

Q1 Central Tablelands CLSD Meeting Minutes

27 February 2pm – 3.30pm, by teams

Attendees:	Madison Williams and Georgia Murphy-Haste (Sparke Helmore Lawyers), Arlia Fleming (CTBMCLC), Yvonne de Borde, Peter Ringbauer (Macarthur Legal), Sarah Priestly (WDVCAS), Kyle Rayner (Senior Rights Service), Leona Bishop (Relationship Australia), Seema Sanghi, June Golland (Legal Aid NSW), Jackie (Neighbourhood and Migrant Centre), Robyn Howard (Synapse),	
Apologies:	Eliza Hull (CLSD Coordinator CTBMCLC), Jill Marshall (Legal Aid),	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Acknowledgement of country and introductions	 Acknowledgement of country was done by Arlia, including sharing some information about the upcoming 200-year anniversary of martial law in Bathurst. Arlia acknowledged that this law led to a rise in bloody conflicts between settlers and the Wiradjuri people. There will be many events: workshops in schools re: healing and Wiradyuri culture, 100 dances, replicate the walk to petition from peace 	
	General Welcome	
	 CLSD partners introduced themselves (name, pronouns, role, organisation) and something they are looking forward to this year. 	
	 Eliza sends her apologies. Eliza was looking forward to the meeting and meeting everyone, unfortunately Eliza had to attend a funeral so was unable to attend today. 	
Intro and purpose of meeting	A. CLSD Program Objective: to work collaboratively to identify and address unmet legal and related non-legal needs of people in the Hunter region.	
	We do this by:	
	- making better referrals/ referral pathways	

	- working on projects and devising new services, and	
	- coordinating our efforts.	
	B. Meeting objective:	
	Check in for the new year.	
	Check in on Action Plan.	
	• Update on upcoming events in the region.	
Standing items	 Action Pan 2024 – 2025 – Any Questions/Comments CLE for young people – Legal Aid, ALS, MLC could work on a CLE Fines - June to speak with super WDO sponsors and BINC; can we get better data regarding people not being cautioned/warned and getting fines for not voting; why aren't people getting referred to conferences? Cultural Safety – antiracism training, Arlia updated that she's waiting to hear back from Indigenous X ACCO events? Vanessa Kendall from Health is doing a yarning circle at Kelso that we may be able to link in with Misidentification of DV perpetrators – CTBMCLC are doing training on Victims services event on 26 March, details have been emailed, RSVP needed. Robyn mentioned the carers she works with not always seeing DV as a result of the difficult behaviours of clients with BI or mental health issues. Is there scope for some training for carers? Robyn also interested in training about capacity SH has a partner interested in this. Sarah shared information about a new pilot program at Orange police station with a WDVCAS worker on site – this may assist to address issues around identifying primary aggressor and cross ADVOs. Having a WDVCAS worker in the police station also allows the women who have been misidentified to get help sooner. Arlia suggested the CLC could also come and talk to the police about this issue. 	Kate Halliday had mentioned she could look into this at planning meeting Seniors Rights to followup with Robyn. SH to speak with Robyn re: clients with capacity issues
	 Employment law and migrant workers – there are many refugees in Orange and surrounds and apple pickers/farm workers and cases where the farmers are unsure of their rights when their helpers leave work without notice 	Regional Coordinator to contact Annie from Orange Council/ Jacqui BINC
	Legal Health Check and Guides to Free Legal Help Project - discussion and update	
	The idea was to integrate the referral guide for each place in the region with a legal health check that is comprehensive and useful for clients in different areas. Potential to roll out the new guide at staff meetings ie Headspace might agree to test it with young people.	

Upcoming events and other news	 Youth Survey – Seema talked about a template survey the CLSD has developed for use in various CLSD regions. Agreement we would like to do this in the region. Birth Certificates – partners to think about events that would be good to have birth certificates at. Cowra wills clinic – for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, 26 and 27 March at the Cowra Information and Neighbourhood Centre, with Sparke Helmore pro bono lawyers. Legal Aid NSW and Mac Legal Centre will also be there, offering free legal help for issues unrelated to wills and one of life planning. 	Arlia to send Seema final copy for uploading onto the CLSD webpage. Seema to share youth services survey with Eliza to amend it to suit the region. Eliza to share flyer and factsheet.
	wills and end-of-life planning. Bookings: 02 6340 1100	
Next CLSD meeting	The next CT CLSD meeting will be held on 28 May 2024.	