

## Central Tablelands CLSD Program Action Plan 2024 – 2025

| <b>Priority Area One – Youth</b>  |  |  |                         |
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| <b>A) Legal Education for young people – Focus on bail conditions, AVO’S and Court processes.<br/>B) Reduce the impact of fine debt and fines on young people and people experiencing disadvantage.</b> |  |  |                         |
| <b>Actions</b>  | <b>What we need (resources)</b>  | <b>Responsible</b>   | <b>Notes/Monitoring</b> |
| <b>Legal Education for young people – Focus on bail conditions, AVO’S and Court processes.</b>  |  |  |                         |
| Training for youth workers on police powers, AVOs, bail and court processes   | Partner with youth services including Veritas (Bathurst) Headspace, Mission Australia (deliver Youth on Track in Cowra and Orange) to consult on where/how/when to conduct training.<br>ALS and Legal Aid NSW Children’s Court lawyers could be invited to present, Legal Aid NSW CLE team and Crime SIC could also be invited to present. | Regional Coordinator to ascertain what is needed/wanted.<br><br>LANSW, MLC, ALS to present.                              |                         |
| Training for youth workers/community workers on options for fines, including write offs and reviews, and opportunities for early intervention (prevention of issue of fines).                           | More detailed data on criminal infringement notices issued to YP in the region.<br>Consult with community services on where/how/when to conduct training.  | June from LA WDO team @ LANSW re stats<br><br>Regional Coordinator to ascertain what is needed/wanted (related to above) |                         |
| Investigate lack of culturally appropriate support services for YP having contact with justice system in more remote locations  | Conduct survey tool to better understand what services are available and what the gaps are – we could talk to the NSW LJF about  | CLSD Unit has a short survey, work with Regional Coordinator   |                         |

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|   | assistance with designed a survey (this could be used in other regions).            |                                   |                             |
| <b>ACTIONS</b>  | <b>RESOURCES</b>  | <b>RESPONSIBLE</b>                | <b>NOTES AND MOINTORING</b> |
| <b>Reduce the impact of fine debt and fines on young people and people experiencing disadvantage.</b>   |   |                                   |                             |
| Work with 'super sponsors' such as BINC to promote how they work and locate other potential super sponsors  | Bathurst Neighbourhood Centre – to showcase how they work.                          | June from LANSW WDO team and BINC |                             |
| Investigate opportunities for cautions and warnings – voting fines – consultation with police and the use of cautions and warnings  |   | ALS? MLC? LA WDO team?            |                             |
| Increase awareness of alternatives to address fine debt for people experiencing disadvantage including waiver and WDO, range of WDO activities need to be more engaging, encourage community services to 'screen and refer' – target Service NSW. | Service NSW customer service specialists in the region.                             | CLSD Unit                         |                             |
| <b>Priority Area Two– Cultural safety</b>   |   |                                   |                             |
| <b>We would like to integrate cultural safety into all CLSD activities and promote anti-racism throughout the region, and increase engagement with Aboriginal communities in the region</b>   |   |                                   |                             |
| <b>Actions</b>  | <b>Resources</b>  | <b>Responsible</b>                | <b>Monitoring and notes</b> |
| Develop an anti-racism training project with Indigenous X that could be delivered in the region.  | CLSD funding surplus from legal referral guide + additional CLSD funding available. | Arlia CTBMCLC                     |                             |
| Activities that build trust with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations including wills clinics, free birth certificates and legal health check   |   | Sparke Helmore, CTBMCLC           |                             |

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| Cowra wills clinic<br><b>Bathurst wills clinic</b>  | Sparke Helmore + CLSD funding, could also cover costs of document storage with T & G    | Currently being organised with LA civil team to give advice on day and BC by CTBMCLC |                             |
| <b>Priority Area Three – primary victims identified (incorrectly) as defendants.</b><br><br><b>BOCSAR data indicates an increase in the number of final AVOs made against Aboriginal women, particularly in Orange and Bathurst and WDVCAAS has noted a drop in number of Aboriginal women seeking help as victims.</b><br><br><b>We want to ensure that all women experiencing violence get access to legal and other support at the right time.</b> |   |  |                             |
| <b>Actions</b>  | <b>Resources</b>  | <b>responsible</b>   | <b>Notes and monitoring</b> |
| Training for community workers on legal process in AVOs which includes focus on women as defendants.  | CTBMCLC – Consider doing CLE for community workers                                      | CTBMCLC / WDVCAS   |                             |
| Look for opportunities to identify women at an early stage and refer to legal and other forms of support  | Look at possible CLE for hairdresser/Real Estate agencies/sporting clubs, carers groups | Regional Coordinator with partners   |                             |
| <b>OTHER ISSUES:</b>  |   |  |                             |
| Exploitation in employment and accommodation  | Orange and Cowra  | Regional Coordinator   |                             |
| Needs of migrant and refugee communities  | Consult with Anni Gallagher /Jacqui at BINC   | Regional Coordinator   |                             |
| Information sessions in simple English and using visuals – visa conditions  |   | CLSD Unit  |                             |