



Showing The Way



TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE INC.



10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY 2007-2017

One Day CLE – Continuing Legal Education on

Family Law

Saturday 25 February 2017

Venue: Toongabbie Christian School
30-40 Metella Road, Toongabbie

About Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC)

TLC is a community legal centre located in Toongabbie in the heart of Western Sydney. TLC commenced its free legal services from 13 October 2007. TLC is in its tenth year of providing legal advice and assistance to vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

TLC offers legal advice and referral services. TLC refers matters needing further examination and case management either to funded community legal centres or to private lawyers or migration agents, who are willing to consider part or full pro bono service, depending on the circumstances of each case. TLC operates with the help of over 100 volunteers, with rooms provided by the local Catholic Church, Toongabbie and CatholicCare, Blacktown. The clients represent diverse backgrounds and TLC has been providing advice on matters involving a range of legal/policy issues, including matters under the migration laws.

TLC now offers legal advice and assistance on Thursdays (6:00am - 9:00pm) and Saturdays (9:00am - 1:00pm).

Community Legal Education

TLC has been undertaking community legal education in the Western Sydney region in locations such as Toongabbie, Mount Druitt, Blacktown, Parklea, Quakers Hill, Wentworthville and Parramatta. Of these, one was presented in cooperation with Legal Aid and one with Blacktown City Council.

TLC run by volunteers

TLC's volunteers include solicitors, barristers, law students, migration agents, educators, financial planners/advisors, information technologists (IT), sociologists and persons from various other professions.

Our Patron

The President of Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court, Her Honour Justice Margaret Beazley AO, is our Patron. She has been a strong advocate for our legal centre and its on-going legal services to the vulnerable and those who are lost when caught in the legal net.

TLC Telephone Service

We have established a 24/7 telephone answering service (1300 375 353) whereby the callers can indicate their needs and TLC will communicate with them and explain how it can help the caller.

Funding Sources

At the present time, the Centre does not receive any core funding either from the State or the Federal governments.

We need substantial funds to expand TLC's legal service on a fulltime basis to the community and to serve the needy.

We have received a few small grants toward specific projects undertaken by TLC.

In order to raise funds to meet our on-going cost including insurance, we hold our Annual Fundraising Dinners, sell raffle tickets and seek donations. We propose to seek business and legal firms sponsorship for TLC.

Our Annual Fundraising Dinner

The First Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 28 June 2008 in the Hall next to the St Anthony's Catholic Church, Toongabbie, within Holroyd LGA (local government area). Her Honour Justice Margaret Beazley AO, Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court was the Chief Guest.

The Second Annual Fundraising Dinner was held in Parramatta within the Parramatta LGA on 13 November 2009 with Her Honour Justice Virginia Bell of the High Court as the Chief Guest.

The Third Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 15 October 2010 in Blacktown with the Honourable John Hatzistergos MLC, NSW Attorney-General as the Chief Guest.

The Fourth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 28 October 2011 in Blacktown with the Chief Guest being The Honourable Greg Smith SC MLA, NSW Attorney General.

The Fifth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 27 October 2012 in Blacktown with the His Honour Justice Robert French AC Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, as our Chief Guest.

The Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 12 October 2013 with The Hon T F Bathurst, Chief Justice of NSW Supreme Court as our Chief Guest.

The Seventh Annual Fundraising Dinner was held in Blacktown on 28 November 2014 with The Hon J L P Allsop AO, Chief Justice, Federal Court of Australia, as our Chief Guest.

The Eighth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Friday 20 November 2015 with The

Hon Brad Hazzard MP Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing and former Attorney General and Minister for Justice, as our Chief Guest.

The Ninth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 22 October 2016 with Mr Gary Ulman, President of the NSW Law Society, as our Chief Guest.

TLC – Formal Launch

The Federal Attorney General the Hon Robert McClelland MP formally launched TLC and its website on Friday, 8 July 2011 at 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, in the hall next to the St Anthony's Catholic Church. We held the formal launch after our feasibility had been tested and our legal service had been firmly established. The function was attended by over 200 guests including judicial officers, legal practitioners, community organisations representatives and TLC volunteers.

TLC's Outreach Legal Service

On 1 December 2011, TLC opened its Outreach Legal Services in Blacktown with the help of CatholicCare of the Diocese of Parramatta. We have been allocated four interview rooms at their facility in Blacktown. Our legal services in Blacktown maintain the same pattern as in Toongabbie, ie Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. However, the base of the facility continues at Toongabbie.

On 27 April 2012 this service was formally launched by Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, former Chief Justice of High Court of Australia. In March 2014 this was renamed and is now known as Blacktown Legal Centre (BLC), part of Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc. BLC now functions from 38 Prince Street Blacktown.

