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## Annual Progress and Financial Report 2022

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### Director's Report

In 2022, the Institute completed two projects: a Research Paper entitled *Minimal Age of Criminal Responsibility in Tasmania*, and a Full Inquiry entitled *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices*.

Work continued on existing projects including references relating to Tasmania's *Constitution Act 1934*, privacy laws in Tasmania, and a re-examination of the case for a Tasmanian Human Rights Act. The Institute expects to release publications from these projects in 2023.

Work also commenced on a review of the operation of the Special Hearing Scheme under Section 6A Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Act 2001.

In addition, the planned review of the Institute was completed in 2022 after several years' delay due to staff changes and the pandemic. The review was initiated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania and had the active engagement of the Founding Partners to the Agreement that established the TLRI: the University of Tasmania, the

Tasmanian Government, and the Law Society of Tasmania.

The review was carried out at a critical point for the Institute, with its existing agreement due for renewal in November 2022. It was clear that challenges and issues had emerged regarding the TLRI and its sustainability.

The review panel consisted of Chair, Professor John Williams, Emeritus Professor Kate Warner and Associate Professor David Plater. Professor Williams is the Director of the South Australian Law Reform Institute (SALRI), and Associate Professor Plater is the Deputy Director. The panel held meetings with stakeholders and received written submissions, before preparing its report and recommendations, which were released in June 2022.

The panel expressed hopes that its recommendations would provide an opportunity to reinvigorate the relationship between the Founding Partners and place the TLRI on a secure and sustainable footing into the future. The report can be accessed on the TLRI website.

The work of the Institute continued in 2022 despite experiencing a number of challenges, including those relating to staff movement. Associate Professor Brendan Gogarty resigned from the Law School in March 2022 after three years' service as the Institute's Acting Director. The Acting Director role was then taken up by Professor Michael Stuckey until he stepped aside from his duties in May 2022. The Director's position was vacant between May and August 2022. At that point the role was accepted by then Associate Professor Jeremy Prichard. Due to a health condition, between August and December 2022 Jeremy undertook his duties at a reduced fraction, and was aided by Dr Nina Hudson as the Assistant to the Acting Director.

The lack of grant funding continued to compound existing limitations on baseline funding. Institute Board members expressed grave concerns about the long-term ability of the Institute to sustainably contribute to law reform in the state.

Thanks are due to Ms Kira White and Dr Martin Clark, who maintained the operational work of the Institute throughout 2022 under difficult circumstances. The Institute is also grateful to intern Ms Isabelle Dadswell who was the 2022 Vanessa Goodwin Scholar, and to Emeritus Professor Kate Warner who assisted Isabelle to complete a submission regarding the *Justice Miscellaneous (Royal Commission Amendments) Bill 2022*.

## ***1. Structure, Board Members and Staff***

The Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) was established on 23 July 2001 by Agreement between the State Government, the University of Tasmania and the Law Society of Tasmania. In November 2019, the Institute partners finalised a renewal extending the agreement for three years, until November 2022, with funding held at the same level as that under the founding 2001 agreement.

A proposal to conduct a review of the TLRI was raised prior to the 2019 renewal Agreement in a letter from the Attorney-General to the then Dean of Law, Professor Tim McCormack. Shortly after, Professor John Williams and Associate Professor David Plater were invited to conduct the review. Due to the resignation of Professor McCormack as

Dean in June 2020 and travel restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, no progress was made on the review in 2020. In late 2021 the terms of reference were settled, and a review panel appointed, consisting of Chair, Professor Williams, Emeritus Professor Warner and Associate Professor Plater.

The panel sought submissions from stakeholders and the TLRI Board in early 2022, before preparing its report and recommendations.

The work of the Institute, and the nature of the references it receives have developed significantly over its twenty-year existence. The 2001 funding level is no longer adequate and undermines Tasmania’s ability to eliminate defects in the law, and to undertake regular modernisation, simplification and consolidation of its law compared to other jurisdictions in Australia.

Previously, the functions and operations of the Institute were undertaken by its Director, with assistance from Board members, executive officers, research assistants and Law Faculty staff and students. However, the University did not appoint a replacement to the Director’s role after Associate Prof Terese Henning retired in late 2019. Associate Prof Brendan Gogarty acted in the role on a part-time basis for 2020-22.

