Community Legal Centres Association (WA) Inc

MEMBERS UPDATE Thursday, 28 March 2019

Dear Members

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Accreditation

National Accreditation Scheme – Important Please Read

The SPP - Standards and Performance Pathway

As we approach the end of Phase 2 our arrangement with BNG, who provide the SPP, is coming to an end. The SPP is the online portal where centres completed their self-assessment for Phase 2 and uploaded evidence to show how they were meeting requirements. Access to the SPP will cease on 31 March 2019.

To ensure that we capture all the data currently stored on the SPP we are recommending that all centres save their existing data to an Evidence pack which can be downloaded to their own data storage. CLCA will also download all evidence packs to our online storage and this will be available to centres once the new software, replacing the SPP, is implemented.

If your centre would like to download a zip file of the evidence uploaded for Phase 2 (recommended) please refer to the guide here, or this short video for more information.

If you have any queries or would like assistance with the process please contact Trish Ryans-Taylor at CLCA on 0409 905 369 or accreditation@communitylaw.net

CLCA/CLCQ Webinars

2019 Webinar Program: Semester 1

Click here for a copy of the brochure. Registration can be done via the link at the top of page 1 of the brochure. The brochure will be updated with more webinars after the Quarterlies.

CPD Points

Remember it is the responsibility of solicitors who are participating in any of the webinars to complete the documentation in order to access the CPD points which can be allocated.

You can print out an Individual Attendance Sheet via the brochure mentioned above.

Not Available for the Webinars?

If the times of the webinars do not suit you, make sure you register for the sessions and you may be able to access a copy of the webinars afterwards, which you can view at a more convenient time. Presentations are only available for viewing if the presenter gives permission for this to be made public. You can access a copy of any that have been published on this page of the CLCQ website here.

Would your CLC like to be a webinar presenter?

Please send us an email including the name of the proposed presenter and the area of law/issue they wish to talk to. WA CLCs have presented webinars and they have been well received. It would be good to see more presentations from other WA CLCs. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

ICT Project

As discussed at our recent Quarterlies General Meeting, there are two current initiatives (from our ICT strategy) we are seeking centres input on.

The LAWRA Chatbot project

This is currently being undertaken by UWA students as a CEED Project (Co-operative Education for Enterprise Development).

The students need to speak to each centre about their criteria for accepting clients and the types of law you practice.

This data collection will ensure the 'decision tree' that underpins the chatbot is accurate.

FYI – Legal Aid has recently introduced something similar on their revamped website. Their chatbot does not refer to a centre but to legal CLE on their website. See https://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/ and click the "Live Chat Now" icon in the bottom right hand corner.

McCusker student – social media

Lisa Baxter is currently working with us to increase our social media content and content for the new website. Lisa is working through case studies for each CLC based on your annual reports and the social media posts. The idea is to have a collection of stories to use on our platforms and promote the work of CLCs. We will not publish any case studies that have originated form your centre without discussing with you first.

Request

Can you please nominate an appropriate person in your centre to speak with both the UWA CEED students about the chat bot AND with Lisa Baxter about case studies? In each instance we will not be requesting more than 1-2 hours of your time. Please email the relevant contact people to Catrina Campbell-Fraser (Communications) at communications@communitylaw.net

Law Access Walk for Justice is back!

Join the Western Australian pro bono legal community for the 4th annual Law Access Walk for Justice on Tuesday, 14 May.

The Hon Peter Quinlan, Chief Justice of Western Australia will lead the walk, joined by eminent Event Ambassadors comprised of members of the judiciary and leaders in the profession.

Funds raised over the last 3 years have allowed Law Access to enhance their family law pro bono referral service and the assistance they provide to asylum seekers.

CLCA has again organised a team. If you are interested please contact Dawn Fenton at administrator@communitylaw.net

LP&PII Matters

March Quarterlies: CPD Activity Individual Attendance Sheets

Attached are Word and PDF versions of the individual attendance sheets from last week's Quarterlies. Make sure you forward your attendance sheet to Fiona Hobbs at lp.pii@communitylaw.net as soon as possible. Fiona will then arrange issue of certificates.

2019 Cross Checks

As Managers and RPs are aware, cross checks are due to be performed in July/August and preparation of the cross check roster is underway.

