Central Tablelands CLSD Program meeting

28 May 2024, 2-3:30PM, Online

MINUTES

Present: Eliza Hull (CTBMCLC – CLSD Regional Coordinator), Sarah Priestly (WDVCAS), Jade (Program Coordinator Binaal Billa),

Georgia Murphy-Haste (Sparke Helmore), Jes'Se Rushby (Legal Aid NSW), Madison Williams (Sparke Helmore), Leona Bishop (Relationships Australia), June Golland (Legal Aid NSW), Jill Marshall (Legal Aid NSW), Peter Hickey (Disability

Advocacy), Janelle Jarman (Safety Action Meeting Coordinator Central West WDVCAS),

Apologies: Arlia Fleming (CTBMCLC), Yvonne De Borde (Macarthur Legal Centre), Jackie Lanigan, Peter Ringbauer (Legal Aid NSW),

Lucinder Walder (Legal Aid NSW), Eveleen May (Disability Advocacy)

Agenda item	Discussion	Action/Outcome
1. Opening	 Eliza acknowledged that she chaired the meeting from Darug and Gundungarra Country and that sovereignty of these lands was never ceded. Sarah Priestly confirmed minutes of quarter 1 meeting. 	
2. Purpose of today's meeting	To work together to assist people in our region who are experiencing social and economic disadvantage.	
3. Discussion	Support Person Training - helping young people arrested by police	Winnie to liaise with
	 Week commencing <u>8 September in Bathurst, Orange, Cowra and Parkes.</u> Solicitor Julianne Elliot from the Community Legal Education Team at Legal Aid NSW has developed a training package to upskill community members to act as support people for young people who have been arrested by police. Earlier this year she delivered training in the Central West CLSD region (Dubbo, 	Julianne about support required from the CLSD Program for venues and promotion. If partners have
	Walgett and Coonamble) - Jill has tentatively spoken to Yalbilinga about hosting the training in Cowra.	recommendations for appropriate venues in





- Would appreciate recommendations for venues in other locations.

- Sarah noted that they also struggle to find venues in Parkes and often do training at the RSL.

Parkes or Bathurst please contact Eliza.

Wills Clincs

- Macarthur Legal Centre has an upcoming wills workshop in Grenfell. Eliza will circulate the flyer.

Bathurst Wills Clinic Report - Georgia, Sparke Helmore Lawyers

- The clinic was organised at relatively short notice with help from CTBMCLC, Legal Aid NSW, 3 Rivers Assembly and Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- The event was held at the community hub in Kelso.
- Saw 24 clients; 19 people were able to sign their will the next day, follow-up required with 5.
- Very happy with the turn-out.

Cowra Wills Clinic

- Re-scheduled, now looking at dates in October/November.
- Planning meeting being held between legal services next Friday.

Anti-Racism Training

- Organising anti-racism training was discussed by partners during the most recent planning meeting and in subsequent CLSD meeting.
- **17 and 18 July,** run by Luke Pearson from <u>Indigenous-X</u>.
- An overview of the training content is available here.
- This year is a significant year for the Bathurst Aboriginal community with the 200-year commemoration of the Declaration of Martial Law, which involves a week of events, and it is the host of the Koori Knockout.
- It will cost \$100 and would be available for all community members and services in the area who are willing and able to act as imperfect allies in this space.

Eliza to share EOI regarding training with partners asap.





- Binaal Billa, Legal Aid NSW and the WDVCAS indicated they would be interested in sending staff, however will need to verify how many staff are available for the entire training.
- 17 July is the scheduled date for the region's Safety Action Meeting which many staff from the WDVCAS attend.

Family Law Changes - Training

- CTBMCLC running training on 13 June in Orange
- Sarah expressed interest in being able to offer this training to staff, sees significant need for it.
- Legal Aid NSW will be offering webinars about the changes.
- Leona noted that the Attorney General's Department has prepared 4 webinars about the changes. Access the webinars here.
- Binaal Billa is delivering CLE in Lake Cargeligo and Cowra around these changes.

WDVCAS Co-Location with NSW Police – Pilot Program Update

- Starting in March, WDVCAS worker Janelle has been stationed at Orange police station. Pilot due to end in October. Would like to see it extended as consider it has been extremely successful in identifying and supporting victims of domestic and family violence.
- The pilot started in Kogarah, Fairfield, Griffith, Armidale and Nowra police stations.
- Janelle and Sarah reported the following benefits of the pilot:
 - connecting with women that the WDVCAS has tried unsuccessfully to connect with before.
 - Police and WDVCAS staff gaining improved mutual understanding of services.
 - Increased levels of trust between police and WDVCAS staff.
 - Limiting applications for cross AVOs.
 - Early identification of women who have been misidentified as perpetrators.
- Eliza noted that CTBMCLC would be very interested in having the opportunity to further support police by participating in one of their training days.

Regional FREE Legal Help Guides – Available Now!

Jade share CLE flyers for Lake Cargeligo and Cowra with Eliza and Jill.

Eliza and Sarah to connect offline regarding opportunities to work with NSW police.





4. Service Updates	 Guides to the availability of free legal help in Bathurst, the Blue Mountains, Cowra, Lithgow, Orange and Parkes are available here on the CLSD website or directly from Eliza. Jill Marshall – Legal Aid NSW Orange Last week during Law Week staff delivered talks about how to get help when you have been scammed in Orange and Parkes. A solicitor from the Respect at Work Legal Service is visiting the region to provide work ready talks to children in high schools. This Friday solicitors are going to Condobolin for what is called an Essentials Day put on by Workforce Australia. Workforce Australia has plans to hold the same event in Cowra later this year. Leona Bishop – Relationships Australia Relationships Australia has provided training to police about Elder Abuse and how to properly conduct welfare checks. Relationships Australia would be happy to deliver the training, Step In and Step Up to any interested groups. Upcoming training scheduled with the Bathurst Neighbourhood Centre and Lifeline 	
5. Next Meeting	Central West. 27 August 2pm-3:30pm online	



