

**Moree Region CLSD Minutes
15th of September 2023**

Present: Judy Duncan (CLSD), Kate Halliday (CLSD), Angelia Graham (ALS), Jillian Skinner (Flourish), Hana Husakovia (Ombudsman Aboriginal Program Branch), Ben Graham (NNWCLC), Nicole Pearce (Flourish), Sean Suey-Thorne (Revenue NSW), Laura Lombardo (Gilbert & Tobin Law), Eleanor Holden (ALS Civil), Katja McPherson (NSW LA), Dominic Holles (ALS), Toni Johnston (DAA)

Apologies: Glen Crump (Redcross)

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action/Responsibility/Time |
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| 1. Welcome & acknowledgement | Judy | |
| 2. Check-in | Introductions | |
| 3. Agenda Items: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Moree CLSD Action Plan - 2023-2025 – Review • Revenue NSW - Proposed Collaboration – Revenue NSW/CLSAC (Sean Suey-Thorne) • Community Legal Education – CLE Unit/CLSD Collaboration • Birth Certificate Clinic – CLSAC and CLSD Collaboration • NCAT - Indigenous list – Update • Frontline Services Survey – progress update - Partnership CLSD & Just Reinvest | |

Reviewing the new CLSD action plan – 2023-2025:

Judy introduced the work she is doing on a week of CLE in Moree this year. Other legal services who would like to be involved – let Judy know if you are. The idea is to speak informally with community members and groups and listen to concerns and issues that people are facing.

Additional group? Elders group at Shae and Dhiyaan.

Childrens Court will be sitting in Moree one week a month for 2 days hearing Moree crime and care and protection matters. (Dom)

What is the reason for the increase in number of young people going to court in Moree, is it STMP?

Profiling does occur, STMP is a formal program and does not apply to children. STMP is where regional enforcement squad does proactive surveillance and data i.e., criminal record to put on list of people they keep a close eye on /target even harass. i.e. stop and search with no reason. It has no basis in LEPR. Whether they use this name or not does not really affect police behaviour i.e. stopping and speaking or even searching people if they have some belief.

Fines

ALS fines clinic is expanding and would love to assist in Moree on ongoing basis. Further discussion to be held between ALS, Revenue NSW and CLSAC about fines activities.

Sean shared how he may be able to contribute to the activities regarding fines in the plan.

Community Connect day will be held in Boggabilla and Mungindi in September.

Toni heard of something at Toomelah and will find out more information in October being organised by Moree Community College – tentative date is 11 October.

Birth Certificate clinic for Mungindi (12/12) and Moree (14/12) December. Joint activity between CLSD Regional coordinator and Legal Aid NSW CLSAC.

NCAT Indigenous List being created – need to get more information. NCAT no longer come to Moree they only sit in Narrabri. People need to travel or seek permission for AVL. Issue for Aboriginal leadership group at JR in Moree.

Eleanor – NCAT Indigenous List – hope that it can be offered in person, at the moment only. Both parties need to agree to be in the list.

NCAT has sent a letter to Housing Providers, respondents can opt in, but have to go to website [Aboriginal Tenancy List \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Aboriginal Tenancy List (nsw.gov.au)) and ask for it. The ALS, Centrelink and Aboriginal tenancy service are available online at the list.

Best advice is for tenants to be referred to a tenancy advocacy service who can then guide them to best outcome: NEWTAAS 1800 836 268 or Northern Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service (NATAAS) 1800 248 913.

CLE week – Could be October/early November. Judy is still settling the calendar of proposed & confirming groups.

- Young people – 3 groups YAC, SRC, junior AECG
- Tenants group – Byamee Residents
- Miyay Birray - Father's group
- Dhiiyaan Community Elders
- Social and Emotional Men's Group Pius X
- Adolescent Mental Health Pius X
- Parents, carers and police group (Inclosed Lands?)
- Hippy Program MB
- Flourish Australia

Frontline services survey

More information will be available at the next meeting about the results. The purpose of doing this survey was to get a better understanding of what services are available to young people and families, and to get information to help answer questions about whether they match community needs.

Justine sent service update for outreach to Toomelah and Boggabilla.

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| <p>Emerging Issues</p> | <p>Laura advises that G + T has been approached by PIAC for help with Aboriginal people to get on to NDIS. Have just taken on a referral for people in Moree. PIAC's project is for people in prison. Some scope for assistance with access applications. Access to services and intersection between corrective services, NDIA and release from custody.</p> <p>G + T has also been approached regarding issues for Birrabee housing company in relation to repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>Ange – raised issue about being blacklisted. Add in lack of housing. Question: are Byamee referring to legal assistance where people are in this situation?</p> | |
| <p>4. CLSD Program Actions - Previous minutes</p> | <p>Minutes to be distributed with Revenue NSW Slide Presentation (Sean Suey-Thorne)</p> | |
| <p>5. Next meetings</p> | <p>Dates to be confirmed for 2024</p> | |