Tax Deductible Donations

TLC has tax-deductible status (DGR) with the Australian Tax Office for all donations. Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible.

Our Vision

With huge population increases and many new migrants settling in the Toongabbie – Seven Hills – Blacktown area, our vision is to establish full-time free legal services for vulnerable people.

Susai Benjamin
Hon. Director & Acting Principal Solicitor

TLC is pleased to announce its CLE – one day program on **Family Law – Saturday 25 February 2017**

Venue: Toongabbie Christian School, 30-40 Metella Road, Toongabbie



WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

8.15am
Susai Benjamin
Honorary Director
Toongabbie Legal Centre

SESSION ONE

8.30 - 9.30am
**Drafting Consent Orders –
How to avoid pitfalls**

Presenter: Registrar Samantha Murdoch
Family Court of Australia

Chair: Ms Mary Rebehy, Barrister
Arthur Phillips Chambers, Parramatta

SESSION TWO

9.30 - 10.30am
**Crime Pays: Finding and using material
from criminal law proceedings in
parenting applications**

Presenter: Her Honour Justice Hilary Hannam
Family Court of Australia

Chair: The Honourable David Collier AM
Adjunct Professor, Western Sydney University
& former Judge of the Family Court of Australia

Morning Coffee/Tea Break: 10.30-11.00am

SESSION THREE

11.00am - 12.00 noon
**Location, Location, Relocation –
A journey through rugged terrain**

Presenter: Ms Alexandra (Sasha) Sherman
Barrister- Frederick Jordan Chambers
Martin Place, Sydney

Chair: Mr John Maait, Solicitor
Norris Somers, Lawyers, Parramatta

SESSION FOUR

12.00 noon - 1.00pm
**Spousal Maintenance –
The forgotten remedy**

Presenter: His Honour Justice Robert Benjamin AM
Family Court of Australia

Chair: Mr Christopher Dunn, Senior Consultant
Watts McCray Lawyers & former President
Parramatta and District Law Society

Lunch Break: 1.00 - 1.30pm

SESSION FIVE

1.30 - 2.30pm
**Preparing for a conciliation conference –
Challenges and opportunities**

Presenter: Registrar Jane Bartlett
Federal Circuit Court

Chair: Mr Dean Bainbridge TLC's Solicitor-
Volunteer & Accredited Family Law Specialist
at Bainbridge Legal, Blacktown

SESSION SIX

2.30 - 3.30pm
**Collaborative Family Law – Is it an alternative
for resolving disputes?**

Presenter: Ms Susan Warda, Accredited
Family Law Specialist and Partner Mills Oakley
Lawyers, Sydney

Chair: The Honourable Ian Coleman SC
Former Judge of Family Court of Australia &
Barrister, Culwulla Chambers, Sydney

Coffee/Tea Break: 3.30 - 4.00pm

SESSION SEVEN

4.00 - 5.00pm
**Irenic Lawyer: How lawyers can be and why
lawyers should be dispute resolvers**

Presenter: His Honour Judge Joe Harman
Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Chair: Mr Eugene Gramelis, Principal
Gramelis Attorneys, Family & Litigation Lawyers



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10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Saturday 14 October 2017
Bowman Hall Blacktown

**Registration includes welcome
breakfast, coffee/tea; morning coffee/
tea; buffet lunch; and afternoon
tea/coffee**

If this programme is relevant to you and accepted
by your professional body, then you may claim one
'unit' for each hour of attendance.

Full Day: 7 CLE Units

Early Registration \$400
(ends on 20 February 2017)

Late Registration \$500

**Full Time Employees at
CLCs & TLC Volunteers** \$100

Webinar Option (Live) \$300

Refund Policy:

If you pay and cancel before 22 February 2017
50% of the amount will be refunded.

**MCLE Seminar on Rule 6.1: Mandatory
Components for Legal Practitioners
Saturday 11 March 2017 @ Toongabbie**
For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

**MCLE Seminar on Tax and Equity:
Current and Contentious Issues
Friday 17 March 2017 @ City**
For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

**MCLE Seminar on Criminal Law
Saturday 25 March 2017 @ Toongabbie**
For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE DETACH FORM

Name: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Prof _____

Phone (day): Work: _____ Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Address: _____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Email: _____ Barrister Solicitor Other _____

Credit card payment: Please debit my credit card: Mastercard Visa Expiry date: ____/____

Authorised payment: \$ _____ Credit Card No: _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____

Payments by cheque:

Enclosed cheque for: \$ _____ payable to: **Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.** (TLC), PO Box 232, Toongabbie NSW 2146

* Receipts will be issued for all payments