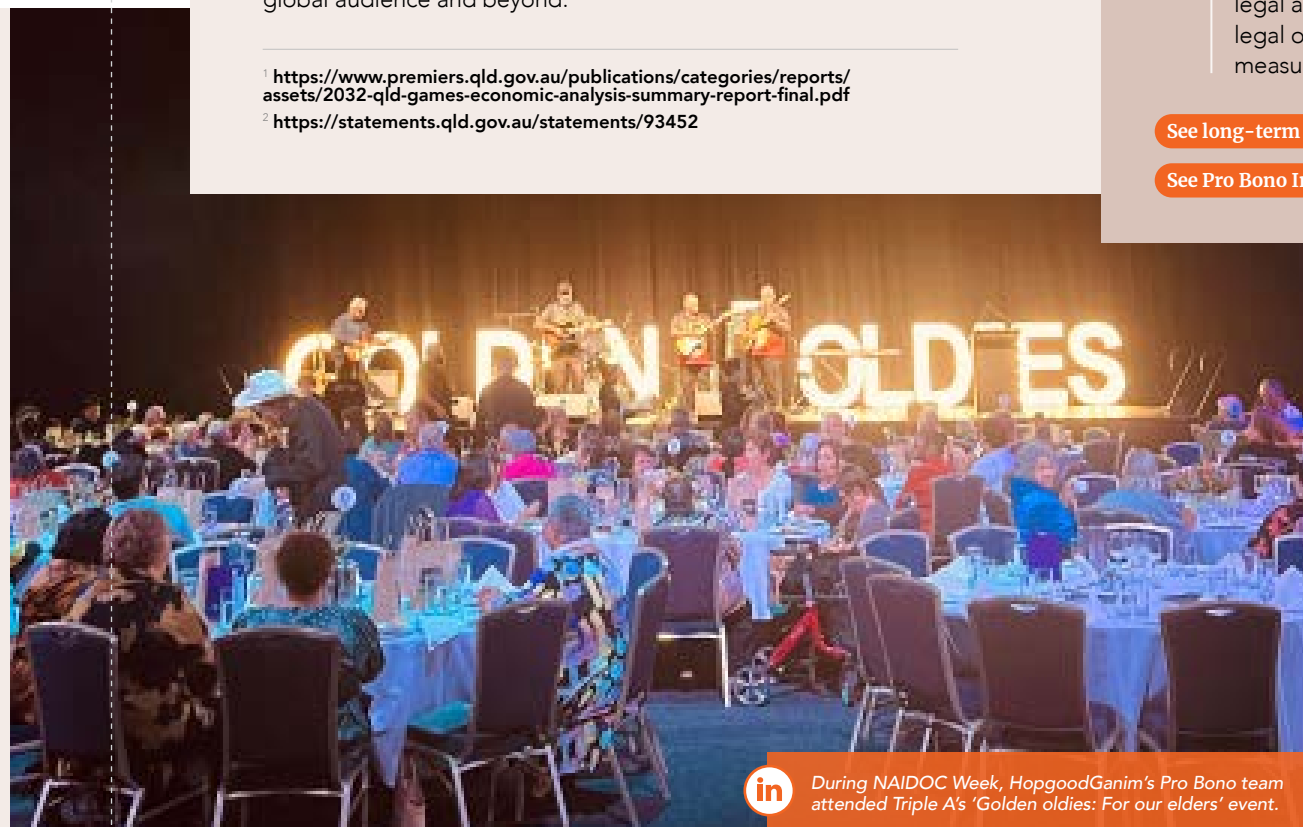
PRO BONO IMPACT STRATEGY OUTCOMES

Short-term changes

- 1 Our people better understand the opportunities we have to work with First Nations communities and businesses for a better future for all.
- 2 First Nations peoples, communities and organisations are consulted, if they wish to be, and heard on issues that impact them and their recommendations actioned.
- 3 Our community becomes involved, shares and celebrates the work we are doing.
- 4 First Nations peoples, communities and organisations receive quality legal assistance and good legal outcomes as measured by them.

[See long-term changes and outcomes](#)

[See Pro Bono Impact Strategy](#)



During NAIDOC Week, HopgoodGanim's Pro Bono team attended Triple A's 'Golden oldies: For our elders' event.

Working with First Nations communities

L to R: Thelma Schwartz, Cassie Lang, Joshua Creamer, Danielle Ah Boo, and Stephanie Parkin.



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PRO BONO IMPACT STRATEGY OUTCOMES

Short-term changes

- 1 Our people better understand the opportunities we have to work with First Nations peoples for a better future for all.
- 2 Our people understand and acknowledge their own privilege and the influence of their position and platform and, in consultation with First Nations peoples, use for the benefit of First Nations communities.
- 3 First Nations peoples, communities and organisations are consulted, if they wish to be, and heard on issues that impact them and their recommendations actioned.
- 4 Our community becomes involved, shares and celebrates the work we are doing.

