

Taree Foster CLSD Program Meeting Q1

26 February 2025 – First Steps Count Child and Community Centre, 4 Myall Ave Taree

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Present: Kate Darnell CLSD regional coordinator; Keen Emerson Mid Coast Council; Jane O'Dwyer Mid Coast Council; Ronal Dennison AFO Port Macquarie Legal Aid NSW, Cindi Ulstrup Services Australia; Jane Titherington Mid North Coast Legal Centre; Renate Dwyer Health NSW; Chloe Harrison Port Macquarie Legal Aid NSW; Meggie Malany Blue Sky; Nathalie Gentle; MNCLC; Craig Partridge Wesley Mission; Michelle Hannon Gilbert +Tobin

Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Outcome
Welcome	Acknowledgement to Country Introductions	
Opening and purpose	CLSD Program Objective – To build and nurture a network of legal assistance and community services to increase access to justice and improve legal and social outcomes for people experiencing social or economic disadvantage or dislocation. Today's Meeting Objective - To provide an opportunity for local partners to network and build connections with one another. To engage in relevant topics and services. To review CLSD 2025-2027 Draft Action Plan.	
Further Learning/Information Sharing	Gilbert and Tobin – Enduring Guardianships and Power of Attorney Presentation from Michelle Hannon WDO Legal Aid training update - CLSD attended Legal Aid Training on Work and Development Order updates	

	<p>WDO sponsor resources including the WDO guidelines, resource kit, forms and factsheets: https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/my-problem-is-about/fines/work-and-development-orders-wdos/wdo-sponsor-resources</p> <p>If you would like to view the recording of this webinar you can access it on the Legal Aid YouTube Channel here: https://youtu.be/sr97FSpswpE</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p>Mid North Coast Legal Centre Upcoming Events – Planning Ahead Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship</p> <p>Tuesday 4th March 10am-11am – Wingham Library and 2pm-3pm Taree Library</p> <p>Wednesday 5th March 10am-11am Harrington Library</p> <p>info@mnclegal.org.au</p> <p>CLSD is hosting two more Birth Certificate and Fine Support days</p> <p>Forster - Wednesday March 5th at Forster Neighbourhood Centre (with Legal Aid) Port Macquarie – Thursday May 8th at Port Macquarie Homelessness Hub (with MNCLC and Legal Aid)</p> <p>Contact clsd@mvns.org.au for further information.</p> <p>Professional Development Workshop – Women’s Legal Service NSW How to assist Women with the Law Port Macquarie 9am-3:30pm</p> <p>http://www.wlsnsw.org.au/</p>	

Review of CLSD Draft Action Plan 2025-2027	Draft plan reviewed. Main subject areas on plan include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fines and debt • housing and homelessness • Referrals to legal service • Community Legal Education • Community days and events (including birth certificate and fines days) 	Draft plan will be updated and distributed to members
Other business		

Next CLSD meeting for ALL partners and community workers will be meeting Weds May 28th, 2025, 12:30pm First Steps Count Child and Community Centre, 4 Myall Ave, Taree