Similarly, the University did not appoint a replacement Executive Officer (Research) since Ms Jessica Feehely resigned from that role in July 2019. The casual Executive Officer (Administration) has covered a portion of the work formerly undertaken by that position.

All written proposals for law reform inquiries are presented to the TLRI Board, which then makes recommendations for consideration by the Institute including identifying a recommended inquiry’s scope, time for completion, expected output and cost. The Board also reviews and approves all papers and reports before their publication.

The Institute’s work was supported in 2022 by part-time casual Executive Officer (Administration), Ms Kira White. Administrative support was also provided by University staff (see Financial statements for in-kind contributions).

### ***Board members 2022***

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates</b>
TLRI Director	Assoc Prof Brendan Gogarty (Acting)	Jan 2022- Mar 2022
	Prof Michael Stuckey (Acting)	Mar 2022-May 2022
	Vacant	May-Aug 2022
	Assoc Prof Jeremy Prichard (Acting)	Aug 2022 – Dec 2022
Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tasmania	Prof Michael Stuckey	Jan 2022-May 2022
Interim Dean and Head of School of Law	Prof Gino dal Pont	May 2022 – Dec 2022
Appointed by the Honourable the Chief Justice of Tasmania	The Honourable Justice Helen Wood	Whole year
Appointed by the Attorney-General	Ms Kristy Bourne	Whole year
Appointed by the Law Society of Tasmania	Mr Rohan Foon	Whole year

Appointed by the Council of the University of Tasmania	Assoc Prof Jeremy Prichard *	Jan 2022 – Aug 2022
Appointed by the Council of the University of Tasmania	Vacant	Aug 2022-Dec 2022
Appointed by the Tasmanian Bar Association	Mr Craig Mackie	Whole year
Co-opted by the Board	Ms Kim Baumeler	Whole year
Co-opted by the Board	Ms Ann Hughes	Whole year
Co-opted by the Board as a member of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community	Ms Rosie Smith	Whole year

\* Absent from Board Jan 2022-June 2022.

The Board met four times in 2022.

### ***Legal researchers during 2022***

- Associate Prof Brendan Gogarty
- Dr Martin Clark
- Ms Jemma Holt
- Ms Jess Feehely
- Ms Chun Yu

## ***2. Activities***

### **(a) Completed Work**

The Institute finalised two publications for release in 2022.

#### **Review of Minimal Age of Criminal Responsibility in Tasmania**

##### ***Background***

In late 2020, the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) asked the Institute to undertake a review of the minimum age of criminal responsibility (“MACR”) in Tasmania, to complement her ongoing work to reduce the prevalence of children in detention. The Institute successfully applied for funding from the Law Foundation of Tasmania.

The Commissioner, along with numerous peak bodies, has recommended raising the MACR to fourteen years old. The Institute was to provide early draft advice, followed by a Research Paper to inform public discussion and dialogue on the most appropriate way (if at all) to reform the MACR and *doli incapax* (criminal incapacity) principles in this state.

After a forum hosted by the CCYP in February 2021, the Institute worked on providing an objective evidence base on the legal implications of raising Tasmania’s MACR, appropriate avenues of criminal law reform, and the ways in which the criminal and youth justice system might be adapted to minimise any negative impacts on the Tasmanian community and Tasmanian children from raising the MACR.

After a draft paper was provided to the Commissioner in April 2021, work proceeded on the Research Paper in 2022. Staffing losses in the Law School meant that Associate Prof Gogarty undertook the work himself, in addition to his normal Director's duties. This delayed finalisation of the Paper.

### ***Status***

The scope of Paper was limited to the following questions, with the third specifying the nature of recommendations to be made:

- 1) How has the issue of MACR and the balancing of community versus individual rights and interests been approached in other jurisdictions?
- 2) What options are there for an alternative legal framework to ensure children who exhibit harmful behaviours receive appropriate community support directed at addressing the risk factors for their behaviour?
- 3) If the MACR is raised in Tasmania what, if any, additional law reform would be required to ensure community safety and promote the wellbeing of those children aged less than the MACR who exhibit harmful behaviours?

The Paper was completed in April 2022, and provided to the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) at that time.

### ***Researchers***

This review was undertaken by the then Acting Director Associate Prof Brendan Gogarty, and Ms Chun Yu.

