

South Coast CLSD Program meeting

16 May 2023, 11:00am via Zoom and in person in Queanbeyan

MINUTES

- Present:** Erin Mulally (**Shoalcoast CLC**), Kate Halliday (**CLSD Unit - Legal Aid NSW**), Lisa Woodgate (**Shoalcoast CLC**), Yvonne de Borde (**Macarthur Legal Centre**), Andrew Banks (**Hall & Wilcox**), Jasmine Huang (**Shoalcoast CLC**), Louisa Stewart (**Shoalcoast CLC**), Angela Stewart (**ADACAS**), Chantelle Haynes (**Gamble Aware**), Yvonne Harvey (**Molonglo Support Services**), Tasha Lilley (**Services Australia**), Sharona James (**Services Australia**), Joanna Wherry (**Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council**), Barb Gillies (**Monaro Community Access Service**), Celena Rainbow (**Monaro Community Access Service**), Tina Gay (**Monaro Community Access Service**), Alexander Dy (**Civil Law Service, Nowra office - Legal Aid NSW**), Ammata Viravong (**Early Intervention Unit - Legal Aid**), Dannielle Falzon (**Revenue NSW**), Elijah Ardler (**Aboriginal Legal Service**), Emilie Martin (**ROCC for Women**), Jane Cleverley (**Relieving Registrar, Cooma Local Court**), Jennifer Hansen (**Community Legal Education Unit - Legal Aid**), Jo Wittman (**Shoalcoast CLC**), Lola Imawan (**Respect at Work Unit - Legal Aid**), Meghan Barr (**Family Law Service for Aboriginal Communities - Legal Aid NSW**), Shayley Woodgate (**The Family Place**), Virginia Martinez (**SAHSSI**), Ruzica Milutin (**Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre**)
- Apologies:** Kerry Wright (**Civil Law Service, Nowra office - Legal Aid NSW**), Susan Phillips (**Family Law Service for Aboriginal Communities – Legal Aid NSW**), Jessica Mooney (**ADACAS**), Nathan Kennedy (**Hall & Wilcox**), Carolyn Bateman (**Anglicare**), Harry Rutner (**Australian Centre for Disability Law**), Jenny Dawson (**South Coast Family Law Pathways Network**), Melinda Luke (**Anglicare**), Anne Marie Sharkey (**Lifeline**), Joseph Lyons (**Gamble Aware**), Ruth Pilkington (**Early Intervention Unit – Legal Aid**), Sharlene Naismith (**Solicitor in Charge, Nowra office – Legal Aid**), Gwendolyn Goon (**Marymead**)

Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Outcome
1. Opening and Introduction	Acknowledgement of Country. General welcome and outlining the agenda of today's CLSD meeting.	

2. Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve our understanding of what legal rights a person has when they are renting and experiencing domestic violence. To understand how the Women's Legal Service NSW can assist clients experiencing domestic violence who either want to stay or leave the home they rent. 	
3. Icebreaker Exercises	<p>Everyone answered a Would You Rather? Question that Erin posed to the group: would you rather be able to fly or swim underwater limitlessly? Results were mixed.</p>	
4. Guest Speaker	<p>Amy Power and Isabella Daley, solicitors with the Women's Legal Service NSW, to discuss domestic violence and tenancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the relevant tenancy legislation in NSW; Definitions of domestic violence; Domestic Violence Termination Notices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options if your client wants to leave the rented home; What needs to be included in a Domestic Violence Termination Notice; What forms evidence of domestic violence can be attached to the Domestic Violence Termination notice; Who is considered a 'competent person' to sign a prescribed declaration; Who needs to be served with a Domestic Violence Termination Notice; Options if your client wants to stay in the rented home. Liabilities for damage done to the rental property; Bad tenant databases; Three case studies were provided to work through in the meeting based on the information provided in the presentation. 	<p>Erin will distribute fact sheet and Powerpoint presentation with the minutes.</p>
5. CLSD Services Update	<p>CLSD Legal Provider Flyers: Sharlene Naismith and Kate Halliday have been working on a CLSD flyer for each area of the South Coast and Southern Tablelands, outlining the various legal services that can assist in the region and where to go for help. A previous flyer was done in 2020, so this will update the information provided in the previous flyers. Will be available for distribution soon.</p> <p>Free Birth Certificate Clinics: Lots of interest in doing other clinics, but the CLSD partnership with Birth Deaths and Marriages limits the amount of certificates we can provide each financial year. A new round of</p>	<p>Erin will distribute once the flyers are finalised.</p>

	<p>Birth Certificates will be available for the South Coast and Southern Tablelands in the next financial year.</p> <p>Births Deaths and Marriages have a general fee waiver policy that people and services can use to apply for a free birth certificate <i>at any time</i> if they or their clients are eligible.</p>	<p>Get in touch with Erin if you would like the information about the policy and how to make an application.</p>
6. Next Meeting	Tuesday 15 August 2023	

Meeting close: 1:02pm