If you are travelling during July/August and are willing to include performing a cross check in your travels, please let us know by emailing your availability to lp.pii@communitylaw.net.

Your help in this regard is appreciated as always.

March Quarterlies

Presentations Available on our Website

If you missed any of the sessions on Friday you can access them here. They include:

- CLCA's ICT Project Update;
- Ethical issues in representing alleged perpetrators of FDV by Lara Anstie, Clairs Keeley;
- Information on the Lotterywest Community Investment Framework; and
- Cyber Liability Insurance – Claims and other Catastrophes.

Feedback on the March Quarterlies

Look out for a SurveyMonkey in your inboxes next week.

Update on Publication of the Final Reports for the NPA and ILAP Review

See the Commonwealth Attorney General's media release on page Error! Bookmark not defined. of this update.

Urgent Action on Commonwealth Government Funding Certainty

Although NACLC have had promising discussions with the Attorney-General and other key Ministers, they do not yet have a commitment that the 2019 Federal Budget will lock in funding for the sector beyond 1 July 2020.

If it this does not happen, the likely outcome will be that Centres won't find out about the future funding allocation to their Centre until May or June 2020.

So, in the lead up to the **Federal Budget (2 April 2019)**, a **Federal Election** (likely in May 2019), we are asking centres to take 2 main actions:

1. **Federal Budget:** Meet with your local **Liberal or National Party** Federal Member of Parliament **in the next 2 weeks** to put pressure on the decision-makers in the LNP to include funding for the NPA beyond 30 June 2020 to ensure that your Centre has funding certainty so that you can provide continuity of service to your clients and communities.
2. **Federal Election:** Meet with your local Federal Member of Parliament and as many local candidates as you can.

All the information you need about funding certainty can be found at this link.

In addition, confidential sector-only materials can be accessed from the NACLC website.

MP and Candidate contact details

We have sent all managers MP and candidate contact information and which electorate you are in. If you need copies please contact Sharryn on executivedirector@communitylaw.net

If your Centre is active on social media e.g. Facebook or Twitter, we have a list of the social media sites of all MPs and Candidates so you can tag them in your posts or engage with them. If your centre is on Twitter, make sure you follow @CLCAWA and @NACLCComms and use the hashtag #communitylaw

NACLC

In the News

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Media Statements
2019 National Community Legal Centres Conference Announcement
Sector Only News - March 2019

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

knowmore

Employment Opportunities

Knowmore will be opening their Perth offices next month. Click here for more information on a number of positions (legal and non-legal) that have become available.

Pilbara Community Legal Service

CEO

Click here for more information on the above role which can be based in either Karratha or South Hedland.

Applications close COB Friday, 30 March.

South West Community Legal Centre

Solicitor

We are currently recruiting for a 0.6 FTE Solicitor position.

This position is being advertised on Seek here:

https://www.seek.com.au/job/38432055?searchrequesttoken=692095ff-b8a7-40af-acbe-49c66506fd5d&type=standout and you can find the Application Package here.

The closing date for this position is 29 March 2019.

Youth Legal Service

Locum Senior Lawyer for 3 Months

We are in need of a locum senior lawyer for 3 months from June until August to cover long service leave.

What YLS will require:

1. Full time lawyer for 3 months June, July and August 2019 working with and under the supervision of the Senior Solicitor assisting young people under the age of 25 with legal advice and representation on various matters.
2. Experience in criminal law and minor civil matters:
    - prepared to appear in the Children's Court and Magistrates Court on minor criminal matters including hearings and restraining orders which may proceed to hearing;

- telephone and in person one off legal advice;
- civil law – advice in respect of motor vehicle accidents (property damage not personal injury), debt, criminal injuries compensation applications and advice and assistance to respondents;
- case manage current open files; and
- Community Legal Education presentations.

Selection criteria

- Admission as a lawyer in Western Australia (or capable of immediate admission) and in possession of, or capable of, immediately acquiring an unrestricted practising certificate.
- Experience in legal practice.
- Demonstrated understanding and commitment to working with Access to Justice and Social Justice issues including a demonstrated understanding of the provision of pro bono services and the community legal sector and related not for profit legal service providers.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Sound computer literacy in the Microsoft Office suite.
- Organised and systematic approach to office and work duties.
- Ability to work without supervision and with general direction within a budget.

Applications should be sent to director@youthlegalserviceinc.com.au with resume and covering letter. Remuneration will be in line with the not for profit sector.

