



Forster & Taree CLSD Program meeting

Wednesday 18th September 2024 – 12:30-3:30pm (1:30pm-3:30pm includes Victim Services and Coercive Control information session from Hunter CLC and Mid North Coast Legal Centre)

First Steps Count Child and Community Centre, 4 Myall Ave, Taree

AGENDA

- 1. Opening** (12:30pm 5 Minutes)
 - Acknowledgement to Country
- 2. Purpose of today's meeting** (5 Minutes)
 - **CLSD Program Objective** – To build and nurture a network of legal assistance and community services to increase access to justice and improve legal and social outcomes for people experiencing social or economic disadvantage or dislocation.
 - **Today's Meeting Objective** - To provide an opportunity for local partners to network and build connections with one another.
 - To celebrate and promote further community events and partnerships.
 - To engage in and share valuable information via an information session on Victim Services and Coercive Control (delivered by Hunter CLC and MNCLC) 1:30pm-3:30pm.

3. Guest speaker (10-15 minutes)

Marlow Slavin - Sector Development and Member Engagement Officer for the National Peak Body for Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum (FVPLS).

Responsible for providing culturally safe and holistic services to First Nations people affected by family violence – predominantly women and children. The National FVPLS Forum provides expert national policy advice in areas of policy, planning and law reform, and advocates for safety and justice for First Nations people affected by family violence.

Learn more [Here](#)

4. Further Networks and Connections (5 Minutes each)

Annette Andrews - Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner and General Mediator from [INTERRELATE](#)

Trent Singles – NSW Fair Trading to speak about “Let’s Talk” Workers Forum and Community Services Expo and events being held in Taree Oct 30th and 31st

5. Arising Challenges/Item for discussion (5-10 Minutes)

Jane O’Dwyer – Community Development MidCoast council in engagement with NSW Health has recently highlighted more and more people not having their power of attorney completed and are therefore left in hospital waiting for paperwork to be completed so that they can access a place at an aged care facility. Jane highlighted/requested a potential opportunity to deliver some training for this cohort via CLSD and MNCLC &/ Legal Aid

6. Item 6 (5 minutes)

- Tobwabba Wills Clinic June 20th and 21st 19 people received wills (thanks to our partners from Gilbert and Tobin)
- NAIDOC All Schools – July 30th
- Birth Certificate Day Taree – August 9th 25 BC and 6 BR (Thank you MNCLC for attending)
- MNCLC – RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) Launch Party Sept 26th RSVP info@mnclegal.org.au
- MNCLC confirmed legal support at PM Birth Certificate Day Oct 10th TBC Legal Aid

5-10 Minute break

7. Victim Services and Coercive Control Information Session 1:30-3:30pm



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7. Next meeting

Introduction of "Legals Only" Meeting to take place once a year Wednesday November 6th – First Steps Count Child and Community Centre, 4 Myall Ave, Taree

Next CLSD meeting for ALL partners and community workers will be meeting Weds Feb 26th, 2025, 12:30pm First Steps Count Child and Community Centre, 4 Myall Ave, Taree