

<p style="text-align: center;">Q1 Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hunter CLSD Program. 19th February, 2026 at Mosaic in Charlestown, Lake Macquarie NSW Theme: Working well with CALD communities</p>
<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
<p>Acknowledgement of Awabakal and Worimi country 10:00</p>	
<p>Purpose of meeting 10.05</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - making better referrals/ referral pathways - working on projects and devising new services, and - coordinating our efforts. <p>B. Meeting Objective:</p> <p>To strengthen professional relationships between legal and frontline community services supporting culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in the Hunter by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identifying opportunities for collaboration to improve legal outcomes for CALD communities locally. ● Relationship building; for people to get to know one another and work towards justice partnerships. ● Listening to staff from Mosaic Multicultural Connections, Settlement Services International and Newcastle Domestic Violence Resource Centre, as well as other attendees talk about their work with CALD clients and the main legal problems that they are seeing, including emerging trends. ● Listening to staff from local legal assistance services talk about the problems that they can help with directly and support referrals.
<p>Introductions and networking: 10.10- 10.30</p> <p>Bring name tags (include name and service)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are going to facilitate this section in a method that encourages networking and deep listening. ● Facilitated introductions in a circle, asking service groups to step forward (Legal, CALD community services, disability services, health services, family services, domestic and family violence services, social workers, government services, housing and homelessness, employment, etc). ● Networking opportunity; there is someone in this room for you to meet today. Go and meet them. There is a conversation for you to have, go and have it. ● If there are any questions, or if you haven't been matched with someone yet, put your hand up.

<p>CALD services guest speakers: 10.30-11.00</p> <p>Mosaic Multicultural Connections, followed by Settlement Services International (SSI) and the Multicultural Case Worker at Newcastle Domestic Violence Resource Centre (10 mins each)</p>	<p>Speaking points for Mosaic/SSI/Newcastle Domestic Violence Resource Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brief outline of how they support CALD communities (services and where they are out and about in community) ● Key people to know? Outreach workers/social workers? ● How to refer to them ● Top 3 or 4 legal problems their clients are experiencing/when they struggle to get legal help for their client
<p>Legal assistance guest speakers: 11.00-11.30</p> <p>Hunter Community Legal Centre, followed by Legal Aid NSW Domestic Violence Unit and Civil Team (10 mins each)</p>	<p>Speaking points for Lawyers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name/role/service/catchment ● Key people to know? Outreach workers/social workers? ● How they work with interpreters in-person/on the phone/at court ● How to refer to them ● Respond to the legal problems raised by Mosaic/SSI/Newcastle DV Resource Centre ● What is the main takeaway that you would like the services here to leave with about your service/how your service supports CALD communities?
<p>Discussion: Improving Access to Justice in the Hunter for CALD communities. 11.30-11.50</p>	<p>Facilitated open discussion and exploration of opportunities for collaborative CLSD partnership events.</p> <p>Document all ideas and suggestions.</p> <p>Opportunity for services to share information about relevant upcoming local events.</p>
<p>Confirm next Hunter CLSD meeting date, with optional networking following the meeting. 11: 55</p>	<p>The next Hunter CLSD Program Q2 meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 May, from 10.00–12.00pm. The theme will be <i>Older Persons and the Law</i>. The venue will be confirmed closer to the date.</p> <p>To RSVP for this meeting, or to join the Hunter CLSD partnership email alert, please contact Nissa at clsdhunter@gmail.com.</p>