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10 FREE LEGAL SEMINARS

HELD ON 10 SATURDAYS BETWEEN
10 OCTOBER & 12 DECEMBER 2020

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TLC acknowledges the Indigenous people for their custodianship of the land and for their elders, past, present and emerging.

For registration visit: **www.tlc.asn.au**

Due to COVID19, physical attendance is limited

To view the live streaming of all seminars
please see TLC website



I am pleased to learn that despite the COVID19 situation, Toongabbie Legal Centre has decided to conduct their ten seminars series on a range of legal issues for the benefit of the community for the fourth year.

From the feedback I have received, I understand that these seminars have been useful to members of the community. The topics that are chosen are those that can affect any of us in our ordinary day-to-day lives.

I understand that this year's seminar will also be live-streamed through Facebook. As the Patron of TLC, I am pleased to recommend these seminars to you.

Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales and Patron of
Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.



On behalf of the Management Committee of TLC, I highly recommend these free seminars to members of the community. They are another aspect of our mission to provide pro bono assistance to those who are unable to fund it themselves

Each of us is touched by the law at some time of our lives, regardless of who we are. These seminars provide the opportunity to learn and understand the areas of law that may impact us on a day to day basis.

The seminars are presented by experienced legal practitioners and others who will provide attendees with an understanding of the rules under which we live and work, and how to avoid acts or omissions which may lead to breaches of the law in a timely manner.

Past seminars for the community have been popular and appreciated by members of the local community and provide a valuable legal resource to those who may not otherwise have access to it.

Rick Mitry
President, Management Committee
Toongabbie Legal Centre



Dear Resident,

2020 has been a challenging year for us all, including TLC. Due to COVID19, we were closed to the public for about two months, but we maintained our minimal level of service by providing advice over the telephone, and referring those who needed urgent help to other viable services, providing JP and Notary services when most of other JP and Notary services were not accessible.

Despite the challenges, TLC is happy to announce that we are holding our ten seminars on legal issues in ten locations again this year, for your benefit. Four seminars in Blacktown, two each within Parramatta, Cumberland and the Hills Shire local government areas.

TLC started these seminar series as part of celebrating and sharing our tenth year of our free legal service during 2017. Since we received good response and feedback, we continued this programme in 2018 and 2019.

The seminars cover different topics. You are welcome to attend any, or all, of the seminars.

Registration through our website (**www.tlc.asn.au**) is essential for each of the ten seminars. You need to register only once and indicate the seminars you plan to attend for seat arrangements and catering purposes and communicate with you about programme we hold in the future.

We trust that these seminars are useful for you, your family and friends.

For those who are not familiar with us, TLC started on 13 October 2007 and is run by a large number of volunteers (legal practitioners, migration agents, law students and others from different disciplines and community members).

TLC does not receive any core funding from the Federal or State governments but relies on our annual community fundraising dinner, sale of raffle tickets, tax-deductible donations, and fees collected from our MCLE seminars.

On behalf of TLC, I thank the presenters and chairpersons of all the seminar sessions and for many volunteers who help to plan and coordinate each year's seminar series.

TLC offers free legal assistance to those who are marginalised, vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society and who are unable to gain support from NSW Legal Aid.

Susai Benjamin
Honorary Director & Acting Principal Solicitor



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www.tlc.asn.au

Please see the seminar time against each seminar.
Afternoon Tea/Coffee will be provided.



**SATURDAY
10 OCTOBER 2020
2-4pm**

VENUE: Toongabbie Community Centre
Corner of Targo and Toongabbie Road, Girraween

TOPIC 1: So You've Had a Car Crash, What Next?

Car accidents carry a number of legal obligations and consequences, whether you were or were not at fault and the implication of insurance policies. When do you need to call the police? What happens if the parties disagree on who was responsible? Can you take the issue to court? This seminar will discuss what you need to do after a collision, and how you can protect yourself should the issue go to court.

PRESENTER: Mr Stafford Whitfield
Solicitor – Volunteer at Toongabbie Legal Centre
and Principal of Whitfield|Legal

TOPIC 2: Understanding Road Rules and Strict Liability
offences and understanding National Heavy
Vehicle Law and associated fines

PRESENTER: Mr Sanj Wijesinghe
Principal Solicitor, Oxbridge Associates, Parramatta

CHAIR: Mr Chris Bryett Solicitor and TLC MC Vice President



SATURDAY
17 OCTOBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: Jim Southee Community Centre
117 James Cook Drive, Kings Langley

TOPIC 1: Domestic Violence: Next Steps & Options Available

Domestic Violence and Family Law disputes – How does one approach this? Domestic violence and family disputes are a particularly difficult area in which to seek help. This seminar discusses some of the issues that may arise and the best ways to seek assistance under the under NSW and Australian law.

