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Three Community Legal Centres Queensland staff shortlisted for prestigious awards

Rosslyn Monro, Hannah Krieger and Cathy Baker from Community Legal Centres Queensland are in the running to take out three categories in Australia's top industry awards for women, as a result of their contributions to the successful 'Fund Equal Justice' campaign.

The staff from Community Legal Centres Queensland have been shortlisted as finalist in the Not for Profit Lawyer of the Year, Law Student of the Year and Marketing Communications Executive of the Year categories respectively at the 2017 Women in Law Awards, presented by Lawyers Weekly.

James Farrell, Director, Community Legal Centres Queensland commented, 'Our team worked tirelessly on a campaign to reinstate funding cuts to Queensland's community legal centres. The cuts would have drastically reduced services across the state from July this year.'

'The campaign focused on educating members of the Government about the important services provided by community legal centres for everyday Queenslanders, and the impact of any reduction in funding. The campaign included meeting with state and federal MPs, running a media and social media campaign and finding 'friends of the sector' to make public statements in support of our work.'

'This award nomination recognises the hard work undertaken by Rosslyn, Hannah, Cathy and many, many other community legal centre staff in relation to the campaign, and the supporters that stood with us from the legal profession, church groups, unions, university, community groups, domestic violence advocates and the thousands of clients that rely on our help. It is great to be nominated but the Government's decision to reverse the cuts is already a win for the people of Queensland who can continue to get the legal help that they so desperately need and so rightly deserve.'

Now in its sixth consecutive year, the Women in Law Awards covers 20 categories that recognise individual excellence in law, from the profession's most senior ranks to its rising stars. Winners in the individual categories will automatically be shortlisted for the coveted Women in Law Excellence Award.

Lawyer's Weekly Features Editor, Emma Ryan, said the awards give women a chance to demonstrate their contribution to, and impact on, the law.

"The Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards identifies top female talent across Australia who strive for professional excellence within their specific practice areas," Ms Ryan said.

"With such tough competition among them, this year's finalists should be congratulated for their achievements. The team at Lawyers Weekly are proud to support these leaders of tomorrow on their success in taking the business of law to greater heights."

The winners will be announced at a black-tie awards dinner on Friday, 20 October at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins.

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Community Legal Centres Queensland Inc (formerly QAILS) is the state-wide peak body representing community legal centres in Queensland. Queensland community legal centres have 40 years of service delivery experience providing free information, advice and referral, casework and representation to the community. www.communitylegalqld.org.au

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