### ***Funding***

The review was funded by a grant of \$17,719 from the Law Foundation of Tasmania

## **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices**

### ***Background***

The Institute received a reference in late 2016 from representatives of the LGBTQA+ community to investigate whether current Tasmanian laws adequately address the legal issues surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) conversion practices (also known as reparative or sexual reorientation therapy).

The Board accepted the reference, and the Institute approached the Attorney-General requesting the government to consider formally referring this issue to the TLRI. The government did not make a reference.

After unsuccessful funding applications had been made over a period of years, in December 2019 the University Vice-Chancellor agreed to fund the inquiry.

An expert advisory group was formed for the project. Disciplinary contributions to the preparation of the Issues Paper and Final Report were provided by group members: Mr Stuart Davey; Associate Prof Brendan Gogarty; Ms Anja Hilgemeijer; Associate Professor Amanda Neil; Professor Margaret Otlowski; and Dr Jessica Roydhouse.

Mr Chris Csabs, a SOGI conversion practice survivor, and Rev Jeff Savage, a Christian minister and accredited youth worker, were community members of the expert advisory

group who provided guidance and feedback on the Issues Paper only. In line with Institute protocol, the community members did not participate in the preparation of the Final Report or recommendations.

The Issues Paper was released in November 2020 with a call for public feedback. Various options for law reform were presented for public consideration. Submissions were accepted until March 2021.

Work on analysing submissions, consulting stakeholders and drafting the Final Report took place throughout 2021.

### ***Status***

The Final Report was released in May 2022, and generated extensive media and community interest.

### ***Researchers***

Dr Martin Clark drafted the Issues Paper. Work on analysing submissions and drafting of the Final Report was conducted by Associate Prof Brendan Gogarty, Dr Clark and social science coding specialist Mx Ashleigh Barnes. Research assistance had been provided in the initial stages of the project by Ms Siobhain Galea, volunteer graduate, and Ms Lilli Roberts, the inaugural Vanessa Goodwin Scholarship recipient, as part of her internship.

### ***Funding***

The Institute received a grant of \$42,000 from the University Vice-Chancellor Prof Rufus Black in late 2019. In late December 2020 the Vice Chancellor agreed to provide an additional \$4,537.33 funding to allow an extension to the public consultation period. In addition, the University funded the services of a social science coding specialist to assist with processing the volume of submissions, and salary for the report authors to provide briefings to stakeholders after release of the report.

## **(b) Ongoing Work**

### **Review of the Tasmanian Constitution Act 1934**

#### ***Background***

The Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law (AACL) partnered with the Law Foundation of Tasmania, UTAS Faculty of Law, and the TLRI in 2016 to undertake a review of the Tasmanian Constitution. The process began with an expert symposium comprised of constitutional experts from the Crown Law Office, the academy, the Bar, the Judiciary, NGOs and Parliament.

The symposium identified problems with the Tasmanian *Constitution Act 1934*, which produce uncertainty and inefficiency in the governance of the State and undermine core conventions such as the rule of law, access to justice and governmental accountability. Symposium participants concluded that a formal review of the State constitution should be referred to the TLRI.

The Board accepted the reference to analyse and recommend the most appropriate ways to

reform the Tasmanian Constitution in response to the wide-ranging deficiencies identified by the symposium.

### ***Status***

In 2019, Mr Leigh Sealy SC provided an advisory draft summarising known issues with the state Constitution Act. Reduced staffing levels at the Institute delayed work on an Issues Paper, because the identified issues were considered to be long-term matters, and resources had to be diverted to time-critical work. It is expected that an Issues Paper will be finalised in 2023 for public consultation and a Final Report in late 2023.

### ***Researchers***

Mr Sealy SC prepared a first draft of the Issues Paper. Associate Prof Brendan Gogarty may undertake further work on the Issues Paper, and prepare the Final Report, subject to reaching agreement with his current employer. If that does not eventuate an alternative researcher will be sought.

### ***Funding***

The Law Foundation of Tasmania provided funding for both the initial expert symposium (\$7,335) and the detailed review (\$33,114).

## **The Operation of the Special Hearing Scheme under Section 6A Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Act 2001 (Tas)**

### ***Background***

This project is reviewing the pre-recorded evidence scheme in Tasmania, with a particular focus on pre-trial special hearings. It aims to evaluate the operation of the special hearing scheme, including examination of the benefits it offers witnesses, and what more needs to be done to optimise opportunities for children and other vulnerable witnesses to participate more equitably in the criminal justice process.

