



We work to advocate to achieve justice for women, to promote women's human rights, and to redress inequality experienced by women and non-binary persons.

OUR PURPOSE

A community in which women enjoy and are entitled to legal and social justice.

OUR VISION

TEWLS is a not-for-profit, specialist Women's Legal Service focused on advancing the rights of women and non-binary persons. Located on Larrakia Land in Darwin, we support women across the Top End Region of the Northern Territory (NT) to access integrated, trauma-informed, and culturally secure free legal and support services.

ABOUT TEWLS

TEWLS acknowledges that we work on Aboriginal land, including the lands of the Larrakia people, who are the traditional owners of the land where our office is located. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin Region and pay deep respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We are committed to a positive future for the Aboriginal community. Always was, always will be.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



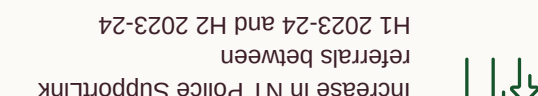
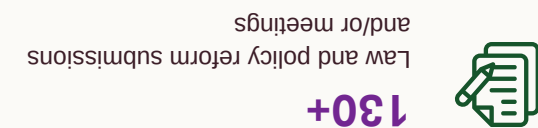
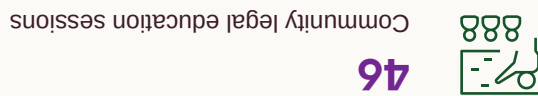
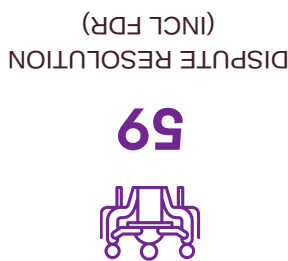
Socio-legal support - Supporting women to gain equitable access to culturally secure free legal and client support services in the Top End. This is our core focus.

Education - Empowering women to make informed legal choices and assisting women to achieve fair outcomes, including by educating women to know their legal rights.

Advocacy - Advocating for laws and policies that respect and promote women's rights, drawing on our on-the-ground experience providing legal & social support in our community.

Community upskilling - Building the capacity of our community to identify and respond to the legal needs of women and non-binary people.

SERVICE SNAPSHOT



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For a comprehensive summary of TEWLS' annual performance, this document should be read in conjunction with the full TEWLS Annual Report 23/24, available on our website.

OUR CLIENTS



604

Women and non-binary persons helped
(7% increase on FY22-23)

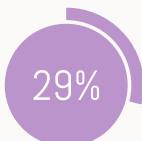


Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander clients



4.7

Average legal issues per advice appointment



Main language other than English at home



79%

Ongoing clients experiencing DFSV



Disability or mental illness



24%

All clients experiencing or at risk of homelessness

HOW WE CAN HELP

In the Top End of the NT, TEWLS is one of six (6) free legal assistance services and the only gender-specific service. TEWLS is also a specialist DFSV service.

TEWLS has three (3) core components to our service delivery model:



Direct client services
(integrated legal and client support practice)



Community legal education



Law and policy reform

TEWLS' service model means that a client can access legal assistance from one legal practitioner in multiple areas of law, including:



Family Law



Domestic, Family & Sexual Violence



Migration Law



Compensation



Employment Law & Workplace Sexual Harassment



Complaints & Discrimination



Personal Violence



Housing & Tenancy



Credit, Debt & Consumer Law



Deceased Estates & Superannuation

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

In FY23-24, TEWLS continued to assist women, non-binary persons, and the wider community to better understand their legal rights as well as contribute to law reform and systems change. This was primarily achieved through community legal education (CLE) and law reform submissions, including the creation of new community education content. Law reform and community engagement play a fundamental role in TEWLS' early intervention and prevention activities, which are informed by our experience and expertise.

This year, TEWLS launched our new and improved website, including access to newly developed content -

Plain English factsheets -

- Domestic violence orders (DVO)
- Victims of crime compensation (VOCC)
- Recovery Orders
- Housing
- Debt
- Superannuation and Deceased Estates

Women's Legal Information Booklet, Darwin Correctional Centre - Plain English

Posters - Workplace Sexual Harassment (NTWLS)

In May 2024, TEWLS commenced an innovative and exciting health justice partnership with Royal Darwin Hospital, with TEWLS Lawyers on-site providing urgent legal advice and ongoing assistance to patients in critical moments.

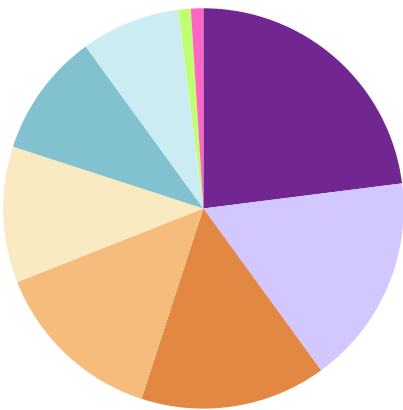
Throughout the year, TEWLS continued to deliver client-centred clinic partnerships at locations including -

- Catherine Booth House (CBH)
- Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter (DAIWS)
- Sector 4, Darwin Correctional Centre
- Dawn House Women's Shelter
- YWCA Domestic and Family Violence Centre
- Six (6) Top End Region Aboriginal communities



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total revenue for the year ended 30 June 2024 is **\$1,888,324**



NLAP Mental Health	23%
NLAP Baseline	17%
Temporary Visa Holders Pilot (DSS)	15%
NLAP Vulnerable Women	14%
Aboriginal Womens Community Outreach (NIAA)	11%
NPA Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence	10%
NLAP Workplace Sexual Harassment	8%
Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund	1%
Community Benefit Fund (NT)	1%

Total expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2024 is **\$1,826,973**



Employee expenses
(81%)



Premises costs
(3%)



IT & communications
(4%)



Office management
(5%)



Other expenses
(7%)

ANNUAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024, our member's funds balance is **\$1,253,994**



Assets
\$2,029,558



Liabilities
\$775,564



Equity
\$1,253,994

TEWLS' audited financial statements are available on our website.