

<b>Q3 Meeting</b>	<b>Hunter CLSD, 15th August 10am – 12pm, Muloobinba/Newcastle Theme: coercive control and changes to family law</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Acknowledgement of country</b> 10:00	
<b>Purpose of meeting</b> 10.05	<p><b>A. CLSD Program Objective:</b> to work collaboratively to identify and address unmet legal and related non-legal needs of people in the Hunter region. We do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- making better referrals/ referral pathways</li> <li>- working on projects and devising new services, and</li> <li>- coordinating our efforts.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Meeting Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Practice identifying legal issues, amongst a range of issues, to ensure services know about other services' eligibility and referral processes</li> <li>● Plan collaborative CLSD events</li> <li>● To gain an understanding of the issues being faced by people in the Newcastle and Hunter regions and seek ways for more effective support from services</li> <li>● Relationship building; for people to get to know one another and work towards justice partnerships</li> </ul>
<b>Introductions</b> 10.10	Relational exercise ( <i>who's first meeting? If you've attended before, what value do you see in CLSD partnerships?</i> )
<b>Guest speaker: Amber Field from the Hunter Community Legal Centre</b> 10.20- 10.50	Updates to coercive control and family law legislation
<b>Legal Issue spotting exercise with the Aboriginal Legal Service</b> 10.50	Use of coercive control case study (see over page) and the Legal Aid tool <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Action Plan Stocktake/Current issues in the region</b> 11:30	<b>Hunter CLSD <a href="#">Action Plan 2022- 2024</a> and <a href="#">Regional Profile and Data</a></b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Fines and fine debt</b> are relatively high in the Newcastle area (see next page)</li> <li>● <b>Homelessness</b> in the Newcastle region. What are services seeing?</li> <li>● <b>Birth certificates</b> - is there a need for a local event?</li> <li>● <b>Community Legal Education</b>- CLSD projects: consent workshops in highschoools? Who can assist?</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming events</b> 11:45	Hunter Homeless Connect Day Wednesday 21st August Free legal observer training with Hunter Community Legal Centre (online), Friday 23 August
<b>Next CLSD Hunter meeting</b> 11: 55	Legal services only meeting in preparation for the Hunter CLSD region action plan 2025-2027, more details to be confirmed soon.

### Case Study – Coercive Control

Marlee talks to you about some challenges she has been having. She mentions she has a lot going on at the moment and that her partner is being very controlling but that it's not a big deal and she does not want to cause trouble with him. You ask her more and she says that he has been accessing her social media accounts and checking her messages and telling her where she can and can't go. He thinks she is speaking with a male a friend online and has told her she is not allowed to speak with him. She also tells you that he recently took her bank card when he went to work and she had no access to money to get food for her or her two children that day. He often uses her car and gets fines and also tells Marlee that she should contact Centrelink to tell them she is single and try to get the single parent payment (even though they are still together). Marlee is clearly very stressed but does not want to make the situation worse. You convince Marlee that she should talk to a solicitor about her situation. What are some of the legal issues you think Marlee has?

- What are the indicators of coercive control?
- What other legal issues is Marlee facing?
- What other issues is Malee facing?
- Who could you refer her to for support?
- Are there any gaps that you are unable to support her with?
- If Marlee identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, would this change your plan of support for her?



Overdue fines, postcode 2300- Newcastle, Cooks Hill, The Hill, Newcastle East, Bar Beach

Overdue fines dashboard

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**\$3,566,083**  
Total value of overdue fines

1,300  
Number of customers

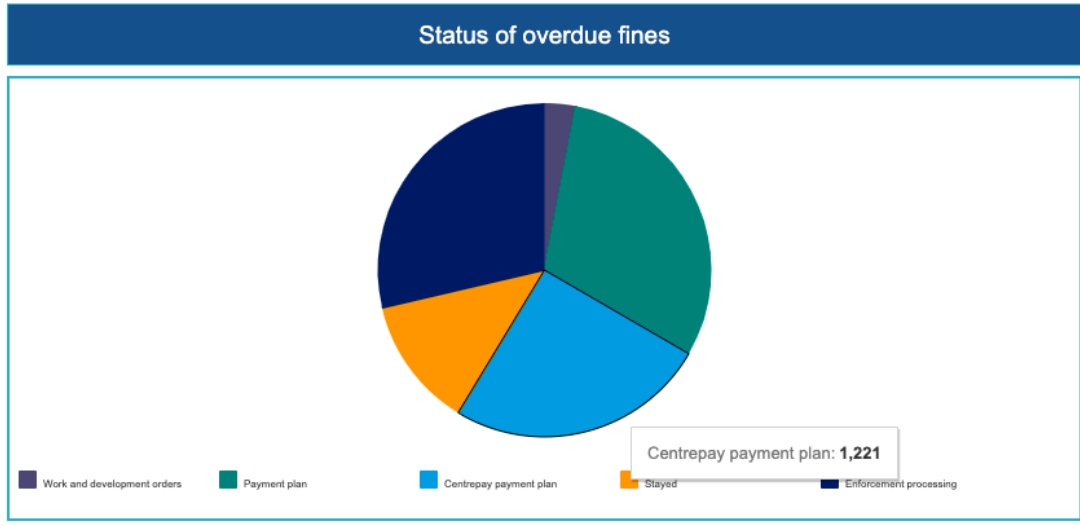
6,657  
Number of overdue fines

**Average age of overdue fines**

< 12 months	\$492,272
1-2 Years	\$439,423
> 2 Years	\$2,634,387

**Transport for NSW sanctions applied**

Licence suspensions	109
Vehicle registration cancellations	33
Customer business restrictions	298
TOTAL	440



**Types of overdue fines**

Number of fines	5,444
Value of fines	\$2,196,645
Number of court fines	1,213
Value of court fines	\$1,369,438

Source: [https://www.apps09.revenue.nsw.gov.au/customer\\_service/forms/dashboard/overduedefines](https://www.apps09.revenue.nsw.gov.au/customer_service/forms/dashboard/overduedefines), accessed 13/5/24.