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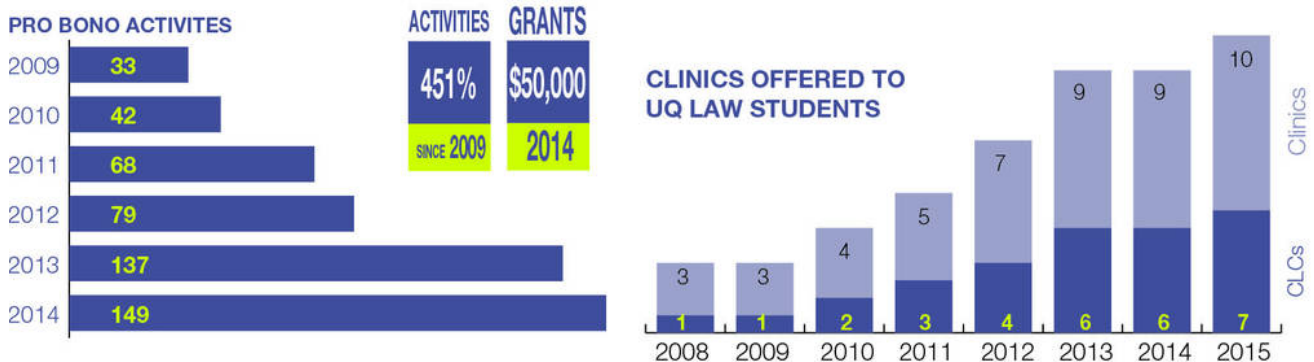
Welcome to the latest edition of the Centre's newsletter featuring a round-up of our news, community partnerships and student success stories in 2014.

## FEATURES

### A Productive Year

2014 has been a very productive year for the UQ Pro Bono Centre. Throughout the year UQ law students have participated in more than 140 pro bono activities in collaboration with law firms, barristers, community legal centres, charities and non-profit community organisations. This year our 2014 – 2017 Strategic Plan was finalised with the support of students, law school staff and the Advisory Board, and we also launched a new multidisciplinary health advocacy legal clinic in partnership with QPILCH, St Vincent's Hospital and the QUT School of Social Work.

The UQ Pro Bono Centre would like to thank all of our partners for a fantastic year. We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to working together in 2015.





## Two New Clinics for UQ Pro Bono Centre

The UQ Pro Bono Centre launched two new law clinics as part of its Clinical Legal Education Program (CLE Program). The Health Advocacy Legal Clinic started in Semester Two 2014, and a \$50,000 grant from the Ian Potter Foundation will enable a Tenancy Law Clinic to commence in 2015. [Read more](#)



## Student Profile: Juliet Walker

One pro bono experience led to the next and before long, final year Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws student Juliet Walker had taken on a range of projects through the UQ Pro Bono Centre. [Read more student profiles](#)

# UQ PRO BONO CENTRE NEWS

## Pro Bono Centre Turns Five

More than 60 lawyers gathered to celebrate the UQ Pro Bono Centre's fifth anniversary at Clayton Utz in March this year. Since 2009, our centre has facilitated hundreds of pro bono activities for law students to assist the legal profession with casework, law reform and public interest research. [Read more](#)

## New Patron: Justice Peter Applegarth

A very warm welcome to Justice Applegarth, who earlier this year became Patron of our Centre. Justice Applegarth has been an active supporter of the Centre as a member of the Advisory Board. [Read more](#)

## Pro Bono Awards Recognise Students' Effort

On Wednesday 22 August, the UQ Pro Bono Centre acknowledged the efforts of 98 students who participated in a wide range of pro bono activities in 2013/14 at its Annual Awards Ceremony. [Read More](#)

# IN BRIEF

## Centre Strategic Plan

Our [2014 – 2017 Strategic Plan](#) is now online. During the year we held stakeholder planning sessions to seek input and clarify our vision. Thank you to those stakeholders who provided input and we look forward to implementing the Centre's strategic direction.

## What's On - Manning St Project?

During the year, 28 students worked on law reform and policy research through the Manning St Project. Research included a pro bono values project, research into funeral law reform, research on legal issues relevant to any future prosecution of James Hardie for asbestos manufacture in Indonesia, and environmental law reform research. [Manning St Project](#) is a partnership between the UQ Pro Bono Centre and Caxton Legal Centre to support law reform initiatives and issues of public interest.

## UQ Pro Bono Centre on Film

This year the centre launched a video at its five year anniversary event in March. This short video (4 mins and 32 seconds) highlights the Centre's role in facilitating pro bono partnerships between law students, the TC Beirne School of Law and the broader legal profession. [Take a look.](#)

## Requesting assistance from the UQ Pro Bono Centre

If you are a lawyer who has a pro bono matter and you would like a law student to assist with research, please contact us. Our website now has an online request form which you can use, or alternatively you can contact the Centre Director Monica Taylor 3346 9351 or Administrator Jennifer Gibbons 3365 8824 or email [probono@law.uq.edu.au](mailto:probono@law.uq.edu.au) to arrange a pro bono student activity. Barristers can read more about seeking law students via this online [Hearsay article.](#)

## Like Us on Facebook

Stay up to date with pro bono news, events and opportunities by following [UQ Pro Bono Centre on Facebook.](#)

## Help us grow

We're sure you know how important pro bono work is to supporting disadvantaged members of our community. With greater sponsorship and donations we can extend our reach even further. We have the capacity to double our student numbers and community legal sector support with more funds. If you would like to invest, please visit [law.uq.edu.au/giving](http://law.uq.edu.au/giving)

## Contact Us

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