



MEMBERS UPDATE

Thursday, 24 January 2019

Dear Members

The Members Update is a service to members, providing news and information in one easy to read document. If you have any information you would like included in the update, please email to administrator@communitylaw.net.

Please note, the information provided in this update is received from various sources and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Association.

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CLCA

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Accreditation



*Congratulations to
Regional Alliance West Legal Unit
now NAS Phase II certified*



Sussex Street Community Law Service
now NAS Phase II certified

CPD Points

As solicitors will be aware, the CPD year closes on 31 March. By way of update:

- The Association is awaiting approval of the National Conference as a non-QA Provider Activity. The Legal Practice Board has advised that we should receive their response to our application within the next week. Once approval has been received CPD certificates will be issued accordingly.
- A number of CPD attendance sheets have been received by the Association for various activities. These will be processed in the next week.
- If you are yet to submit attendance sheets for points you intend to claim, please do so as soon as possible.
- If you are yet to submit QA Returns for points your Centre intends to issue, please do so as soon as possible so they can be confirmed by the LP&PII Admin Committee prior to 31 March.
- A reminder that QA returns for the 2018-19 year submitted in the next CPD year i.e. from 1 April will not be approved for the issue of CPD points under the Association's QA provider status.

Don't be left short of CPD points at 31 March – send forms to lp.pii@communitylaw.net.

Quarterlies 2019 - Save the Dates

Please make a note in your diary the following dates:

- 21 and 22 March
- 20 and 21 June
- 19 and 20 September
- 28 and 29 November

CPD Sessions

We are already looking at training options for the Friday afternoon of the Quarterlies.

We have some suggestions from Sarah Bright on Family Law, DV and Child Protection matters and LP&PII Committee for Civil Practice in the Magistrates Court WA and Practice, Procedure and the Law of Parliament.

We would welcome any other suggestions you may have and, in particular, if you have any close connections with possible speakers.

Would any CLC like to make a short presentation at the General Meeting on any initiatives that they are working on at the moment or an information session on what your centre does on a day to day basis?

Please contact Dawn Fenton at administrator@communitylaw.net with any comments.

Tenancy Law- Family Violence Amendments Training Schedule

See below (under Members Exchange) the training schedule TWA will be running on the RTA FDV changes. They plan to hold a lengthy training session/workshop at the March Quarterlies. Watch out for more news on that in future Updates.

2019 CLCA/CLCQ Webinars

CLCA and CLCQ are partnering up again for cobranded Webinars

Unfortunately, there will be a delay in circulating a 6 monthly program. This is due to the staff changes in CLCQ. They hope to have more webinars available in March/April.

In the meantime, for those of you needing CPD points, CLCQ have webinars ready to go in January and February with a focus on FDV. You can access the program [here](#).

REMEMBER the program reflects Queensland Time, WA time will be two hours earlier.

The proposed WA CPD point allocation for each webinar is:

- DV Capacity Building: Practical legal ethics & working together for DV clients - CA 3 – Ethics and Professional Responsibility, 1 point.
- The practicalities of parenting matters with Child Safety involvement: The interrelationship between family law and child protection - CA 4 – Substantive Law – 1 point.
- DV Capacity Building: Assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients (Building professional skills) – CA 2 – Professional Skills – 1 point.
- DV Capacity Building: Assisting elder clients (Building professional skills) - CA 2 – Professional Skills – 1 point.
- DV Capacity Building: Assisting clients with disabilities (Building professional skills) - CA 2 – Professional Skills – 1 point.

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. Consumer Credit Legal Service WA has done a couple of webinars and they have been fantastic! It would be good to see presentations from other WA CLCs. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Social Security Commission Bill 2018

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs is to examine the [Social Security Commission Bill 2018](#).

The bill is a private member's bill introduced by Ms Cathy McGowan, Independent Member for Indi. **The bill seeks to establish an independent Social Security Commission, as a statutory agency, to provide Parliament with advice on acceptable minimum levels for social security payments.**

The Social Security Commission would conduct reviews of social security payments, including recommendations for increases to payments where needed. The Commission would submit its recommendations to the relevant Minister, and the government would be required to respond. The reports of the reviews would also be tabled in Parliament and available to the public.

