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Invested in Charters Towers

SITUATED at 46 Gill Street, the team at Rapid Legal Solutions works hard to provide locals with sound legal advice and assistance.

Rapid Legal Solutions (RLS) opened in Townsville in January 2010 and owners of the family-owned business had long standing ties to Charters Towers.

So when former practitioner Geoff Byrne decided to retire and relocate in 2011, RLS stepped in to purchase the building and extend job opportunities to the existing staff.

RLS also made the decision to renovate and bring the building up to improved standards – opening the doors of the freshly renovated building in August 2011 after a short time spent operating from Wherry House.

Rapid Legal Solutions' Glen Richmond said local tradesmen were engaged for the significant work.

"RLS ensured that local builders, suppliers and contractors were engaged for the renovations and furnishings, in order to support the town which we believe to be important," he said.

"The renovations were very significant and as an example, included re-roofing the building with new sheets of iron in one piece."

The creation of the Charters Towers business also included the inheritance of more than 1200 safe custody packets from Charters Towers and surrounding areas from the previous legal practices that operated from the building.

Since then they have all been catalogued and digitised, as well as placed in fire proof safes to correctly and securely store the documents – which had not happened before then.

The office is electronically linked to the Townsville offices and the computer network, including video conferencing facilities.

RLS continues to employ local staff like Kylee Tait and Lynette Langburne who worked for the former business owners.

Principal solicitor John Windridge also worked from Charters Towers for four years before joining the firm.

The legal business continues to extend its support to the local community, sponsoring Charters Towers State High School's legal studies awards and have also previously recruited winners of this award.



Pictured above: Solicitor Wendy Munson from Rapid Legal Solutions.