Moree CLSD Program Meeting Q2

23 May 2025, 10 – 11.30am, online

Present: Judy Duncan (Regional Coordinator CLSD); Indi Angel-Auld (Civil sol ALS); June Golland (WDO Legal Aid NSW); Abbey Wightley (G+T), Ben Graham (North/Northwest CLS); Javvier Pitovae (EWON), Lola Craigie (DCJ), Paula Jackson (ACFAS Moree), Angelia Graham (ACSO), Sarah Proudfoot (Youth Justice), (ALSNSW), Emily Williams (Civil Sol CLASAC Legal Aid NSW); Lucinda Walder (WDO Legal Aid); June Golland (WDO LANSW), Annabel Johnson (ACFAS), Jillian Skinner (Flourish Australia), Tamara Kenny (LANSW), Mark Syron (Moree Youth Justice), Mark Syron (Maayu Mali), Glen Crump (Miyay Birray Youth Service), Dennise Webb (PIUS X), Holly Graham (CLSD Legal Aid NSW); Tanya Finneran (CLSD Legal Aid); Sarah Proudfoot (DCJ), Indi-Angel-Auld, Annabel Johnson, Jillian Skinner, Helen Ralph (Services Australia), Angelia Graham (ASU), Darrel Smith (Miyay Birray Youth Service)

Apologies: Kirsty Tansy (Dep Principal Sol ALS (Care and family); Will Penfold (Blue Rock Legal-Crim private Sol duty Moree); Julianne Elliott (CLE (youth) Legal Aid NSW); Sean Suey-Thorne (Revenue NSW), Natalie Chwah (Partnership LawAccess); Allan Nolan (FAMAC AFO Legal Aid NSW), Caitlin Gooden (Care and Protection ALS), Therese Lake (Manager, Community Partnership & Programs), Nicole Brown (Centacare)

Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Outcome
Opening	Acknowledgement to Country.	
Introductions	Everyone provided introductions.	
Guest Speakers	**Claire was unavailable for this, although Judy had provided her details to reach out to Jacqui Moore of Moree Roundtable table and Toni Johnston of Moree Aboriginal Interagency. Claires details provided should services need to reach out regarding new Act.** **Claire Williams – Community Engagement Officer at Anti-Discrimination NSW (ADNSW)** In March 2024, the NSW Parliament passed *the Conversion Practices Ban Act 2024 (LGBTQA).*	

	Contact: Enquires and complaints Phone: 02 9268 5544 Toll free: 1800 670 812 complaintsabd@justice.nsw.gov.au TIS: 131 450 Website: antidiscrimination.nsw.gov.au Claire Williams – Community Engagement Officer Email: Claire.Williams@justice.nsw.gov.au **Javvier Pitovao on behalf of Kerry Walker Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer – Ewon – Pay your Bills Day Moree.** Bourke assisted 70 people and Brewarrina 60 people. Bring your bills day event in Moree unable to provide feedback which doesn't cover. EWON will be holding events in September and October which include two targeted at First Nations people. EWON are holding a Community Forum at Rydge's Central Hotel in Surry Hills on 12 June 2025. Lucinda informed WDO team assisted 45 clients with their fines and their last outreach 6 months ago assisted 45 clients. A lot of people happy and having bills sorted out. WDO team looking forward to future events. **EWON contact details** Level 11, 133 Castlereagh Street, Sydney P: 1800 246 545 https://www.ewon.com.au/ EWON events	
Updates	**Wills Clinic March 2025:** **Abby G+T and Ben North and Northwest CLS** Abby informed the Moree Wills Clinic held on 25 & 26 March with 25 people registered and few dropped off. Assisted 11 people on first day taking instructions and documents are drafted up for the second day to sign off. The purpose is to get Wills, POA and Enduring	WDO email Judy new Guidelines

	Guardianship documents. G+T hold clinics in NSW, VIC and WA. Each of the 11 people assist 33 documents provided. **Ben North/Northwest CLS** Ben agreed the event was very successful. Ben attended Boggabilla the day before for 1 Wills client but also to assist with civil matters. Need to do more planning which can be difficult for clients to travel too. Referrals go to Community Legal Centre which Ben goes out to Mungindi and Moree. **June Golland and Lucinda Walder, WDO LANSW** June and Lucinda attended the Ewon bring your bills day. Moree has been a big focus working with CLSD and Judy put in touch with the round table & networks. Time engaged with Moree seen increase the number of WDOs, fines down to a more manageable level. Thank you, Judy, for all the help and administration up in Moree. Big part is training WDO sponsors to administer the scheme. **Data:** • Collecting information of types of fines. A lot of failed to vote and jury duty & parking fines near the school in high numbers. • The statistics when started the work doing is not just us it's the sponsors. Overall fines are down $100k from last year. • Number of customers and overdue fines have reduced. 121 approved to 161 now sponsors. • Increase 102 participants to 132. Judy asked any changes around victim compensation payments WDO. June responded that victim's restitution is in the order of the scheme. We can assist if clients want to include the variation and can help. Individual sponsors choice to support victim's restitution scheme not mandatory. **Holly Graham CLSD** Moree NSW Legal Aid office is located at 25 Auburn Street, Moree. FamAC and CLSAC will conduct business out of the office. Felicity Curtis Office Manager and Lola Craigie Aboriginal Field Officer start next Monday. New team members going under induction period. Not opening until staff are ready. SIC position to be finalised.	