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Focus on First Nations law students

Purpose

One of the best ways to make our laws and polices fairer and more just for First Nations peoples is to ensure our legal profession is better represented by First Nations peoples.

By supporting the **Joshua Creamer & Kara Cook Excellence in Law Award (Law Award)** for female First Nations law students studying at Griffith University, we are supporting the next wave of future First Nations lawyers and barristers.

In discussions with our own First Nations employees, we also learnt that for many First Nations students, university and early corporate life can often be an overwhelming and isolating experience. We work with a number of amazing First Nations lawyers and we wanted to create an opportunity for First Nations students and young lawyers to hear from these legal professionals and to see themselves in them.

In collaboration with **Reconciliation Queensland** and several law firms and community legal centres, we co-hosted a National Reconciliation Week 2023 Breakfast for First Nation Law and High School students.

Guest speakers **Joshua Creamer, Cassie Lang, Stephanie Parkin and Thelma Schwartz** spoke about their journey to the law, and their insights into the legal practice. The panel discussion enabled the students to see themselves 'on stage' and represented in the legal profession.

We were overwhelmed with the support of the pro bono legal sector and the community legal sector who supported this event, as well as the generosity of our panel in sharing their stories.

Long-term impact

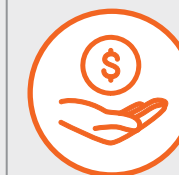
It is too early to determine if these projects will have a long-term impact; however, we have undertaken this work and will continue to advocate and share our thought leadership in these areas in the hope that it will lead to the following long-term outcomes, as identified in our impact strategy. We acknowledge that this work also aligns with the underpinning ethos of the Queensland Human Rights Act 2019 and the National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap.



First Nations community led solutions



First Nations-led economic participation



Increased access to justice



Education

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4 QUALITY EDUCATION



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Our focus on First Nations law students seeks to provide inclusive and equitable quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



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Our support of the Law Award is one way in which we are attempting to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



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We are hopeful our First Nations start-up project will provide tools and support for First Nations organisations and individuals.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



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More First Nations lawyers will assist in making our laws and policies fairer for First Nations peoples.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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Mitigating environmental disasters

HopgoodGanim Lawyers is working to mitigate the impact of environmental disasters. In early 2022, south-east Queensland and northern NSW were devastated by flooding events.



In Brisbane, our office was evacuated and thousands of families, small businesses, not-for-profit organisations and primary producers felt the impacts of these events. The importance of this priority area became very real, fast.

Over in the West, we were already providing pro bono legal assistance to individual clients impacted by Cyclone Seroja from April 2021, and then again, in December 2022 and January 2023, heavy rainfall and severe flooding caused by ex-tropical cyclone Ellie caused significant damage in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

In responding to environmental disasters, sometimes our support is needed immediately, like our work with the *Koori Mail* in Lismore, but more often, our legal services are generally not required until months

and even years after severe weather events. By partnering with legal referral organisations like LawRight, LawAccess and Justice Connect, we can ensure our legal services reach those who need it, when they need it.

Of course, we don't just want to respond to environmental disasters – we want to do our part to prevent them, to help communities prepare and to ensure their impacts are not forgotten. Our **2022 Justice in Focus: Water Stories Series** collaboration with **Caxton Legal Centre** is one example of how we have sought to do this.

Water Stories Series

Purpose

In recognition of National Water Week 2022, we partnered with Caxton Legal Centre to deliver the Justice in Focus: Water Stories Series.

Through a series of pre-recorded interviews and a live lunch and learn event, we explored multi-disciplinary responses to environmental disasters and climate change in Australia, particularly, the 2022 flood events in Queensland and northern New South Wales. Our interviews featured:

- **Naomi Moran**, General Manager, Koori Mail
- **Andrew Gissing**, Chief Executive Officer, Natural Hazards Research Australia
- **Bill Mitchell OAM HonLLD**, Principal Solicitor, Townsville Community Law
- **Julie Brook**, RPIA, Policy & Advocacy Chair, Planning Institute Australia
- **Joe Hedger**, Partner, Indigenous Services Group, Deloitte

By sharing their water stories, we hoped to better understand our responses and preparedness for environmental disasters. We sought to generate discussion and encourage human rights centred approaches and responses across all actions relating to land, law and people. This series led to a related significant research project on the risks and liabilities on individuals and communities responding to environmental disasters in Queensland as well as further opportunities to share our learnings.

In June 2023 our Partner and Head of Pro Bono, Leanne Collingburn, spoke at the National Access to Justice Conference on the topic of **Climate Change and the Future of Legal Need** alongside Fiona McLeod AO SC (Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers West) and His Honour Judge Brian Preston FRSN SC (Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales) facilitated by Jo-Anne Bragg OAM (General Counsel, Environmental Defenders Office). Our pro bono team also collaborated with Caxton Legal to present a Community Legal Centre Queensland webinar on **Community volunteers: Risk and liabilities for community led disaster response**.