PRESENTER: Mr Vaughan Roles, Solicitor, NSW Legal Aid

TOPIC 2: Provision for Family from a Deceased Estate

The powers of the Supreme Court of NSW to intervene and make orders regarding the distribution of an estate even where there is a valid Will. If you feel you have been unfairly left out or provided for in a Will, you may be able to bring a family provision claim.

PRESENTER: Ms Ishita Sethi, Barrister
2nd Floor Selbourne Chambers, Sydney

CHAIR: Mr Richard Battley
Barrister, Samuel Griffith Chambers, Sydney



SATURDAY
24 OCTOBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: Lalor Park Community Hub
38 Heffron Road, Lalor Park

TOPIC 1: Your Options When Receiving a Fine,
and the Consequences of Avoiding Fines

Over 2.8 million fines are issued in NSW annually. This seminar will discuss what you should do when you get a fine/penalty or infringement notice and the steps involved in fines administration.

PRESENTER: Mr Matthew Baker
Senior Technical Specialist, Revenue NSW

TOPIC 2: Work and Development Orders and Fines Debt

WDOs are a way that you can clear your fines debt through volunteering, counselling, medical or mental health treatment or educational courses. The topic will cover what are WDOs, the fine cycle and am I eligible for a WDO.

PRESENTER: Ms Karina Inostroza, Solicitor, Legal Aid NSW

CHAIR: His Honour Magistrate Theo Tsavdardis
Local Court of NSW



SATURDAY
31 OCTOBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: Bungarribee Community Hub
20 Sir Hercules Parade, Bungarribee (near Doonside)

TOPIC 1: **An Introduction to Self-Managed Super Funds and Superannuation during COVID19 time**

The presenter will take the audience through how to set up an SMSF and why you might want to set one up, the advantages and disadvantages of running your own SMSF, how the fund operates before a member is eligible for a pension, how the proportionality rule operates, how the fund operates once a member commences a pension and what happens upon death. Also discuss the various issues connected with superannuation during COVID19 time.

PRESENTER: **Mr Bruce Green**
Barrister, Lachlan Macquarie Chambers, Parramatta

TOPIC 2: **Understanding "Seetu", "Cheetu" or "Chit Fund" Legal position in Australia and the dangers of using this for saving**

With extensive use of this PONZI scheme largely by recent migrants from South Asian countries, it has come to TLC's attention that many naïve people and others have suffered at the hands of unscrupulous elements in our community.

PRESENTER: **Mr Sanj Wijesinghe**
Principal Solicitor, Oxbridge Associates, Parramatta

CHAIR: **Mr Rob O'Neill**, a former Head of Lachlan Macquarie Chambers, Parramatta



SATURDAY
7 NOVEMBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: Mother Teresa Primary School Hall
2A Darcy Road, Westmead

TOPIC: **How to Set Up and Dispute a Will & The Importance of Enduring Power of Attorney**

Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship documents are highly recommended by estate lawyers to anyone who wants to draft a Will, but why so? Many people understand what a Will is. However, most people would not be able to tell you what types of assets a Will can cover, how to execute a Will, who administers a Will, and how to amend it. Learn what this documents are, why it is important to have them, and how to get them prepared carefully.

PRESENTER: **Mr Dean Bainbridge**
Solicitor, Volunteer at Toongabbie Legal Centre, Bainbridge Legal, Blacktown

CHAIR: **Ms Nalika Padmasena**
Solicitor, Senior Rights Service, Surry Hills



SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: Allan G Ezzy Community Centre
1 Newport Street, Pemulwuy

TOPIC: Neighbourhood Issues (e.g. Dividing Fences, Trees):
How These Can be Resolved

Tree disputes may either empower or frustrate one's experience in their own home and neighbourhood. Such matters are assumed to be trivial – however, the consequences can be catastrophic. Similarly, the question of dividing fence can be a nightmare if it is not handled sensibly. After all, the preservation of relationships and the civility of community is all at stake. This seminar will explore the Tree Disputes Act and Dividing Fences Act and how you can resolve these issues efficiently.

PRESENTER: Mr Philip Gerber
Solicitor, Gerber Legal, Toongabbie

CHAIR: Mr Valentino Musico
Senior Solicitor, Inquests, Inquiries and Representation
NSW Department of Communities and Justice



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**Due to limited seats, registration for face-to-face
presentation essential.**

For first time, TLC will be live-streaming all presentations
using TLC Website, YouTube and Facebook.

**Rights of admission is reserved and any disruptive
person(s) will be removed from the venue.**



SATURDAY
21 NOVEMBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: Reg Byrne Community Centre
Cnr of Darcy Road and Fyall Ave, Wentworthville

TOPIC: Employment Law: What Everyone Should Know
with COVID19 Changes

The COVID19 pandemic has posed a distinct set of challenges for workplaces. As such, it is critical that employees, including casuals, are well aware of their rights under the law. Conduct such as discrimination, bullying and unfair dismissals are not tolerated in the workplace. This seminar will address some of these protections and how to assert your rights when you feel you have been treated unfairly in the workplace.

