

IN OTHER NEWS ...

ALRC Report on the Review of the Family Law System tabled in Parliament

The ALRC recommends that the resolution of family law disputes be returned to the states and territories and that the federal family courts eventually be abolished. The Report concludes that children fall through the gaps between the family law courts, the child protection systems and the state and territory responses to family violence under the current system and that this can only be remedied by having a single court. That court would be focused on the best interests of the child and be able to resolve all family law, child protection and family violence issues together. The report contains 60 recommendations for reform.

For a more detailed summary or to download the full report, [CLICK HERE](#)

No Merger of the Family and Federal Circuit Courts

The proposed court merger bills have failed to win support of the Senate and have not been passed into law. For details of the circumstances that lead to this outcome, see the Law Council of Australia's Family Law Section media release [HERE](#).

Non-Lethal Strangulation in Domestic and Family Violence

The Red Rose Foundation has been providing comprehensive training across Australia on the topic of Non-Lethal Strangulation. The Red Rose Foundation acknowledges that domestic violence related deaths have many predictive elements and are largely considered preventable. The [Red Rose Foundation](#) actively works to end domestic and family violence related deaths in Australia including homicide, suicide and accidental deaths that arise from incidents and or/histories of domestic violence.

To listen to a podcast from the ABC RN Law Report on current laws and strategies in place to deal with strangulation in family violence cases [CLICK HERE](#)

Harmonisation of Family Court and Federal Circuit Court Rules

A working group of judges from both courts has formed the "harmonisation project" to draft a common set of rules and forms and a consistent approach to case management, with a priority on identifying risk to children. [Click Here for further details](#)

NOTICEBOARD

CHILD INCLUSIVE PRACTICE FORUM 2019 - 3-5 June 2019 - Darwin NT

Acknowledging that family breakdown is not a finite concept, this forum will cover wide-ranging topics to enrich the practice of Child and Family Therapists, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners, Family Law and Childhood Specialists. [Register Here](#).

FAMILY LAW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Caxton Legal Centre needs more family law solicitors to volunteer for Thursday evening family law advice sessions. Find more information, including the necessary qualifications, position description and more, at caxton.org.au/support

CENTACARE FORTITUDE VALLEY IS NOW IN THE CBD

Due to disturbances from nearby construction, Centacare has temporarily moved from premises at Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley to the CBD. They are now located at Level 1, Penola Place, 143 Edward Street, Brisbane. There will be some outreach services to support this arrangement. Further details are on this [flyer](#) or call 3251 5000.