

The Shopfront

YOUTH LEGAL CENTRE

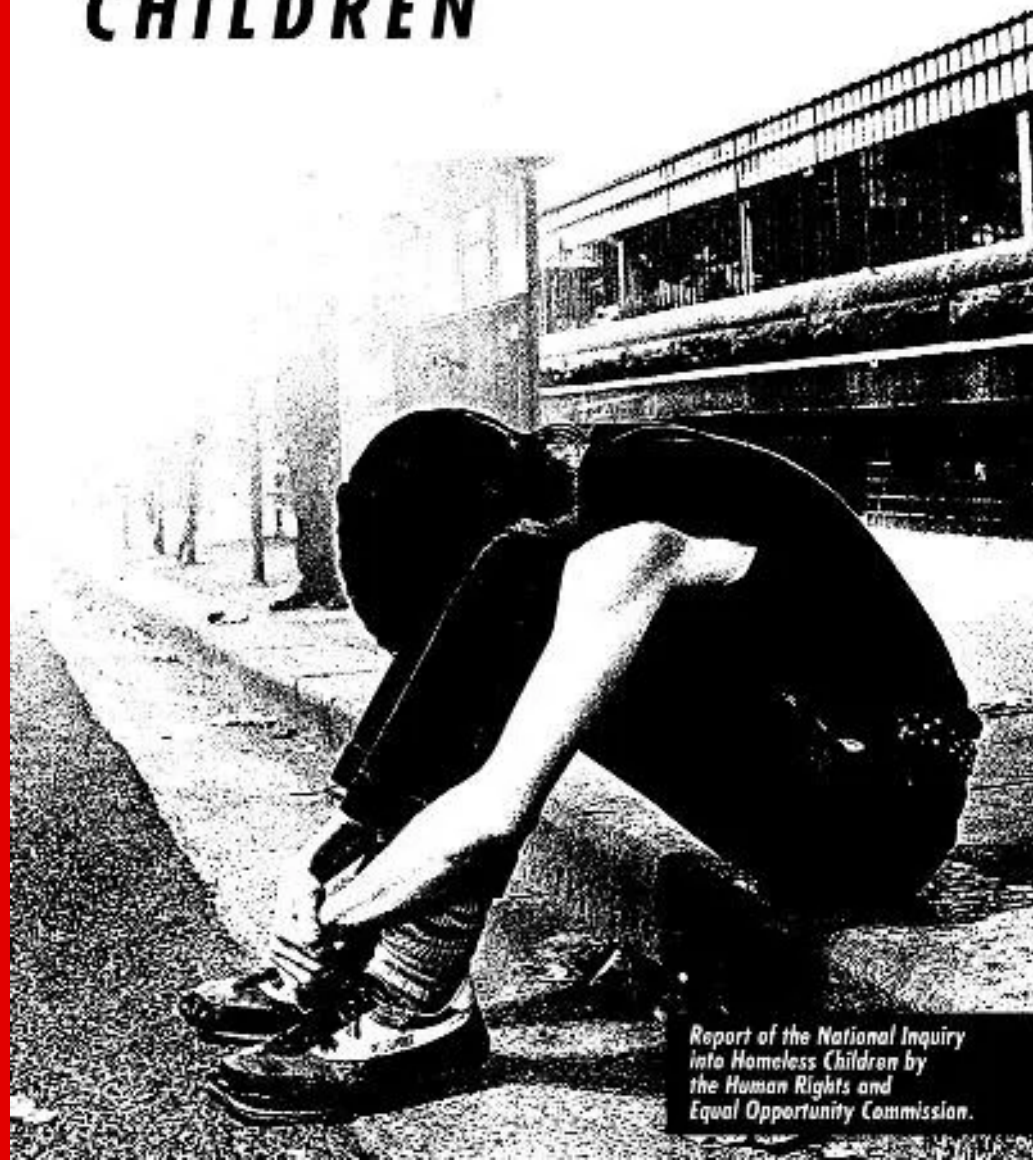


Celebrating 30 years, 2023

1989

The Burdekin Report

OUR HOMELESS CHILDREN



*Report of the National Inquiry
into Homeless Children by
the Human Rights and
Equal Opportunity Commission.*



February 1993

The Shopfront was established.