PRESENTER: Mr Ian Latham, Barrister, Denman Chambers, Sydney

CHAIR: Mr Sean Howe, Solicitor, TurnerFreeman, Parramatta

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Registration essential for admission, seating,
catering and communications.

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**LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND THESE FREE SEMINARS**

UPCOMING MAIN EVENTS

We invite you to support us to continue our free legal service to vulnerable and marginalised people by attending our celebratory

13th Annual Community Fundraising Dinner

Saturday 14 November 2020

Bowman Hall, Blacktown

Many sponsorship options available.

More details and reservation on our website: www.tlc.asn.au
or phone **1300 373 353**

DONATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE OUR FREE LEGAL SERVICE

You may make tax-deductible donations through our website.
Please note 'your name' and the word 'Donation' and add your
contact details so that a receipt could be issued.



SATURDAY
28 NOVEMBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: **Function Centre, Max Webber Library**
Flushcombe Road and Alpha Street, Blacktown

TOPIC: **Police Powers and the Community:
A Just Approach for All**

What are police powers? NSW Police have enforceable powers which they can exercise against anyone in NSW. Some of these powers, however, can only be used in certain circumstances. What are each of these powers and when can police legally use them? Learn what rights you have when interacting with police.

PRESENTER: **Mr Greg Walsh**
Solicitor, Greg Walsh & Co, Oatley

CHAIR: **Mr Greg Smith SC**
Former Attorney General of NSW and Barrister,
Epping Chambers, Sydney



SATURDAY
5 DECEMBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: **Baulkham Hills Community Centre**
15A Conie Avenue, Baulkham Hills,
off Seven Hills Road (enter from Car Park area)

TOPIC: **Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect
and Exploitation of People with a Disability**

The Disability Royal Commission was established in April 2019 in response to community concern about widespread reports of violence, abuse, neglect and the exploitation of people with disability. This seminar will discuss the Royal Commission's terms of reference, the work the Royal Commission has undertaken to date, the role of lawyers in the Royal Commission and how to get involved with the Royal Commission's work.

PRESENTER: **Ms Kate Eastman SC**
Barrister, New Chambers, Sydney and
Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission

CHAIR: **Ms Olivia Dinkha**
Barrister, Edmund Barton Chambers, Sydney



SATURDAY
12 DECEMBER 2020
2-4pm

VENUE: Rebellion Room, Castle Hill Cultural Centre
(Castle Grand),
Corner of 14 Pennant Street and Castle Street

TOPIC: Your First Steps When Interacting with the
Criminal Law and What do you do when one gets
arrested for the first time and the journey through
Police, Local Court and appeal to District Court

PRESENTERS: Defence Barrister's Point of View:
Ms Razia Shafiq, Barrister, Parramatta
Local Court Magistrate's Point of View:
His Honour Magistrate Theo Tsavdaridis
District Court Judge's Point of View:
His Honour Judge Norman Delaney

CHAIR: **Mr Brett Thompson**
Special Counsel, Criminal Law Practice Group,
NSW Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney

TLC Volunteers and seminar attendees are invited
to a working lunch with TLC's Patron, Her Excellency
the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC,
Governor of NSW, followed by Her Excellency's
remarks about the TLC's Seminar Series 2020.

The last seminar will commence immediately
afterwards. Attendance is strictly limited with prior
registration and confirmation. Due to COVID19,
attendees limited to 49 only. Others can follow the
seminar proceedings through live streaming through
TLC's website, Facebook, and YouTube.



WRAP UP

Her Excellency The Honourable
Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales and
Patron of Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.

Ten Seminar Series 2020: Organising Committee

John Nolan (Coordinator), Preeti Somasi,
Sandra Bejo and Neha Abhilash.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)
seminars for Solicitors and Barristers

Legal Research Workshop

Saturday 13 February 2021

Advocacy Workshop

Two Saturdays 20 & 27 February 2021

Family Law

Saturday 6 March 2021

Criminal Law

Saturday 13 March 2021

Tax and Equity

Friday 19 March 2021

e-Conveyancing & Its Fundamentals

Saturday 20 March 2021

Employment Law

Friday 26 March 2021

Rule 6.1 Mandatory Components

Saturday 27 March 2021

In addition, TLC will offer:

Seminar on Migration Law & Intensive Master Class day-long Workshops on

- e-Conveyancing using PEXA
 - Land Tax
 - Payroll Tax
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All details and Early Registration options will be
on our website by 1 November 2020

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