MEDIA RELEASES

Commonwealth Government

Attorney General

Legal Assistance Reviews

State Government

Hon Roger Cook

Western Australians urged to comment on voluntary assisted dying

Hon Simone McGurk

Culture of respect key to breaking the cycle of domestic violence

Home Stretch trial to provide additional support to vulnerable care leavers

Hon John Quigley

Community, stakeholders urged to contribute to defamation law reform

Hon Michelle Roberts

Body worn cameras to be deployed to frontline officers

Queensland Advocacy Centre

NDIS Appeals Advocacy funding commitment to deal with backlog of complaints

MEMBERS EXCHANGE

Environmental Defender's Office WA

Media Release: EDOWA'S Response to EPA Guidance on Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Click here to read the above.

RRR Network

Google Group

A Google Groups Mailing List and forum has been set up for Regional, Rural and Remote CLCs in WA. This will make it much easier for the Convener of the Network to share information and forward Minutes and Agendas for meetings to Network members.

This group does not require any accounts or passwords, but if you have a google account, you can look at all email history on the web (useful for someone joining the group later on).

Once you're a member of the group you will be able to email the group, and receive all emails to it.

How to	Email this Address
Email members of the group	Rrr-clc-wa@googlegroups.com
Unsubscribe your email address	Rrr-clc-wa+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com
Subscribe your email address (new members)	Rrr-clc-wa+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Learn more

NEWSLETTERS

ACNC Commissioner's Column – 21 March

Blue Knot Foundation Blue Knot Review March

Community Employers WA latest news 27 March

Community Sector Banking In the Loop

Law and Justice Foundation of NSW Research Alert: Aboriginal Legal Service Planning Tool Launch

Law Society Friday Facts 15 March

Legalwise News 21 March

Linkwest Info Update 20 March and 27 March

OMI Weekly Update 27 March

Pro Bono News Australia Weekly News

Shelter WA Inside Housing 21 March

WACOSS:

- Bulletin - 20 March
- Sector ENews 27 March

YACWA E-news 22 March

OTHER NEWS

ATO Not-for-Profit News Service

How to Lodge and Pay your BAS

Lodge your quarterly BAS online and you could be eligible for an extra two weeks to lodge and pay.

Click here for more information.

Department of Communities

FDV 10 Year Strategy Community Consultations

Thank you for your interest in participating in the consultation to inform development of the 10 year strategy for reducing family and domestic violence in the Western Australian community.

We have had a fantastic response to the online survey and Message to the Minister form/postcards and have now extended the deadline for these consultation streams to Thursday **30 May 2019**.

Face to face community consultation events are now being finalised for the following locations:

Location	Date
Bunbury	9 April
Kalgoorlie	15 April
Geraldton	30 April (TBC)
Karratha	7 May (TBC)
Broome	14 May (TBC)
Albany	21 May (TBC)

Due to limited venue capacity and to ensure a broad range of participants we are inviting people to submit expressions of interest in attending these sessions.

If you would be interested in attending an event in your area please reply to this address FDVStrategy@communities.wa.gov.au with your name, organisation (if applicable), and a phone number.

For further information and to have your say, go to www.communities.wa.gov.au/fdv

If you have any questions please direct them to FDVStrategy@communities.wa.gov.au

Department of Justice

Invitation to Nominate – Attorney General's Community Service Law Awards

The Attorney General, the Hon John Quigley MLA, recently opened nominations for the 2019 Attorney General's Community Service Law Awards.

The annual awards, presented on Monday 13 May during WA Law Week, recognise a legal practitioner and an organisation who have volunteered their legal skills and expertise to help others in the community.

DOJ invite you to consider nominating a legal practitioner for the Individual Award, or your organisation for the Organisation Award.

Nominations can be made on behalf of another individual or organisation, or you can nominate yourself.

For your convenience, see attached copy of the nomination form. Nominations close **2pm** on **Monday 15 April 2018**.

For further enquiries please contact Shane Newton at Shane.Newton@justice.wa.gov.au or via email or phone 9264 1963. You can also visit www.justice.wa.gov.au/lawaward.

Legal Aid WA

Ex-gratia Payment Scheme for UK Child Migrants

Click here to read the above newspaper article.

