

## Central Coast CLSD Program Meeting

12 August 2024 10am – 12pm, Headspace Lake Haven

### MINUTES

**Present:** Dylan Di Sciascio (CLSD Program Regional Coordinator, RYSS), Chris Murnane (Legal Aid NSW), Kai Wu (Legal Aid NSW), Liam Bellette (RYSS), Sym'mon Andrews (Central Coast CLC), Christine Francis (Legal Aid NSW), Winnecke Baker (Legal Aid NSW), Jodie Beaver (Legal Aid NSW), Melanie Alexander (Legal Aid NSW), Paige Thompson (The Y), Bec (Central Coast Community Legal Centre), Tyler, Rachel Jenner (Headspace)

#### Apologies:

Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Outcome
<b>1. Opening and purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dylan welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged it took place on Darkinjung Country.</li></ul> <p><b>CLSD partnership purpose</b> To work collaboratively to identify and address unmet legal and related non-legal needs of people on the Central Coast.</p> <p><b>Today's meeting purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discuss and plan joint service outreach</li><li>- Share service updates/burning issues</li></ul>	
<b>2. Follow-up actions</b>	<p><b>Joint Legal Service Referral Guide</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ready for distribution, pending cover photo provided by an NDIS participant from RYSS.</li><li>- Gillian noted that there are 2 Financial Counselling services that need to be included.</li><li>- Dylan acknowledged the work of previous regional coordinators, Natalie Ashbrook and Wayne Cook in preparing the guide.</li></ul>	Add financial counselling services then circulate to CLSD partners and publish online.
<b>3. Joint outreach planning discussion</b>	<p><b>Outreach Options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Partners discussed participating in monthly Service Connect Days coordinated by Revenue NSW and/or holding outreach in partnership with San Remo Neighbourhood Centre.</li></ul>	Dylan to share calendar of remaining Service



**4. Service updates/ supports**

**Headspace**

*Notes on client demographic*

- Most clients experience social isolation, low socioeconomic status, family breakdown, have limited access to transport support, alcohol and drug dependency, and might be excluded from mainstream school.
- Lots of young people are banned from the shopping centre due to shoplifting and vandalism.
- Some young people need assistance because they have been driving unlicensed, are impacted by cyber bullying, or display problematic online behaviours.

*Supports*

- Can support young people aged 12-25.
- Have a dietician and GP in-house and can bulk bill mental health plans to see a psychologist.
- Headspace is a WDO provider.
- Case management.
- Assist with work and study (interview training, drafting applications, preparing resumes, getting a TFN).
- Referrals can come from young people, schools, families, anywhere really.

**The Y - Paige**

- Coordinate [Street Gym](#) at Lake Haven Rec Centre every Thursday.
- Suspension program for kids who have been suspended, expelled, or long-term disengaged.
- Call a Youth Worker service links young people to other services.
- Teen Mental Health First Aid: training young people to help their friends if they are having mental health issues.

**Central Coast Community Legal Centre - Sym'mon**

- The CLC has welcomed a new Executive Officer, Bec and a new Office Manager, Tyler.
- **Advice line has changed to Mondays and Thursdays.**

- Outreach locations are the same (The Glen for men and women, Mingaletta, GNL in Wyong and there is a solicitor in-house with Eleanor Duncan full-time.
- Lawyers are at Wyong Court on Monday and Thursday and Gosford Court on Tuesday.

*Navigator Youth Program*

- Working to establish clearer referrals pathways from police and the courts on the Central Coast to reduce youth re-offending.
- Funded through Barang Regional Alliance and DCJ.

**Legal Aid NSW Civil Law - Kai**

- Outreach available in San Remo every second Monday.

**Legal Aid NSW Elder Abuse Service - Jodie**

- Support people aged 65 and over or 50 and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are experiencing elder abuse. Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes harm to the elder person.
- The service includes 3 solicitors and a social worker.

**San Remo Neighbourhood Centre - Gillian**

- Very much a wraparound service that includes the neighbourhood centre, youth and family services, a men's shed and community garden.
- Youth service provided to Lake Munmorah, Gorokan and North Lakes high schools and have youth health services and Headspace on site.
- The Centre also provides a social worker, gambling counsellor, financial counsellor, and Centrelink visit once a month.
- Greatest need at the moment is food. The Centre is seeing the working poor.
- Have installed a washing machine and a shower as many people are living in cars.

**Legal Aid NSW WDO Service - Christine**

- Covers the Central Coast, up to Port Macquarie and out to Tamworth.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current focus of 2024-2025 regional plan are the top 4 locations for fines in this area with are: Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Cessnock and Tamworth.</li> <li>- Locally, want to focus on young people because the service sees clients with very old fines that started when they were under 18.</li> <li>- Recruiting WDO sponsors is also a focus.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Legal Aid NSW Domestic Violence Unit - Melanie</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manages the domestic violence units in Newcastle and Gosford.</li> <li>- The team includes 5 solicitors, a financial counsellor, mental health worker (recruiting), paralegal and social worker</li> <li>- Outreach to Rose Cottage and list days for DV at Wyong on Thursday.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Regional Youth Support Services - Liam</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aboriginal Justice Caseworker (in a team of 2), funded to look after 16-18 years olds, but have noticed offending happening younger, so accept referrals for 14/15 years olds too.</li> <li>- Deliver a living skills course at Frank Baxter which starts 3 months pre-release. It includes programs like rent-it-keep-it and employment support.</li> <li>- Do court outreach to Wyong Children’s Court every second Tuesday and at Woy Woy Local Court most Fridays. Have seen an increase in domestic matters, young people getting issued with AVOs and most of the time parents are there saying they don’t want this applied.</li> <li>- Also provide cultural program Narlia during school term for 14-17 year olds.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Next Meeting</b>	<b>October 2024</b>	