

South Coast CLSD Justice Partnership Meeting

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Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Outcome
1. Opening and purpose	<p>What do we want to achieve from the CLSD Justice Partnership on the South Coast?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build relationships with other service providers whilst providing family law services to Aboriginal communities. • Create referral networks to help Aboriginal families. • Collaborative outreach events to reach our priority clients. • Putting all of the pieces of the justice puzzle together so we can see one picture. • Each service knows what the other does. • Networking across the region and better understanding what other services are available as referral options. 	<p>Seema to share email addresses of attendees (see above) and Jamboard post-it (below)</p>
2. Where to get free legal help in the South Coast region	<p>Thanks to Shoalcoast CLC and Legal Aid Nowra there is now a suite of posters telling people where to get free legal help in the region. There are 6 posters, each covering the following locations: Queanbeyan & Snowy Monaro, Nowra, Batemans Bay & Mogo, Eden & Bega, Moruya & Bodalla and Milton & Ulladulla.</p> <p>Download the posters from the South Coast CLSD webpage!</p>	<p>Seema to share via email</p>
3. Upcoming events	<p>Justice Koori Connect Hub on 5 September 2023 in Nowra. Danielle Falzon, Outreach worker with Revenue NSW working in the region spoke about this event.</p> <p>The idea behind Justice Koori Connect Hub is to bring some key services together for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at risk of going into custody, or who have just left custody. Services collaborating for the Nowra event are Revenue NSW, Service NSW, Centrelink, Legal Aid NSW and Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages. Danielle says she is planning to hold Hub events regularly – once a month in different locations.</p>	<p>Dannielle Falzon:</p> <p><Dannielle.Falzon@revenue.nsw.gov.au></p> <p>Seema to share flyer via email</p>

<p>4. Other news and updates</p>	<p>Stanley Jarrrett, Community Corrections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Worker, which is a new role for Community Corrections. He is talking to a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people needing help with civil law problems.</p> <p>Legal advice on civil law problems (such as compensation, employment, problems with the police, tenancy and consumer problems) is available from Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre and Legal Aid NSW. It can be hard to give a complete answer about when people can get free legal representation for civil law problems because it is an area covering a lot of different issues, but always important to get legal advice to find out.</p> <p>Stanley also gave an update on a new project providing throughcare for people leaving prison. He hopes that they will get to recruiting a project worker early next year. Family conferencing – where families can have a video link with an inmate in any prison in NSW is available in Nowra.</p>	
<p>5. Other collaborative events/projects</p>	<p>Seema reminded everyone that there had been some discussion within the partnership about holding a wills clinic in the region for people who can't afford to get a will and other future planning documents. Andrew from Hall & Wilcox said that this is something that they could offer, either in person and by AV link or telephone. Hall & Wilcox is open to working with partners on wills clinics for people in the region. Some suggestions made during the meeting: Moruya and or Bodalla, potentially in partnership with the Local Aboriginal Land Council.</p> <p>Other collaborative events suggested include a focus on homelessness services in Nowra and Moruya, offering free birth certificates and help with fines and fine debt.</p> <p>Kim reminded everyone about the Legal Aid NSW Work and Development Order Service. They are focusing their work in the region on Nowra and Moruya because of the incidence of fine debt and social and economic disadvantage in those locations. The WDO Service can help people who have fine debt with a range of options, including lifting of licence sanctions,</p>	<p>If you have a proposal for a wills clinic in the region, contact Kate, Seema or Andrew.</p> <p>Could we hold an event in Moruya in November?</p>

	<p>managing payment, work and development orders and write off. The service also works with WDO sponsors, providing support and training. More information about the WDO Service here To make a referral email wdo@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.</p> <p>What is the best way to find a WDO sponsor? Use the Revenue NSW Find a Sponsor tool.</p> <p>(The ALS NSW/ACT also has a specialist fines service to make a referral email fines@alsnswact.org.au. This service can also help people who want to challenge fines at court).</p>	
Next meeting	Tuesday 7 November, 11am, venue TBC	Possibly in combination with an event?

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