

## Northern Rivers CLSD Action Plan 2024 – 2025

Meeting Dates 2024 – March 19<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Strategies/Issues/Opportunities	Actions	Notes
<b>How we work together</b>		
<p><b>Quarterly Meetings - Meetings will be F2F unless otherwise advised for 2024.</b></p> <p>Q1 19 March – Legal Services Meeting</p> <p>Q2 4<sup>th</sup> June – Information &amp; Referral Forum – Tweed Heads</p> <p>Q3 20<sup>th</sup> August - Improving Access to Justice for Aboriginal communities – Goonellabah – Crime, Family &amp; Care focus</p> <p>Q4 5<sup>th</sup> November - Themed Meeting NDIS – Civil Law Focus – Location to be confirmed</p>	<p>Joy work with Leearna Williams &amp; Tracey Callegari to organise Q3 Event with Aboriginal Communities. This is on-going until the event.</p> <p>A working party is underway for this project.</p> <p>Joy to coordinate appropriate guests for the meeting with the aim of improving relationships and referrals from this sector (see below)</p>	<p>Aim of this Meeting – Encourage referrals on consumer law issues and other civil law issues, help workers identify issues and make appropriate referrals.</p>
<b>What We do Project</b>	First Working party meeting has taken place. Next Meeting to be mid June.	A shared document has been created.
<b>Housing/Homelessness</b>		
<b>Tenancy – Know your rights – joint CLE – TAAS, LA, CLC</b>	To be considered for 2025	To be part of Tenancy Forum 2025?
<b>Need for a sustainable outreach model for Homeless Sector</b>		Refer to Q1 minutes for details.
<b>Indigenous issues / Closing the Gap</b>		

<b>Address barriers to accessing justice</b>	All Legal Services Suggestions for building relationships with local Indigenous Communities. Meet with Elders groups, Playgroups to let people know about newly funded services for Aboriginal communities, LAFPA, FLSAC etc. AMS Chronic Illness Groups ALS New Services	
<b>Aboriginal Communities – Improving Access to Justice Project</b>	Work with Aboriginal Community Justice Group/DCJ/ACSSO's	The Event will focus on building relationships, engaging community to improve their knowledge and understanding of legal services and how they can help. An opportunity to answer questions about crime, care & protection and family law. Assisting people to know their rights when dealing with the law. Location Goonellabah Possible model for future work
<b>Family law – particularly those experiencing DV</b>		
<b>Family Law Subpoena CLE</b>	Joy to follow up with HWBL re: fact sheet. Sahm Ryder taking lead Rachael will follow up with Family team at Legal Aid	
<b>What about DV – Action in 2025?</b>	To be considered for 2025 -what can CLSD do to assist?	
<b>Fines/Debt</b>		
<b>Debt Waiving Event/Financial Hardship Forum (Include young people)</b>	Deliver with Financial Counselling Service	Sector Development Education Sessions.

	2025 Delivery	<p>Possible Partners: ALS fines team, Civil CLC/LA, WDO, Gambling/Addiction services, youth services, housing services. Whole of Sector</p> <p>Disaster recovery needs to be included.</p> <p>Other issues raised at Q1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tweed fine debt is very high, plus it is poorly serviced.</li> <li>• Purpose of the Forum would be to raise awareness with support services regarding early legal and financial advice.</li> <li>• Potential issues: council rates and uninhabitable properties where there is potential for referral to legal services.</li> </ul>
<b>2025 Planning</b>		
<p><b>2025 Possibilities &amp; Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenancy or Financial Hardship Forum</li> <li>• Improving Access to Justice for Aboriginal Communities – Maybe in another location</li> <li>• Kyogle as a possible location to meet or deliver a workshop?</li> <li>• Casino Forum, Crime &amp; Care</li> <li>• Waiving Debts Day</li> <li>• Coercive Control Education – Aboriginal communities?</li> <li>• DV?</li> </ul>	We will draw from 2024 learnings.	