PRO BONO IMPACT STRATEGY OUTCOMES

Short-term changes

- 1 Our people learn how First Nations land and water management can mitigate the impact of environmental disasters and, in collaboration with First Nations peoples, seek to share that knowledge with their sphere of influence.
- 2 Our people use their legal knowledge to help communities better prepare for the impact of disasters.
- 3 Best practice legal preparation and responses to environmental disasters are shared across jurisdictions.
- 4 Our partners and promoters can improve and scale up their programs, to mitigate the impact of environmental disasters.
- 5 First Nations communities consultations are consulted, if they wish to be, and heard on issues that impact them and their recommendations actioned.
- 6 Our community becomes involved, shares and celebrates the work we are doing

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Mitigating environmental disasters



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Water Stories

Naomi Moran

General Manager, Koori Mail

[Read Naomi's story](#)



Andrew Gissing

Chief Executive Officer, Natural Hazards Research Australia

"Whenever I think about my experiences with floods, it's the smell. Every flood has the same smell. It's the smell of the mud and the moment you hop out of the car in a flooded area, there is that wet muddy smell that is all too familiar from each flood."

[Read Andrew's story](#)



Bill Mitchell OAM HonLLD

Principal Solicitor, Townsville Community Law

"We need to understand that the lenses through which we see disaster and people's experience and recovery from it must have much more deliberate human rights lenses applied to it, otherwise we do run the risk of simply ignoring preventable deaths and that of course would be unacceptable on any level."

[Read Bill's story](#)



Julie Brook

RPIA, Policy & Advocacy Chair, Planning Institute Australia

"Planning is the best tool we have in the toolbox to mitigate future risk".

[Read Julie's story](#)



Joe Hedger

Partner, Indigenous Services Group, Deloitte

"I was sitting at home in Canberra watching the floods starting to hit Lismore in a very devastating way. Watching Naomi Moran dealing with the floods - putting a call out - I just felt compelled to find a way to be useful and to help out."

Once the waters started to recede, I remember just grabbing everything I could and just packing the car, packing a trailer and going up there, not knowing, you know, if you're able to get into the community, not knowing what state the community was going to be in, not knowing where you're going to stay but just feeling absolutely compelled to be there for the community."

[Read Joe's story](#)



'At the Koori Mail Flood Hub, April 2022'

Photo credit: Leanne Collingburn

Long-term impact

It is too early to determine if this project will have long-term impacts; however, we have undertaken this work and will continue to advocate and share our thought leadership in this area in the hope that it will lead to:



Disasters prevented



Communities prepared



Communities supported



Voices heard and actioned

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13 CLIMATE ACTION



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Our Water Stories Series shined a light on climate change impacts through discussions about environmental disasters and messages supporting stronger climate action.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



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This series shined a light on the disproportionate impact of environmental disasters on more vulnerable communities and human rights impacts.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



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By including a multi-disciplinary group of speakers, we were able to explore different perspectives on sustainable cities and communities.

Reducing family and domestic violence

We have a long history of working with families impacted by family and domestic violence (FDV).

This history of the firm, together with the urgent need to fight against FDV, ensured it was a priority in our Pro Bono Impact Strategy.

Our family law and elder law lawyers continue to provide pro bono services to individual clients impacted by family violence and coercive control. We volunteer at Caxton Legal Centre's and Women's Legal Services Queensland's DV clinics. We have assisted several FDV organisations with governance advice, property law advice and assistance, employment queries and risk management. We have also provided financial support through donations and sponsorship of amazing work done by several of our partners and promoters.

Despite this, each week we turn people away because we simply do not have the capacity to assist all of those in need. It is hard to articulate just how difficult this is.

The overwhelming need for FDV legal services is profound and perhaps the reason we welcome the significant FDV and coercive control reforms across Australia.

Collaborating with the Lady Musgrave Trust

The Lady Musgrave Trust provides support and housing to young women and children. They are Queensland's oldest charity and have helped over 10,000 people more over than 130 years.

We have been long-time financial supporters of the Lady Musgrave Trust. When we launched our Impact Strategy, we decided to scale-up our support for the Lady Musgrave Trust and their tenants, given their close alignment with our values.



Listen to Victoria's message about HopgoodGanim's impact.

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Education and awareness for coercive control

Since the murder of Hannah Clark and her three children in Queensland in February 2020, there has been much focus on coercive control in Australia and debate about the best laws and policies required to address it. With leading family law and elder law practitioners, we see the impacts of coercive control every day and we feel that this is a space we can make a significant contribution to.

