Know your rights: Free webinars on e-bike laws, wills and scam recovery

A series of free webinars will help people understand e-bike and e-scooter laws, how to prepare a will, and what to do if they're impacted by a scam.

The 'Lunch and the Law' webinars run by Legal Aid NSW and the State Library from 18 to 22 May will mark Law Week 2026, an annual festival celebrating greater access to justice for Australians.

"Legal problems often arise from common situations, and having the right information early can make a real difference," said solicitor Natalie Neumann. "These lunchtime webinars are designed to give people clear, practical legal guidance they can use straight away."

E-bikes and e-scooters are increasingly becoming part of everyday transport, but many people aren't sure where they can ride them or what the law allows, said Ms Neumann.

"In NSW e-bikes have the same road rights and responsibilities as cyclists. This means they can be ridden on roads, bike lanes and shared paths and don't require a licence or compulsory insurance. Helmets are mandatory and there is a 12+ age limit," she said.

"E-scooters are illegal on NSW roads, footpaths and bike lanes. Private e-scooters are only allowed on private property with the property owner's permission. Hire e-scooters are allowed in approved trial areas run by councils."

Ms Neumann said the session on preparing a will would be particularly important for older people.

"As we get older, having a valid will gives peace of mind — it helps avoid disputes, reduces stress for family members, and ensures the right people are taken care of," she said.

"As scams become more common and increasingly sophisticated, it's crucial people understand the steps to take if they are affected. Knowing who to contact, how to report the scam, and what actions can help limit further loss."

Legal Aid NSW CEO Monique Hitter said Law Week was an opportunity to promote access to justice by increasing community awareness about the law.

“Law Week is a national celebration of access to justice, and we’re proud to mark it by offering free, easy-to-access webinars that support people to navigate the law with confidence,” she said.

Attorney General Michael Daley said it was important people knew about their rights and responsibilities regarding everyday legal issues.

“Legal Aid NSW plays a crucial role in helping people access and navigate the justice system. These practical, accessible webinars provide legal answers to common problems people might face in their everyday life.”

State Librarian Dr Caroline Butler-Bowdon said the sessions would build on the State Library’s Find Legal Answers service, a partnership with NSW public libraries providing legal information to answer common questions about the law.

Libraries provide a range of community legal education events during Law Week. “These Law Week events allow lawyers to share their expertise with their local communities and cut through the noise by providing information on topics that are relevant to all of us,” Dr Butler-Bowdon said.

Registration link: NSW Law Week 2026

Media are encouraged to use the media kit for images to promote Law Week 2026.

Solicitor Nat Neumann is available for interview about the legal topics mentioned above.

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