Guide to Free Legal Help in Taree, Forster and Gloucester

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	Legal Issue	Services
	Fines o Having trouble paying your fines? o Is your license suspended due to unpaid fines?	Legal Aid NSW WDO Service Mid North Coast Legal Centre Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT
dy	 Violence Feeling unsafe at home or elsewhere? Have you been a victim of violence, physical assault, or sexual assault? Need help with victims support? Has an ADVO been made to protect you? Has an ADVO been made against you? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Youth Law Australia Women's Legal Service Knowmore
10 BB	Family Separating and don't know what to do? Need help to see your kids or grandkids? Trouble getting or paying child support? Has DCJ contacted you?	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT
000	Money o Having trouble paying your bills? o Being hassled by a debt collector? o Having trouble paying your mortgage?	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Financial Counsellor
	 Goods and Services Signed a contract you can't afford? Does someone owe you money? Unhappy with goods or services you purchased? Crashed your car and not insured? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Youth Law Australia
	Crime o Do the police want to talk to you? o Have to go to court? o Worried about your bail conditions? o Lost your license and need it back?	Legal Aid NSW Legal Aid NSW Youth Hotline Mid North Coast Legal Centre Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT
	 Housing Received an eviction notice/letter from NCAT? Can't get housing because of something that happened in a previous tenancy? Having trouble getting repairs done? Disagree with a decision by your landlord? 	Tenants Advice and Advocacy Services Legal Aid NSW
	Disasters Impacted by bushfire, flood or storms? Having trouble with your insurer? Need help with a disaster payment? Need help with temporary accommodation? Rental property damaged in the disaster?	Mid North Coast Legal Centre Disaster Response Legal Service Legal Aid NSW

Need help replacing important documents?

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	Young People Suspended or expelled from school? In out-of-home-care and need help? Having trouble getting your own Medicare or ID card, birth certificate, or changing your name? Want to talk to someone about police? Can I leave home before I turn 18?	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT Youth Law Australia
	 Older People Feeling unsafe where you live? Money or property gone missing? Worried about your current living arrangements? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Senior's Rights Service
	 Military Veterans Trouble with the Department of Veteran's Affairs? Need help to appeal a decision or make a claim? Want advice about speaking to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide? 	Legal Aid NSW Veterans Advocacy Service
S. S	 Disability and Mental Health Issues with your NDIS plan or a service provider? Need help with a Mental Health Review Tribunal application? Unhappy with your Guardianship or Financial Manager? Worried about your Power of Attorney? Have a cognitive impairment and need to go to court or to speak to police? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Disability Law NSW Justice Advocacy Service
22	 Centrelink Unhappy with a Centrelink decision? Do you owe Centrelink money? Unsure if you are receiving the right payment? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Welfare Rights Legal Centre
3	 Immigration Is your partner threatening to cancel your visa? Worried about your visa? Want to apply for citizenship? Want to sponsor a family member? 	Legal Aid NSW Immigration Service Immigration Advice and Rights Centre
	 Employment Hassles at work? Not getting the correct pay? Need help with a working with children check? Have you been discriminated against at work? Stopped work because you are sick or injured? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Youth Law Australia
(P) (O)	 Unfair Treatment Have you been discriminated against, harassed or treated unfairly? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre
***	 Complaints about government authorities Got a complaint about a government department? Want to talk to someone about police? 	Legal Aid NSW Mid North Coast Legal Centre Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT

Service Contact Details

Service	Area	Contact	
Local Legal Services			
Mid North Coast Legal Centre	Taree	(02) 6580 2111	
Legal Aid NSW (Port Macquarie Office)	Taree and Forster	(02) 5525 1600	
Hunter Community Legal Centre	Forster and Gloucester	1800 650 073 (02) 4040 9120	
Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group Legal Clinic	Gloucester	(02) 6668 2454	
Aboriginal L	egal Service	NSW/ACT	
Child Protection Police charges and court Kempsey office	NSW Kempsey	1800 733 233 1800 765 767 (02) 6561 3200	
Telephone and outreach services			
Work and Development Order (WDO) Service	NSW	wdo@legalaid.nsw.gov.au	
Defence & Veterans Advocacy Service	NSW	1800 33 1800	
Disaster Response Legal Service	NSW	1800 801 529	
Immigration Service	NSW	(02) 9219 5790	
Welfare Rights Legal Centre	NSW	(02) 9211 5300	
Disability Law NSW	NSW	(02) 5519 8050	
Immigration Advice and Rights Centre	NSW	(02) 8234 0700	
Youth Law Australia (people 25 and under)	NSW	1800 950 570 or https://yla.org.au	
Women's Legal Service First Nations Contact Line	NSW	1800 801 233 1800 639 784	
Seniors Rights Service	NSW	1800 424 079	
Knowmore Legal Service	Australia	1800 605 762	

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Tenancy Services		
Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service - Hunter	Forster and Gloucester	1800 654 504 (02) 4969 7666
Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service – Mid Coast	Taree	1800 777 722 (02) 6583 9866
Northern NSW Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service	NSW Mid and North Coast	1800 248 913 (02) 6643 4426

Financial Counselling Services

Financial Counsellors provide information, advice and advocacy around most debt issues, including mortgages, small business debts, overdue bills, unpaid fines, utility debts and bankruptcy.

They can help people to work out their financial priorities and the best option to address their financial concerns. Financial counsellors can also refer people to receive help from specialist legal services, emergency relief and government departments.

Mid North Coast Financial Counselling Service	Taree, Forster and Gloucester	1300 662 540
Salvation Army Moneycare	Taree and Forster	1800 722 363
Wesley Mission	Taree and Forster	(02) 6552 0244 0447 383 833

The Justice Advocacy Service

The Justice Advocacy Service supports people with a cognitive impairment who come into contact with the criminal justice system to exercise their rights and participate fully in the process. The Justice Advocacy Service can help people with a cognitive impairment who are the victim of a crime, who witness a crime, or who are suspected of committing a crime.

Taree, Forster and Gloucester	(02) 9265 6300 (9am-5pm Mon – Fri)
	1300 665 908 (24/7)

LawAccess NSW

Can't see your problem listed here? Don't know where to start? Call LawAccess NSW.

LawAccess NSW is a free service that can provide legal information, make referrals, and in some cases provide legal advice. You can also find information on their website.

State-wide	1300 888 529 www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au