



Moree CLSD Action Plan

2023 – 2025

Fines and fine debt are relatively high in the region, with the total value of overdue fines totalling over \$3.5 million as of May 2023. Over \$2.6 million of this debt is over 2 years old and nearly 100 people have had their license suspended. We would like to find creative and collaborative ways to reduce the burden of this fine debt on people experiencing economic and social disadvantage in the region, particularly those aged between 18-24 years (with an overdue fine debt of approximately \$300, 000)

Actions	What we need (resources)	Monitoring and notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage those with license suspensions and fine debt over 2 years old to advocate for a waiver or support participation in a WDO. Promote fine management and avoid licence suspensions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance from Revenue NSW to engage with their customers who have fine debt over 2 years old or who are aged between 18 and 24. Work with Revenue NSW to gain understanding into how licence suspensions can be prevented and/or deferred. 	
Hold collaborative Fine Days in Moree, Toomelah, Mungindi and Boggabilla	Information about event planned for Mungindi in November to be shared.	Event in Mungindi, in the Park, November 2023 being planned by CLSAC/FMAC.
Promote the availability of write off for fine debt and services that offer this (ALS NSW/ACT, N & NW CLC and Legal Aid NSW).	Referral process from Revenue NSW outreach worker to legal assistance services. Information about fine debt options to be sent out with correspondence about finalised criminal matters.	

Investigate fines relating to the <i>Enclosed Lands Act</i> in the region.	Further data from Revenue NSW about these fines.	
We would like to improve knowledge about each other's services and referral pathways between legal and other services, including for people affected by domestic and family violence.		
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Family and Domestic Violence services (and other) speed- dating event	Regional coordinator and CLSD unit	
Prepare and share a guide to legal assistance services in the Moree region	Regional coordinator and CLSD unit	Update of the old one page guide plus a legal health check guide are options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities for collaboration between legal and community services and specialist family violence list in Moree. Use the results from the Frontline Services survey to support specialist family violence list. 	More information about the Local Court specialist family violence list and work by DCJ to expand men's behaviour change programs to the region.	The Local Court is establishing a specialist family violence list in Moree.
Front line services forum in Moree	Analysis of information from the survey (CLSD unit)	In partnership with JR
We want to give more support to young people particularly on school suspensions and exclusion		
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Offer community legal education to established community-based groups eg Girls YAK group, fathers group rather than expecting them to come to us	Legal Aid NSW CLE team	Initial CLE provided to range of community groups.
First Nations people in the region have wills and other future planning documents in place		
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Wills clinic scheduled for March 2024 with Gilbert + Tobin		Clinic held.

We need more forms of diversion in the community for young people and adults involved in the criminal justice system. In the 3 years up to September 2022 the number of young people being taken to court by police in the region has increased with 248 young people taken to court in the 12 months to September 2022.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocate for circle sentencing to commence in the region.• Advocate for specialist Children’s Court to be held in Moree.• Use the results from the Frontline Services Survey to support diversion.	Engage with DCJ ASU about these issues.	