Mid 1990s





1995

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The Shopfront is open from
9.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday
or at other times by arrangement

Telephone
9322 4808

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HERBERT
SMITH
FREEHILLS



MISSION
AUSTRALIA together
we stand

1997

The Salvation Army joined The Shopfront partnership.

1998





1999

National Finalist at the Prime Minister's Awards
for Business and Community Partnerships.



Early 2000s



2003

Celebrating 10 years of The Shopfront

Mentions

LAWYER TALK

On its 10th birthday no loss of fizz at the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre



AFTER TEN YEARS representing young people with insoluble problems, irremediable dysfunctions and depressing futures, shouldn't solicitor Jane Sanders feel drained, dull, pessimistic, worn out before her time, yearning to slam the doors of the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre shut behind her and enter the cosy cloisters of conveyancing or corporate arbitration?

Sanders, principal solicitor at the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre laughs off any such suggestion. She is no Atlas, waiting to be relieved of a burden that grows more onerous with time.

"You can't imagine how rewarding it is to work with young people and share in their optimism," she tells *LSJ*.

In fact, the Legal Centre's 10th anniversary celebration at Freehills on 25 February, was just that – a happy celebration by the agency representatives

involved in it.

They included the Shopfront contingent of Sanders, her three solicitor colleagues, a paralegal and a legal assistant, and representatives of Mission Australia and the Salvation Army.

Mission Australia joined with Freehills in 1993 to set up the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre as a response to the Burdekin Report on homeless children and the Salvation Army became involved in 1997.

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The Shopfront assists each year more than 500 disadvantaged and homeless people, aged 25 and under with legal support, advice and representation. Responsibilities and costs of operating the

Ten years as principal solicitor with the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre has strengthened Jane Sanders (centre) in her commitment to assisting young people navigate the slippery shoals of the law and life beyond it. With her is (l to r) Sarah Barry, paralegal, Anna Kerr, solicitor, Jane Irwin, solicitor and Alison Thomas, legal assistant. PHOTO: ALEX CRAIG

Shopfront are shared between the partner organisations. Mission Australia covers the service's operating expenses, Freehills staffs the centre with three solicitors, one paralegal

and a legal assistant, while the Salvation Army provides youth worker support and the office space, rent-free.

If Sanders finds anything depressing, it's not the young people she deals with, though

their problems are often monumental, but the short-term law-and-order view politicians take of criminal justice issues.

"In the real world you'll always get young people needing legal services," she says, "but governments are not taking sufficient account of the other serious difficulties young people struggle with: homelessness, mental illness, sexual assault or substance abuse."

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What makes the Shopfront special, according to Sanders, is its being based right in the community – Kings Cross –



2004

Won the NSW Law and Justice Foundation's Pro Bono Partnership Award.





