

Our Vision

Shaping a fairer future for our community through accessibility and engagement

Our Mission

Working with vulnerable and disadvantaged community members. Springvale Monash Legal Service contributes to a fair and just society by :

- \diamond Advising on legal rights and responsibilities;
- \diamond Advocating for systemic change:
- Collaborating with stakeholders: & ∻
- Educating law students as future advocates

Our Values

Integrity : We act with honesty, transparency, fairness and compassion to build trust.

Team: We are united for the benefit of our clients, community & students - working together and supporting each other to make a difference

Respect : We recognise and embrace diversity and different perspectives

Accountability : We strive to meet the needs of our people and communities. We are responsible and take ownership for our actions

People-focused : We assist, educate & empower our clients and students, to achieve the best possible outcomes

Ethical : We are guided by human rights principles and professional standards

Strategic Priority 1

Secure resources to be responsive and to achieve stability

Our Ambitions

- \diamond Pursue financial stability
- ♦ Seek non-financial resources
- ∻ Improve resource management

Our Strategies

- \diamond Diversify funding sources
- Develop partnerships to ∻ leverage on pro-bono advice, expertise & services
- ∻ Formulate intentional resource allocation decision-making

Strategic Priority 4

Be an influential and recognised voice in the community

Our Ambitions

- Maintain an enviable reputation through strong culture and brand
- ♦ Attract and retain quality people who identify with our culture & brand
- Maintain relationships with alumni and educate future \diamond advocates

Our Strategies

- Enhance best practice and evidence-based service deliverv
- Support professional development of staff in a positive learning environment
- Provide innovative clinical practice to create positive ∻ experience for Monash students

SMLS Strategic Plan 2017-2020

Strategic Priority 2

Evolve quality services to respond to clients' needs

Our Ambitions

- Provide quality legal services & ∻ programs to achieve client outcomes
- ∻ Take a proactive approach through education & targeted early intervention services
- ♦ Focus on advocacy and law reform to enable change and to maximise community impact

Our Strategies

- \diamond Train staff in evidence-based reporting
- ∻ Review programs & services to embed a proactive approach to meeting clients' needs
- Seek and engage in advocacy & law ∻ reform opportunities

Strategic Priority 3

Develop innovative and efficient services & systems to increase comparative advantage

Our Ambitions

- ♦ Use technology to improve service deliverv
- ∻ Review programs & services to improve responsiveness
- ∻ Leverage on opportunities to develop innovative & efficient services & systems

Our Strategies

- ♦ Conduct environmental scan on available technology in sector and seek expert advice on improving technology & related skills
- Review existing processes & practices \diamond with view to improving responsiveness
- ♦ Understand and leverage on 'market position' to innovate

Strategic Priority 5

Foster strong relationships and create new connections to achieve the best outcomes for our community

Our Ambitions

- ♦ Strengthen existing relationships
- ♦ Drive new partnership opportunities
- ♦ Provide informed and relevant services that reflect community needs

Our Strategies

- ♦ Embed shared outcomes with Monash and SECL.
- ♦ Diversify and innovate service delivery to attract new partners
- ♦ Maintain connection with our community