Many CLCs are in support of the ACOSS [Raise the Rate](#) campaign, (arguing for an increase in the minimum rate for Newstart allowance) and may be interested in drafting a submission for this inquiry.

Submissions from the public will close on 1 March 2019. For further information visit:
[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/House/Social Policy and Legal Affairs/SSCBill2018](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Social_Policy_and_Legal_Affairs/SSCBill2018)

NACLC

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Aboriginal Legal Service of WA

2 Solicitor Roles

Click on the links below for more information on the above positions:

- [Senior managing lawyer of family law unit based in Perth](#)
- [Lawyer in family law unit based in Perth](#)

At this stage, there are no closing dates for applications for these roles.

MEMBERS EXCHANGE

Aboriginal Family Law Services

Ochre Ribbon 'Working Together' Luncheon 2019

In collaboration with the Crown Perth, Aboriginal Family Law Services are pleased to invite you to the Ochre Ribbon 2019 'Working Together' Luncheon. The lunch will be held on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 at the Crown Perth.

There will be speakers from the metro and regional areas working in the family and domestic violence field, with Indigenous dancers and artists performing at the event. Lunch will be provided.

To RSVP to this event please follow the link below to our Eventbrite ticket page. We require Eventbrite registration for catering purposes, there is no cost for this event. Please feel free to forward to colleagues within the FDV area.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ochre-ribbon-working-together-lunch-2019-tickets-53002908125>

Domestic Violence Network

Free Family Domestic Violence Forum – 13 February 2019

This forum is an opportunity for attendees to learn about the research findings from the 'Best Practice Principles with Domestic and Family Violence Perpetrators from Refugee Backgrounds' study coordinated by UWA in partnership with ASeTTS (funded by ANROWS).

Date: 13 February 2019
Time: 9:00am start (**8:30am registration**) to 3:15pm.
Venue: Seminar Room 3; School of Population and Global Health
Address: Clifton Street Building, Clifton St, Nedlands, UWA
(see map; please note not on main campus)
RSVP: Elizabeth.lang@uwa.edu.au by 5 February for catering purposes.

Attendees will also hear from diverse speakers on how the Principles could aid formal and informal interventions to domestic and family violence in refugee communities.

Men's behaviour change practitioners will benefit greatly from participation.

National Guest Speaker

We are fortunate to have Rodney Vlasis from Victoria delivering the key note address. Rodney is a psychologist with significant experience in men's behaviour change program work and the delivery of counselling and clinical services more broadly. As a highly acclaimed practitioner, Rodney has more than two decades experience.

Attendance is free but **by registration only**. A halal morning tea & lunch will be provided.

Click [here](#) for more information and map.

Fremantle Community Legal Centre

Fremantle Law Conference 8 March 2019

See below for more information on costs for attending our law conference on 8 March 2019:

Early Bird

- Full Day including morning/afternoon tea, six CPD Points and Collegiate Drinks) - \$275.00
- Morning (CPD Points TBA, morning session only with morning tea) - \$170.00
- Afternoon (CPD Points TBA, afternoon session only with afternoon tea) - \$170.00

Standard

- Price (Full Day including morning/afternoon tea, six CPD Points and Collegiate Drinks) - \$350.00
- Morning (CPD Points TBA, morning session only with morning tea) - \$200.00
- Afternoon (CPD Points TBA, afternoon session only with afternoon tea) - \$200.00

A trybooking link has been created, if you are interested in purchasing tickets please click:

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Tenancy WA

WA Tenancy Conference: 4 – 5 April 2019

Registrations are now open for this year's WA Tenancy Conference. Click [here](#) for more information.

Tenancy Law- Family Violence Amendments Training Schedule

See [attached](#) document which summarises all the different training sessions TWA will be running in the RTA FDV changes.

Note: Training to be held at the March Quarterlies – final details yet to be confirmed.