The research involves a partnered investigation with the South Australian Law Reform Institute (SALRI) and the University of Adelaide on major reforms to the criminal justice process, with the focus of the Tasmanian work being the operation of the pre-trial recording of the evidence of children and special witnesses.

### ***Status***

The Institute was unable to conduct further work on this review until it was prescribed as a Law Reform Body for the purposes of relevant legislation. This occurred in late July 2021.

Further delays occurred because the Institute was without a Director or research staff for much of 2022, however a researcher was appointed in August 2022.

The Institute obtained the necessary ethics approvals and consent from the Supreme Court to observe relevant matters. Meetings were planned and commenced with members of the legal profession and stakeholders in the public sector, who have experience working with this legislation. Some data was collected. The planned output is a research paper. The planned release date is August 2024.

### ***Researchers***

In August 2022, Ms Jemma Holt commenced work as a researcher to lead the Special Hearing Scheme Study project. She is undertaking most of the work remotely from South Australia. An advantage of this arrangement is that the project relates to the partnership between the TLRI and SALRI, and she has worked at both institutions. Jemma previously worked as a researcher with TLRI in 2019-20 on the reference *Social Media, Jurors and the Right of an Accused to a Fair Trial*.

### ***Funding***

In 2019, the Institute received a \$50,870 grant from the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund grant to support this review. It was planned as a two-year project. However, delays in commencement, which were beyond the control of the TLRI, resulted in the existing grant funds being no longer sufficient to fund salary for the full two-year period. It is hoped that the new TLRI Agreement may result in increased baseline funding, which would allow the project to be completed over the full two-year timeframe.

An extension request has been lodged recently, asking for approval to amend the completion date to August 2024.

## **Re-examination of Case for Tasmanian Human Rights Act**

### ***Background***

In late 2019 the Institute received a reference from the Tasmanian Human Rights Act Campaign Committee, supported by eight community organisations. The reference was for the Institute to consider and report on developments in Australian human rights law and practice that bear on its previous recommendations, made in 2007, for a Tasmanian Human Rights Act. (*TLRI Final Report No. 10 A Charter of Rights for Tasmania*).

The Board accepted the reference, recognising that the output would be a research paper only, and that the review would not involve community consultation.

### ***Status***

An expert advisory group was established comprising: Ms Sarah Bolt, Ms Pia Struwe (from Nov 2021) and Ms Melanie van Egdom (Anti-Discrimination Commission of Tasmania); Dr Rebecca Bradfield (former UTAS) (to Nov 2021); Mr Vincenzo Caltabiano (Legal Aid Tasmania) (to Oct 2022); Ms Anja Hilkemeijer (UTAS); and Adjunct Associate Professor Terese Henning (UTAS) (to Jul 2022).

The expert group has met several times. Initially they reviewed a summary of the 2007 TLRI report, and gave feedback that shaped the approach to be taken by the review. They have met subsequently with the authors to review progress on the paper, and will consider a draft version, providing their expert views for the information of the authors, before the paper proceeds to the TLRI Board.

### ***Researchers***

A research paper is under preparation for the TLRI Board. Authors are Ms Jess Feehely, Associate Professor Brendan Gogarty, Adjunct Associate Professor Terese Henning (from July 2022), and Mr Bruce Newey with research assistance from Ms Gina Goh. Staff departures have impacted progress on the paper.



A draft will be reviewed by the expert reference group in January 2023. The feedback from the expert group will be incorporated into a final draft for presentation to the TLRI Board later in 2023.

### ***Funding***

The Institute received funding of \$23,015.00 from the Law Foundation of Tasmania.

## **Review of Privacy Laws in Tasmania**

### ***Background***

The Hon Meg Webb MLC requested the Institute to undertake a reference on Tasmanian privacy laws and protections.

The Institute is to inquire into, review and report on:

1. the current protections of privacy and of the right to privacy in Tasmania and any need to enhance or extend protections for privacy in Tasmania.
2. The extent to which the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas) and related laws continue to provide an effective framework for the protection of privacy in Tasmania and the need for any reform to that Act.
3. Models that enhance and protect privacy in other jurisdictions (in Australia and overseas).

The TLRI Board accepted the reference. Funding was sought from the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund for \$122,040, but in May 2020 the Institute was informed that it had been granted a lesser amount of \$76,353.98. To allow predictable financial control the Institute engaged subcontracted researchers from ANU to complete part of the project for a set sum.