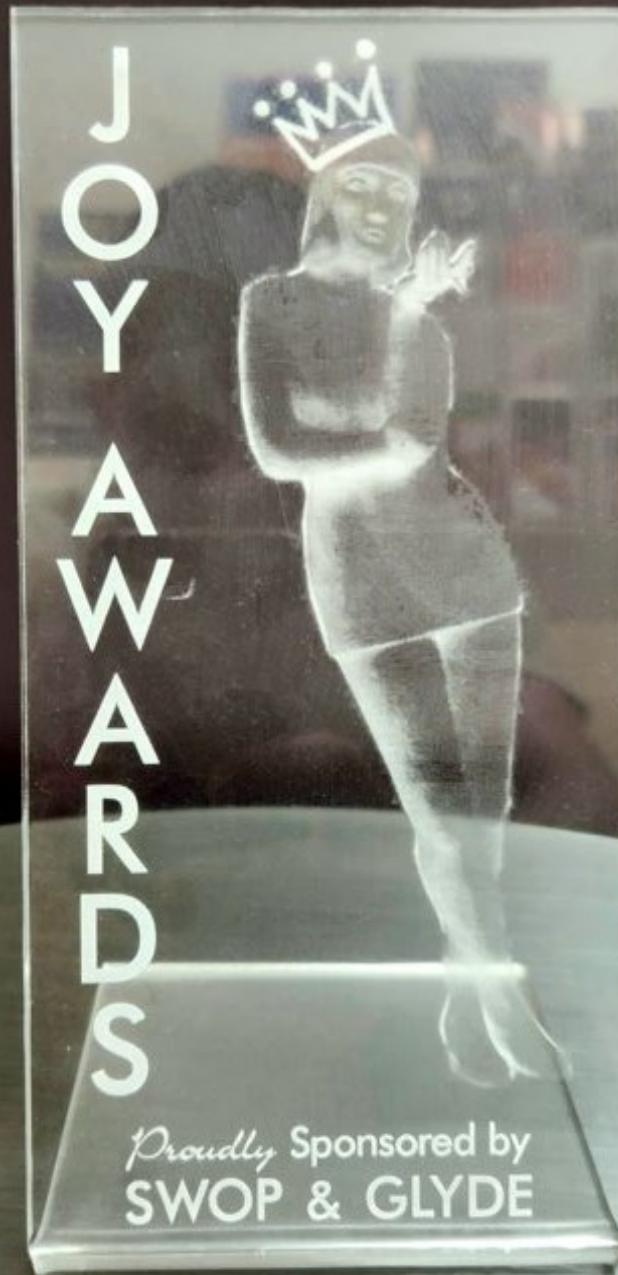
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2005



2000s

2009

The Shopfront's first caseworker.





2012



2014





2014



K e a n e y M e m o r i a l A w a r d

The friends and colleagues of Terry Keaney take
pleasure in presenting this certificate to

✧ **Jane Sanders** ✧

*In recognition of outstanding service
and having shown:*

- *Dedication to the profession*
- *Excellence as a criminal lawyer*
- *Commitment to clients*
- *Concern for social justice issues*

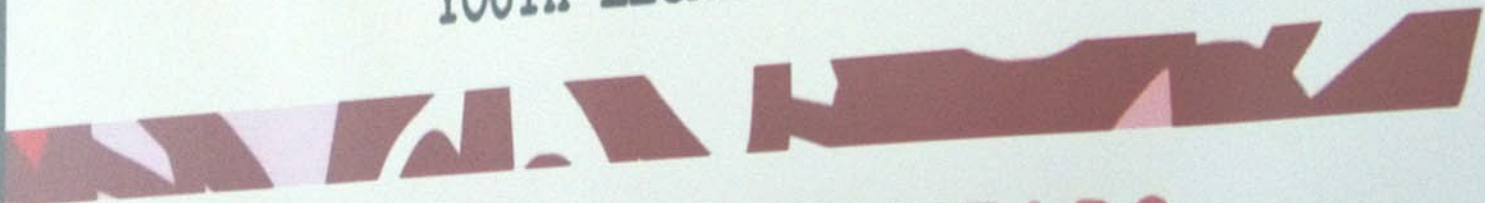
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CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

1993 - 2014





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2015



Rank	Name	Score
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2	69	68
3	68	68
4	68	
5	69	

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February 7-8, 2015

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2019





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Asia Pro Bono Conference,
Kathmandu.

Jane Sanders

The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre
Principal Solicitor

Jane Sanders is the principal lawyer at The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre, a free legal service for homeless young people in Sydney, Australia. The Shopfront has been operating since 1993 and is a pro bono partnership between a law firm (Herbert Smith Freehills) and two NGOs (Mission Australia and The Salvation Army). Jane represents vulnerable young people in court when they are accused of criminal offences. She also helps clients with other legal issues, including when they are victims of crime. Jane also provides legal information and training for young people, social workers, lawyers and students.





2021

The Shopfront/PIAC
Aboriginal Social Justice
Graduate Program
commenced.

2021 Legal Aid Conference



2022





2023 Legal Aid Conference

2023











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