

Q2 Meeting	Hunter CLSD Program. 22nd May, 2025. Maitland Theme: Disability Advocacy
Agenda Item	Discussion
Acknowledgement of country 10:00	
Purpose of meeting 10.05	<p><b>A. CLSD Program Objective:</b> to work collaboratively to identify and address unmet legal and related non-legal needs of people in the Hunter region. We do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- making better referrals/ referral pathways</li> <li>- working on projects and devising new services, and</li> <li>- coordinating our efforts.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Meeting Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice identifying legal issues, amongst a range of issues, to ensure services know about other services' eligibility and referral processes</li> <li>• Plan collaborative CLSD events</li> <li>• To gain an understanding of the issues being faced by people in the Newcastle and Hunter regions and seek ways for more effective support from services</li> <li>• Relationship building; for people to get to know one another and work towards justice partnerships</li> </ul>
Introductions: 10.10- 10.20	Relational exercise: <i>(Name, service, who's first CLSD meeting is this? for returning participants; what value do you see in CLSD partnerships?)</i>
Guest speaker: Nicky Johnson from We Care NSW. 10.20- 10.40	<p>We Care is an Aboriginal owned and controlled organisation who delivers culturally appropriate services for people in the disability sector.</p> <p>More information about We Care can be found here, <a href="#">We Care NSW - Offering NDIS Services</a></p>

<p><b>Guest speaker:</b> Nadine Farrell from the Justice Advocacy Service (JAS). 10.40-11.00</p>	<p>Justice Advocacy Service (JAS) supports young people and adults with cognitive impairment in contact with the NSW criminal justice system, including as victims, witnesses and suspects/defendants to exercise their rights and fully participate in the process.</p> <p>More information about JAS can be found here, <a href="#">Justice Advocacy Service (JAS) - IDRS</a></p>
<p><b>Guest speaker:</b> Emma Colston from Disability Advocacy. 11.00-11.20</p>	<p>Disability Advocacy NSW (DA) provides independent advocacy services to support people with disability across NSW. As well as offering services in city areas, we are strongly committed to regional, rural, and remote areas in NSW.</p> <p>DA stands beside people with disability to help them know their rights, sort out issues, and share knowledge to promote self-advocacy.</p> <p>More information about DA can be found here <a href="https://www.da.org.au/">https://www.da.org.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Guest speaker:</b> Dave Belcher from CDAH (Community Disability Alliance Hunter). 11.20-11.30</p>	<p>Community Disability Alliance Hunter (CDAH) is a peer support organisation, run for and by people with disability with the support of their allies and families.</p> <p>More information about CDAH can be found here, <a href="#">Home - CDAH</a></p>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Working well with disability advocacy services. 11.30-11.50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we best refer to disability advocacy services?</li> <li>• What potential collaborative events might we work towards in the Hunter region?</li> <li>• Opportunity for discussion</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upcoming events</b> 11:50- 11.55</p>	<p>Get help with fines and access a fee waiver NSW birth certificate in Raymond Terrace next Thursday 29th May (posters available for distribution).</p>
<p><b>Next CLSD Hunter meeting</b> 11: 55</p>	<p>The next Hunter CLSD Q3 meeting will be held on Thurs 21st of August, in Muswellbrook at the QBE building, from 10am-12pm.</p> <p>Theme: Postcode Justice: Bridging Gaps and Building Support for Upper Hunter Communities.</p>