### ***Status***

Following the acceptance of the reference by the TLRI Board, Institute and external researchers worked throughout 2021 and 2022 to prepare an Issues Paper for community consultation. The Issues Paper was reviewed by the TLRI Board in December 2022. Subject to some minor amendments requested by the Board, the Issues Paper was approved for public release early in 2023. This will be followed by a period of community consultation, and preparation of a Final Report and recommendations.

### ***Researchers***

Dr Daniel Stewart, Dr Damian Clifford and Dr Jelena Gligorijevic of ANU worked on the first phase of the inquiry. Subsequent work on revising the issues paper was done by Associate Prof Brendan Gogarty and recent law graduate Chun Yu, with Ms Yu also providing research assistance. The paper was edited and prepared for publication by Dr Nina Hudson.

### ***Funding***

The Institute applied to the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund for \$122,040 to complete the inquiry however in May 2020 they were informed that they had been awarded a lesser amount of \$76,353.98

### **(c) New Work**

The Institute has not yet received funding to commence any new projects in 2023.

However, in late September 2022, the Attorney General announced funding “to support innovative, stand-alone projects within the legal assistance sector, that will improve access to justice in Tasmania.”

The Institute lodged an expression of interest in October 2022 for funding towards a three-year project: *Cyber-sex offences committed by young people: evaluating the efficacy of responses by the Tasmanian Youth Justice System (YJS)*. The outcome of that expression of interest is expected in 2023.

### **(d) Other Activities**

In addition to its core business of undertaking law reform research and developing proposals for reform, the Institute engages in a range of other activities which contribute to public awareness of the law and the process of law reform, forge links with other law reform bodies and develop scholarly communities of practice to foster excellence in law reform research.

#### ***Research collaborations***

##### South Australian Law Reform Institute

In 2022, the TLRI continued its ongoing collaboration with the South Australian Law Reform Institute (SALRI) which is based at the University of Adelaide. Because the TLRI was without a Director for much of 2022, there was less collaboration about specific projects.

However importantly, Professor John Williams and Associate Professor David Plater of SALRI were appointed as members of the Review Panel commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rufus Black, with the support of the other Founding Partners, to review the TLRI. The panel consisted of the Chair, Professor John Williams (Director SALRI), Emeritus Professor Kate Warner (former TLRI Director) and Associate Professor David Plater. Professor (Deputy Director, SALRI).

In addition, in 2022 the TLRI appointed Ms Jemma Holt as lead researcher on the Special Hearing Scheme Study project. Ms Holt is based in Adelaide, and has worked at both SALRI and the TLRI. An advantage of this arrangement is that the project relates to a partnered investigation between the SALRI and the TLRI on major reforms to the criminal justice process.

##### Prevention of Elder Abuse in Tasmania (PEAT)

In 2022, the Institute continued to contribute to a cross-disciplinary group of academics from health sciences, social sciences and law, through the work of former TLRI Director, and Adjunct Associate Professor Terese Henning. The PEAT Research Team works to prevent and remedy elder abuse and neglect. The Team is also a member of SEAPAC which advises the State Government on elder abuse issues.

The PEAT Research team published these articles in 2022:

- Lawrence, Suanne & Henning, Terese & Banks, Susan & Bartkowiak-Théron,

Isabelle. (2022). "Falling through the cracks." A case analysis of financial elder abuse and neglect using coronial evidence. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*. 34. 1-10. 10.1080/08946566.2022.2153190.

- Boland, Joshua & Banks, Susan & Krabbe, Robin & Lawrence, Suanne & Murray, Therese & Henning, Terese & Vandenberg, Miriam. (2022). A COVID-19-era rapid review: using Zoom and Skype for qualitative group research. *Public health research & practice*. 32. 10.17061/phrp31232112.
- Lawrence, Suanne; Banks, Susan; Mosenthal, M; Henning, Terese (2021). Service-driven Approaches to Preventing and Responding to Elder Abuse in Northern Tasmania: Final Report for Research Preventing Elder Abuse North. University Of Tasmania. Report. <https://hdl.handle.net/102.100.100/495280>
- Lawrence, Suanne; Banks, Susan; Henning, Terese (2021). Service-driven Approaches to Preventing and Responding to Elder Abuse in Southern Tasmania: Final Report for Research Preventing Elder Abuse South. University Of Tasmania. Report. <https://hdl.handle.net/102.100.100/495279>

Through a generous gift of \$60,000 from Dr Suanne Lawrence, a Postdoctoral fellowship has been established known as the "Joy & Don Mc Burnie Postdoctoral Fellowship". The fellowship will be undertaken at the TLRI, and will support a Postdoctoral Fellowship in law for early-career researchers working in the field of human rights of older persons in Tasmania.

