



Grants Program Newsletter  
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## We've achieved a lot together in 10 years

We are so proud of the transformational work that has been undertaken by organisations funded through the Victorian Legal Services Board Grants Program. Read our 10 year report to find out how we are strengthening legal services in Victoria.

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## Save the Date!

### Margaret Hagan Workshop - 24 August

We are pleased to announce that Margaret Hagan will be presenting a workshop on 24 August hosted by Melbourne Law School, with support from the Victorian Legal Services Board Grants Program. Experienced at tackling complex legal challenges, Hagan is a leading trainer of legal professionals in design process to produce client-centred innovation. Book it into your calendar now as you don't want to miss this inspiring, practical workshop from the Director of the Legal Design lab and lecturer at the Stanford Institute of Design (d.school). Places will be limited!

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## New Reports

### Small Claims, Large Battles

The Victorian Legal Services Commissioner, Fiona McLeay, was honoured to speak at the launch of the Women's Legal Service report, Small Claims, Large

Battles in May. The report presents the findings from their 18 month project investigating the experiences of vulnerable women as they seek fair financial outcomes through the family law system.

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## **Improving Educational Outcomes for Children with a Disability**

The Castan Centre for Human Rights launched their findings from an exhaustive investigation into the education of children with a disability in Victoria's mainstream government schools. They found children are being turned away or discouraged from enrolling, they're not receiving the support they need to participate fully in their education, and they're being socially isolated.

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## **HJP provides cost-effective pathways to justice**

The Central Highlands Health Justice Partnership for Youth is a program delivering an integrated health justice service for young people in the Central Highlands region of Victoria. Funded by the VLSB, the program is a collaboration between Federation University Australia, Ballarat Community Health and Central Highlands Community Legal Centre. This evaluation is a must read for people working in Health Justice Partnerships or with young people.

[Download the report here.](#)

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## **Living Free Project launched in Frankston**



Victorian Legal Services Commissioner, Fiona McLeay, alongside Director of the Centre for Innovative Justice, Rob Hulls, launched the Living Free Project last week. Funded in our 2017 round, this innovative project utilises multi-sectoral responses to females who are at risk of entering the justice system or are in early contact with the justice system. By addressing the underlying causal factors of their offending behaviours it is anticipated that the project will ultimately reduce recidivism rates and further entrenchment in the justice system.

The launch was well attended by a number of Magistrates operating across the Moorabbin and Frankston Magistrates' Court in addition to senior police, legal representatives and management from across health and community services. The response from those in attendance highlights the importance to think outside the square in response to the growing numbers of females in the justice system.

[Find out more about this cutting-edge project.](#)

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## Call for expressions of interest – App Development

Students in the Melbourne Law School subject 'Law Apps' build and release web-based apps for not-for-profit organisations, addressing the common legal concerns of their clients and improving the community's access to justice. This year, MLS is partnering with Herbert Smith Freehills and calling for expressions of interest from community organisations. EOI's close 11 July so get in quick!

Submit your expression of interest: [go.unimelb.edu.au/dnu6](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/dnu6)

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