There is so much positive coercive control reform across Australia at present. As we continued to make submissions to various law and policy reform consultations

throughout the year, we found it difficult to keep track of all the relevant laws and reforms and we thought others may be in the same situation. We set about capturing the relevant coercive control consultations and reforms across Australia for criminal law and protection order regimes since February 2020, launching a **Coercive Control Reform Tracker**.

Importantly, this Tracker has been engaged with and shared by our partners and promoters including the Lady Musgrave Trust, Small Steps 4 Hannah and the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation, as well as professionals in psychiatry, research and social justice.

We have also relied on the Tracker in our law reform submissions to highlight the different laws and policies in each state and territory.



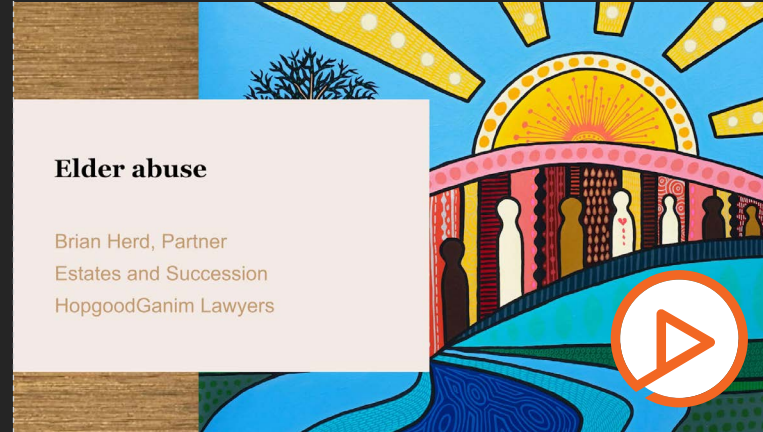
L to R: Partners Jonathan Fulcher and Leanne Collingburn, HopgoodGanim Lawyers with Lady Musgrave Trust CEO Victoria Parker.

Reducing family and domestic violence

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Elder abuse

Brian Herd, Partner
Estates and Succession
HopgoodGanim Lawyers



Elder abuse and coercive control reform in Australia

Our research indicated that elder abuse was increasingly missing from coercive control consultations and reforms.



This is inconsistent with the work of our elder law specialists, who regularly see older people being impacted by coercive control and often at the hands of their adult child.

Our team published a report, **Elder Abuse and Coercive Control Reform in Australia** to examine more closely where elder abuse sits within broader recent discussions in Australia about coercive control law and policy reform. We sought to encourage key stakeholders, including national, state and territory governments, to continue to include elder abuse in these important reforms. This report was shared by our partners and promoters who specialise in elder abuse.

Elder abuse and coercive control are both underreported and not often spoken about, which is why our efforts to draw attention and build awareness have been vital. We have committed to including elder abuse in every thought leadership opportunity we have about coercive control and have been contacted by members of the community appreciative of the report, who have felt more aware and empowered to take positive actions.

HopgoodGanim has also collaborated with Townsville Community Legal Service to deliver a webinar for **Community Legal Centres Queensland** with over 300 registrations – the highest number of registrations at that point for 2023.

“A very thought-provoking presentation which did an excellent job of highlighting the ways in which current responses to coercive control fall short because of the disconnected links between primary response agencies.”

Elder law webinar participant

PRO BONO IMPACT STRATEGY OUTCOMES

Short-term changes

- 1 | Our people and the community better understand FDV.
- 2 | Our community better understands intersectionality in the context of FDV and better understands FDV beyond gendered violence.
- 3 | FDV victim/ survivors have access to the support they need to take action, receive legal assistance and be better protected by the law.
- 4 | FDV support persons and bystanders are empowered to speak out and know how best to assist.
- 5 | Our people develop relationships with organisations that help us reduce FDV.
- 6 | Our partners and promoters can improve and scale up their programs to reduce FDV.

[See long-term changes and outcomes](#)

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Long-term impact

It is too early to determine if these projects will have a long-term impact; however, we have undertaken this work and will continue to advocate and be thought leaders to support and contribute to:



Prevention



Empowerment



Increased access to justice



Accountability

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



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All too frequently the impacts of FDV lead to ill health, financial vulnerability and homelessness. Our work with organisations like the Lady Musgrave Trust prevents homelessness and inadvertently seeks to end poverty and promote good health and wellbeing.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



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Though we continue to promote the impacts of FDV on marginalised communities and those at the intersections, there is no denying that FDV disproportionately impacts women.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



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At its heart, FDV is about power and control. By assisting individuals impacted by FDV and organisations that support them, we are seeking to address this power imbalance and inequality.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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All victim-survivors of FDV deserve access to justice. At the individual case level we assist as many people as we can. The need, however, is so overwhelming and demonstrates the importance of law and policy reform, as well as education and awareness.

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