### ***Researcher in Residency Program***

The Institute aims to continue the 'Researcher in Residency' program, following a successfully funded pilot program in 2017-2018, and productive secondments from various sectors of the legal profession in subsequent years.

The position of research fellow for the Special Hearing Scheme Study was advertised under this process through the Law Society of Tasmania, and practitioner Ms Jemma Holt has been appointed

### ***Vanessa Goodwin Scholarship in Law***

The Vanessa Goodwin Scholarship in Law was established in 2019 with contributions from the TLRI, the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund and from Dr Goodwin's estate. The scholarship is awarded annually for a student entering Year 4 or 5 of a Bachelor of Laws or combined Law degree, or final year of a Criminology major. It includes a research internship with the Tasmania Law Reform Institute. The selection criteria include an interest in law reform and social justice.

Ms Isabelle Dadswell was selected as the 2022 Vanessa Goodwin Scholar. After assisting in an administrative capacity with the Review of the TLRI early in the year, Isabelle wrote a paper responding to the proposed amendment to the Criminal Code 1924 (Tas), in the Consultation Draft of the *Justice Miscellaneous (Royal Commission Amendments) Bill 2022*. The amendment proposed to add s 126A to the Code to create a presumption that a person under the age of 17 or a person with a disability is unable to consent to sexual conduct with a person in a position of authority. Her paper was confined to consideration of such a presumption in relation to a child or young person.

### ***Meetings with the Attorney-General***

The Acting TLRI Director met with Attorney-General, the Hon. Elise Archer MP twice in 2022. Throughout the year, the Acting Directors and staff also communicated with key Departmental officers to discuss relevant issues.

### ***Meetings with other key stakeholders***

The Acting TLRI Director met with justice stakeholders, either in person or remotely, to discuss the Institute's work:

- Executive Dean of CALE, Prof Kate Darian-Smith;
- CEO, Law Society of Tasmania;
- Secretary and Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice;
- Labor opposition Shadow Attorney-General, Ella Haddad MP;
- Policy staff from the Department of Justice.

### **(e) Reform commentary**

Reduced staffing levels within the Institute limited the capacity to provide reform commentary in 2022. However, the Institute provided comment on the following:

- *Justice Miscellaneous (Royal Commission Amendments) Bill 2022* (October 2022)
- *Guardianship and Administration Amendment Bill 2022* (October 2022).

### **(f) Community and media engagement**

#### ***Public communication***

The Institute has generally continued efforts to improve communication regarding our work via the use of social media, mainstream media and the use of videos.

#### ***Media***

The Institute continues to have a healthy media profile. Despite organising only one public media launch in 2022, the Institute still generated numerous media mentions, particularly on the topic of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices.

Specific media data for the year was not accessible due to technical issues with reports from the university's media monitoring service.

The following media engagement occurred in 2022:

- Media release regarding:
  - *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices*, Final Report No. 30 – May;
- Radio and television interviews regarding *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices Final Report*.

## **Summary of publications in 2022**

- *Raising the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility - Law Reform Considerations*: Research Report No. 5
- *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices*: Final Report No. 32  
- May 2022

### 3. Financial Statement for the period 1/1/22 - 31/12/22

#### Summary of all TLRI Account Balances at 31 December 2022 (full details below)

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General Operating Funds	41,672.29
Solicitors' Guarantee Fund – Special Witness Hearings Study	38,401.07
Solicitors' Guarantee Fund – Review of Privacy Laws in Tasmania	58,604.71
Law Foundation – Review of Tasmanian Constitution	33,074.73
Law Foundation – Re-examination of Case for Tasmanian Human Rights Act	2,814.34
Law Foundation – Review of the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility ( <i>unpent funds to be returned to funder</i> )	2,159.07
Vice Chancellor – Conversion Practices	0.00
Dept Communities Tas- Responding to elder abuse in Southern Tasmania	0.00

<b>Balance (surplus) at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>176,726.21</b>
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#### General Operating Funds

