

# 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eliza acknowledged that she chaired the meeting from Darug and Gundungarra Country and that sovereignty of these lands was never ceded.</li><li>Sarah Priestly confirmed minutes of quarter 1 meeting.</li></ul>	
2. Purpose of today’s meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To work together to assist people in our region who are experiencing social and economic disadvantage.</li></ul>	
3. Discussion	<p><b>Support Person Training - helping young people arrested by police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Week commencing <u>8 September in Bathurst, Orange, Cowra and Parkes.</u></li><li>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.</li><li>Earlier this year she delivered training in the Central West CLSD region (Dubbo, Walgett and Coonamble)</li><li>Jill has tentatively spoken to Yalbilinga about hosting the training in Cowra.</li></ul>	<p>Winnie to liaise with Julianne about support required from the CLSD Program for venues and promotion.</p> <p>If partners have recommendations for appropriate venues in</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Binaal Billa, Legal Aid NSW and the WDVCS indicated they would be interested in sending staff, however will need to verify how many staff are available for the entire training.</li> <li>- 17 July is the scheduled date for the region’s Safety Action Meeting which many staff from the WDVCS attend.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Family Law Changes – Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CTBMCLC running training on 13 June in Orange</li> <li>- Sarah expressed interest in being able to offer this training to staff, sees significant need for it.</li> <li>- Legal Aid NSW will be offering webinars about the changes.</li> <li>- Leona noted that the Attorney General’s Department has prepared 4 webinars about the changes. <a href="#">Access the webinars here.</a></li> <li>- Binaal Billa is delivering CLE in Lake Cargeligo and Cowra around these changes.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WDVCAS Co-Location with NSW Police – Pilot Program Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Starting in March, WDVCS 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.</li> <li>- The pilot started in Kogarah, Fairfield, Griffith, Armidale and Nowra police stations.</li> <li>- Janelle and Sarah reported the following benefits of the pilot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• connecting with women that the WDVCS has tried unsuccessfully to connect with before.</li> <li>• Police and WDVCS staff gaining improved mutual understanding of services.</li> <li>• Increased levels of trust between police and WDVCS staff.</li> <li>• Limiting applications for cross AVOs.</li> <li>• Early identification of women who have been misidentified as perpetrators.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Eliza noted that CTBMCLC would be very interested in having the opportunity to further support police by participating in one of their training days.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regional FREE Legal Help Guides – Available Now!</b></p>	<p>Jade share CLE flyers for Lake Cargeligo and Cowra with Eliza and Jill.</p> <p>Eliza and Sarah to connect offline regarding opportunities to work with NSW police.</p>
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<b>4. Service Updates</b>	<p><b>Jill Marshall – Legal Aid NSW Orange</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last week during Law Week staff delivered talks about how to get help when you have been scammed in Orange and Parkes.</li> <li>- A solicitor from the Respect at Work Legal Service is visiting the region to provide work ready talks to children in high schools.</li> <li>- This Friday solicitors are going to Condobolin for what is called an Essentials Day put on by Workforce Australia.</li> <li>- Workforce Australia has plans to hold the same event in Cowra later this year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Leona Bishop – Relationships Australia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relationships Australia has provided training to police about Elder Abuse and how to properly conduct welfare checks.</li> <li>- Relationships Australia would be happy to deliver the training, Step In and Step Up to any interested groups.</li> <li>- Upcoming training scheduled with the Bathurst Neighbourhood Centre and Lifeline Central West.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Next Meeting</b>	<b>27 August 2pm-3:30pm online</b>	