

## **12 OCTOBER 2021 – MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **New TUSA Student Legal Service announced, to be delivered in partnership with Youth Law Australia:**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, the newly formed TUSA Student Legal Service was announced, at the Tasmanian Student Legal Service cocktail event.

To date, a legal service has been provided to UTAS students to varying extents, through the Tasmanian Student Legal Service, with financial support from the TUSA (Tasmanian University Student Association - formerly known as TUU) and the University Faculty of Law. This service has assisted many students over the years, however in more recent times, provided advice around migration issues only, which, whilst extremely important, only addressed one of many legal challenges UTAS students may face.

The TUSA delivers a number of key student support services, including advocacy, representation, and financial counselling and is excited to add this new service to their offering. Student President Braydon Broad says, “The establishment of this Student Legal Service partnership brings TUSA ever closer to being a one-stop shop for student support.”

The partnership with Youth Law Australia (YLA) has enabled TUSA to establish the new Student Legal Service, which will provide free legal advice and assistance to UTAS students in most areas of law, from migration to tenancy, employment and family violence. It will also enable the UTAS Law Faculty to continue to deliver a valuable work integrated clinical legal education component in LAW344 (Legal

Practice and Lawyering). “Our partnership with the Law Faculty and YLA gives law students the chance to help the student community all the while honing their professional skills in the process,” Broad says.

With the clinical legal education arrangements, Bachelor of Laws students will be exposed to a variety of aspects of the provision of legal services in a supervised community legal centre setting, including client intake and interviewing, legal research, drafting advice, observing or assisting the solicitor to provide advice or representation, and assisting with other risk-management practices and professional requirements.

Dean of Law Professor Michael Stuckey is looking forward to the new service commencing and the opportunity for students, observing “There is a really positive link between work-integrated learning (WIL) and graduate employability, university graduates who participate in any form of WIL feel more prepared for work, and rate their skills development higher”.

The service will commence in November 2021.

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