<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>84,349.62</b>
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#### Income

2022 Contract annual grant from State Govt Dept of Justice was <i>paid early (in Dec 2021)</i>	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
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#### Expenditure

Salaries and salary on-costs	42,677.33
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<b>Balance (surplus) at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>41,672.29</b>
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### **Solicitors' Guarantee Fund – Special Hearings Scheme Study**

Balance carried forward from 31 Dec 2021		50,870.00
Expenditure		
Salaries and salary on-costs	12,468.93	12,468.93
<b>Balance at 31 Dec 2022</b>		<b>38,401.07</b>

### **Solicitors' Guarantee Fund – Review of Privacy Laws in Tasmania**

Balance carried forward from 31 Dec 2021		62,717.62
Expenditure		
Salaries and salary on-costs	4,112.91	4,112.91
<b>Balance at 31 Dec 2022</b>		<b>58,604.71</b>

### **Law Foundation – Review of Tasmanian Constitution**

Balance carried forward from 31 Dec 2021		33,074.73
Expenditure		
Nil		0.00
<b>Balance at 31 Dec 2022</b>		<b>33,074.73</b>

### **Law Foundation –Re-examination of Case for Tasmanian Human Rights Act**

Balance carried forward from 31 Dec 2021		10,188.89
Expenditure		
Salaries and salary on-costs	7,374.55	7,374.55
<b>Balance at 31 Dec 2022</b>		<b>2,814.34</b>

### **Law Foundation –Review of the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility in Tas.**

Balance carried forward from 31 Dec 2021		5,586.16
Expenditure		
Salaries and salary on-costs	3,397.91	
Printing	29.18	3,427.09
<b>Balance at 31 Dec 2022</b> <i>Unspent funds to be returned to funding body</i>		<b>2,159.07</b>

### Vice Chancellor – Conversion Practices

Balance carried forward from 31 Dec 2021		<b>12,169.21</b>
Expenditure		
Salaries and salary on-costs	9,557.21	
Printing	2,612.00	<b>12,169.21</b>
<b>Balance at 31 Dec 2022</b>		<b>0.00</b>

### Dept Communities Tas – Preventing Elder Abuse- Southern Tas

Balance carried forward from 31 Dec 2021		<b>5557.75</b>
Expenditure		
Nil.		<b>0.00</b>
Unspent funds returned to funding body		<b>5,557.75</b>
<b>Balance at 31 Dec 2022</b> <i>(Project completed end of 2020. Balance returned to funding body in 2022)</i>		<b>0.00</b>



## University Contributions (in kind)

<b>LABOUR COSTS</b>				
<b>Non casual staff *</b>				
<i>Salary &amp; on-costs</i>				
<b>Role</b>	<b>Staff Type</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Full Time Equivalent Percentage (FTE%)</b>	<b>Total Salary Costs</b>
Institute Acting Director	Academic	Level D/E	22.50%	47,635.54
Board members	Academic	Level D/E	2.17%	5,522.82
HDR + Hons supervisor	Academic	Level D	3.50%	7,250.10
Research – reports **	Academic	Level C	4.00%	7,241.60
Law School Co-ordinator & Administrators inc Law social media	Professional	Various	6.24%	6,650.82
IT support	Professional	HEO Level 7	2.17%	2,794.56
Web management	Professional	HEO Level 5	2.00%	2,078.44
<b>TOTAL NON-CASUAL</b>				<b>79,173.88</b>

<b>Casual staff (paid hourly rate) *</b>				
<i>Salary &amp; on-costs</i>				
<b>Role</b>	<b>Staff Type</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>No of Hours for year</b>	<b>Total Salary Costs</b>
Assistant Acting Director?	Academic	Casual rate T	169	11,741.82
<b>TOTAL CASUAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL LABOUR</b>				<b>90,915.70</b>

<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	
Consumables & equipment depreciation ***	11,407.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,407.00</b>

<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>	
Labour costs component @ 35%	31,820.23
Non-Labour costs component @ 35%	3,992.00
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>35,813.23</b>

<b>TOTAL UTAS IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>138,135.93</b>
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\* calculated on University contract research rates, exclusive of GST.

\*\* annual average calculated from Faculty staff research on issues papers and reports over life of Institute.

\*\*\*includes computer and furniture depreciation, postage, stationery, & photocopier and printer costs.