The Humanitarian Group

We have Moved!

Click [here](#) for more information.

NEWSLETTERS

ACNC [Commissioner's Column - 10 January 2019](#)

Connecting Up [Donations & Discounts News 16 January 2019](#)

Law & Justice Foundation of NSW [Justice Access Research Alert 22 January 2019](#)

Linkwest [Info Update 23 January 2019](#)

OMI [Weekly Update](#)

Pro Bono News Australia [Weekly News](#)

Shelter WA [Inside Housing – 18 January 2019](#)

WACOSS:

- SectoreNews [16 January 2019](#)
- Bulletin [14 January 2019](#)
- Community Relief & Resilience [Sector Broadcast 14 January 2019](#)

MEDIA RELEASES

State Government

Hon Alannah MacTiernan

[Grants to benefit victims of crime, combat drug use and fight crime](#)

OF INTEREST

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

iRentWA App

DMIRS have been working on a communication plan for the promotion of the above phone application. The phone application, iRentWA, was created to give the basics about your rights and responsibilities when you're renting including when things aren't working out.

The app has been around since 2014 but now has the inclusion of language translations into Arabic, Chinese Simplified, Italian, Korean and Vietnamese.

Click [here](#) for a digital flyer that houses all the relevant information about the app and its translation upgrade. We are hoping that key agencies and groups would pass on this information to their own key stakeholders which may benefit from knowing about the app. If you would like hard copies of the flyer, please contact Felicia Malet at Felicia.malet@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Further information can be found on our website at www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/irentwa

McCusker Centre for Citizenship

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship at UWA was established in 2015, with a generous endowment from the McCusker Charitable Foundation, and seeks to foster caring, connected and socially engaged citizens who actively contribute to the wellbeing of their communities. The Centre is the first of its kind in Australia and collaborates with students and the broader UWA community, not for profit organisations, government and business to make a difference in our communities locally, nationally and globally through structured, quality internships, events and exchange opportunities.

Internships are open to all UWA students - undergraduate and postgraduate - and student interns come from across all faculties. Students are matched based on their application and the internship opportunities available. Internships are normally for a minimum of 100 hours, and can be completed in a block period over the summer or winter break or over a semester, depending on what works for both the organisation and student.

Invitations for host organisations wishing to offer Summer or Semester One internships are now open. For more information, please contact Tennille Trevaskis at the McCusker Centre for Citizenship at: internships@mccuskercentre.uwa.edu.au ph: 6488 4254

Website Link: <http://www.mccuskercentre.uwa.edu.au/>

Reconciliation WA

Protocols and Suggestions for Respectfully Acknowledging 26 January

Please find [attached](#) "RWA protocols and suggestions for respectfully acknowledging 26 January".

We hope you find this document useful in guiding conversations and discussion concerning this date.

Please feel free to circulate this document to those you feel may benefit.

Women Lawyers of WA

Sexual Harassment Survey – AHRC National Inquiry

Women Lawyer of the Year Awards – Honours Dinner 2019

Sexual Harassment Survey – AHRC National Inquiry

WLWA will be making a submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission's National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces. The submission will have specific reference to the legal profession in WA.

WLWA have put together a survey to ensure we correctly address the levels of sexual harassment occurring and being reported.

Please help WLWA by:

- Completing the survey.
- Sharing the survey with your friends and colleagues in the legal profession – female/male, lawyers and non-lawyers.

The survey can be completed online [here](#).

WLWA appreciates your support.

Women Lawyer of the Year Awards – Honours Dinner 2019

WLWA's annual Honours Dinner will be held at The Westin on Friday, 8 March 2019. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

At the Honours Dinner, WLWA will announce the recipients of the 2019 Women Lawyer of the Year Awards.

Nominations for the 2019 Woman Lawyer of the Year Awards are now open, and will close at 5pm (Perth time) on Friday, 15 February 2019.

Click [here](#) for more information on how to vote.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

Click [here](#) for upcoming training opportunities and information on local events.