	Judy Duncan Domestic Family Violene Focus for CLSD 3rd quarter meeting. Opportunity to take in August look at Family and Domestic Violence space in Moree, WDVCAS, WDVCAP, VAN team NSW Health, Moree Family Support Staying Home Leaving Violence opportunity and know what is available. People confused and to get a clear pathway in community **Darrel Smith – Miyay Birray Youth Service** **Bail Accommodation update in partnership with SHAE Academy & PIUS X** Work commenced in February and meetings being held with relevant stakeholders, departments and other interested parties for codesign of the bail house. Positions advertise Project Manager, Senior Executive Assistant. Couple positions filled from government side to get bail house running. Community session conducted targeted at working in the community and meet community expectations and more sessions to trial. This be open up to broader community spotlight and target service providers. Until the Project Manager comes on. Site prefer out of town to purchase. Denise suggested Darrel speak to Tom French at LALC as they have land available. **Update regarding Premiers Department** David Anker held meeting yesterday and Judy will seek permission to provide update to network.	
Moree Action Plan	**Action Plan 2025-2026 – Legal Partners February 2025 - (update)** CLSD legal meetings held Q1 – address and look at priorities for Moree Action Plan. **Priority One: find creative and collaborative ways to reduce the burden of fine debt on people experiencing social and economic disadvantage.** • Investigate fines relating to the *Enclosed Lands Act* in the region. This work is ongoing in collaboration with Revenue NSW. NSW Revenue requested data on Eclosed Lands. • Collaborative outreach event targeting people with fine debt in Moree in partnership with Revenue NSW, Legal Aid NSW WDO Service, ALS NSW/ACT Fines Unit and related services in 2025, 2nd half of the year.	Lucinda provide WDO referral form Provide school contacts for Lucinda to reach out to schools.

	Looking at doing event 2nd half of year. WDO's previous outreach provided targeted COMMS with NSW Revenue texted within the Moree Postcode whose fines debt wasn't managed. WDO is committed to an event in the second half of the year and coincide with CLASC and FAMAC and include BDM. Happy to provide more CLE and information sessions to prevent. **Note:** WDO team received notification ALS can't take on new clients with new fines. Funding for the financial year is close to date only assisting existing clients. **Priority Two: improving knowledge about each other's services and referral pathways between legal aid and other services, including for people affected by domestic and family violence.** Judy informed group currently work on: • Investigate the availability of legal assistance at court for the specialist family violence list • Develop a guide showing information on services providing Family and domestic violence services E.g. SHLV, WDVCAS, support at court, Thiyama-li Family Violence Service **Priority Three: provide more support to young people, particularly on school exclusion** • Connect CLE to new school principal Julianne (CLE LANSW) provided with new principal's details. • Investigate opportunity with WDO team to have schools on board as WDO sponsors Young people can use school hours to reduce fine debts. Lucinda (WDO) in process of obtaining data on fines for young people and interested in doing CLE in the schools. Currently working on planning for next 12 months and will contact the schools.	

	Priority Four: access to wills and future planning documents for First Nations people Plan with G+T and Northern CLSD for next year. Item completed. **Priority Five: supporting diversion in the community for young people and adults involved in the criminal justice system.** • Advocacy to support reinstating in-person delivery of the traffic offender program which has been delivered solely online since the advent of covid. Holly informed update from Premier Department of what they are doing. Miyay Birray, SHAE Academy and PCYC got initially grants. Smaller grants got $500.00 - $10K. It's up to those services to seeking further ongoing funding. Premier department doing a lot of diversion programs and with the additional funding to successful applicants the smaller grants but mainly around the bail accommodation. Advocacy and support on traffic was introduced in Moree and then online during covid. Traffic Offenders program. • Support the operations of circle sentencing in Moree and community understanding of this program. Discussion with Jacqueline French from ASU who is responsible for this. The previous Magistrate on board with it, Circle sentencing panel selected and training provided to panel. Referrals have been slow. Since arrival of new Magistrate working through this. Sitting back and waiting on referrals need come through the system. **Service Sector Survey (finalisation of Action plan)** CLSD team will conduct quick survey of new priorities identified by community and service sector to be include into the current action plan.	
Other business	PIUS X holding meeting next week regarding the tender	
Next meeting	22 August 2025.	