National Legal Aid

National Family Violence Website Goes Live

Family Violence Law Help is a new national website for people wanting to understand domestic and family violence, the law and where to get help.

It can be used by people affected by domestic and family violence, educators and frontline workers. Click on the link above for more information.

Office of Multicultural Interests

OMI Alert: Office of Multicultural Interests Strategic Plan 2019–23

The Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) is about to develop its new Strategic Plan 2019–23 and we are keen for you to be involved. You will also be invited to further face-to-face consultations in May 2019.

Initially, OMI is seeking your thoughts on four key questions:

- What community needs or issues are the most important for OMI to address?
- How should OMI go about addressing these needs/issues? What could OMI do?
- How would we know that we have been successful? What results/outcomes would we see?
- What should be OMI's purpose?

Other comments will be welcome (please note that as a State Government agency, we are not responsible for immigration matters).

To submit your comments, please email harmony@omi.wa.gov.au or complete the OMI new Strategic Plan 2019–23 survey.

Please provide your feedback by 5.00pm Monday 15 April 2019.

Reconciliation WA

National Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

Show us how you are celebrating NRW by submitting your events to the national calendar here.

Shelter WA

Housing Economics for the Non- Economists

Shelter WA in partnership with Curtin University is delivering a new Lecture Series Housing Economics for non-economists. This is topical given the current debate on housing markets and the positioning of housing affordability as an election issue.

We would love you have you join us and hope to see you there. Click on the links below for more information.

- Taxation and housing outcomes - 3 April
- Land use planning and housing markets - 8 May
- Property development drivers and feasibility

Supporting Communities Forum

Collaboration Working Group - Request for Case Studies

The Supporting Communities Forum (Forum) and its seven working groups aim to identify opportunities for better designed services and support implementation of the Supporting Communities Policy.

One of the seven working groups, namely the **Collaboration Working Group** (Working Group) is seeking case studies as examples of successful and/or challenging collaboration within the community sector, government and inter-sectorial projects or programs.

The Working Group would like to capture as many examples as possible and appreciate your support to disseminate the attached survey within your organisation.

Next Steps

Please support the Working Group and distribute the survey to your networks. It would be greatly appreciated if completed templates can be sent directly to the Working Group Secretariat at SCF@dpc.wa.gov.au by **Friday 19 April 2019**.

If you have any queries, please contact Ashlee Wells at ashlee.wells@health.wa.gov.au or on (08) 9222 4410.

Women's Community Health Network WA

2019 Australian Women's Health Charter

AWHN has released the 2019 Australian Women's Health Charter as part of their preparation for the 2019 Federal Election. AWHN calls for a political commitment to five key proposals.

1. **A New National Women's Health Policy**

   We need a policy which places gender into all Commonwealth portfolio areas, and is underpinned by a social determinant of health framework. Such a policy would give clear direction to a 'whole of government approach' on how women and their families' lives could be improved.

2. **The first priority of the national women's health policy - a national women's sexual and reproductive health policy**

   Significant change has occurred in legislation, clinical interventions, research and knowledge translation at Commonwealth and State/territory levels. These changes need to be translated into accessible, equitable service delivery to different communities of women.

3. **Government Funded Independent Women's Health Peak**

   The Australian Women's Health Network is an independent women's health peak with membership from all States and Territories. We call for it to be publicly funded to provide ongoing advice on policy, practice change, research and new and emerging areas of women's health.

   As a peak, AWHN is independent and doesn't deliver services, ensuring no conflict of interest in its policy advice. As a peak it would work collaboratively with service providers to identify: emerging issues; policy development; and research areas of concern to women's health and well-being.

4. **Establish Women's Equity Committees in all Federal Government Departments**

   To implement a new approach to creating a healthy society, the Commonwealth to set and report on women's equity in all portfolio areas in all federal Government Departments, reporting back to a central unit in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. This is in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No 5 – Gender equality.

5. **Funded National Conversation & Sustainable Ongoing Funding**

   The Commonwealth fund a national, collaborative conversation to set priorities for new initiatives and research. These priorities to be reviewed and knowledge shared through a funded national conference in conjunction with women's health peak organisations.

   Any priorities, new initiatives and research that are identified through the national conversation are sustainably funded to ensure its success and capacity to make a difference to women's health and well-being.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

REMEMBER to check out training opportunities and information on local events on our website here. This is updated weekly.