

2023

Showing The Way



TOONGABBIE
LEGAL CENTRE INC.

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One Day CLE – Continuing Legal Education on

Family Law

Saturday 11 March 2023

Venue: ACU Campus, 22 Main Street, Blacktown (opp. Blacktown Railway Station)

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 sixteenth 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 rooms provided by the local Catholic Church, Toongabbie and in 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 offers legal advice and assistance on Thursdays (6:00pm - 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, Castle Hill, Blacktown, Parklea, Quakers Hill, Wentworthville, Baulkham Hills and Parramatta. Of these, one was presented in cooperation with Legal Aid and one with Blacktown City Council.

As part of our tenth anniversary during 2017, TLC conducted ten free seminars over ten Saturdays in ten locations covering 25 topics. The successful series has continued annually ever since except 2021 (see website for details).

TLC run by volunteers

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

Our Patron

We are delighted that on 2 May 2019, our Patron, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC was sworn-in as the 39th Governor of NSW and she has kindly agreed to continue as our Patron. She has been a strong advocate for our legal centre and its on-going legal service.

TLC Telephone Service

We have a 24/7 telephone answering service (1300 375 353).

Funding Sources

At the present time, the Centre receives no core funding either from the State or the Federal governments.

*See website for details.

We need substantial funds to expand TLC's legal service on a fulltime basis.

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

In order to raise funds to meet our on-going cost, we hold Annual Fundraising Dinners, sell raffle tickets and seek tax deductible donations. We propose to seek business and legal firm 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 QC, 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 Hatzistorgos 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 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.

The Tenth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 14 October 2017 with The Hon Mark Speakman SC MP, Attorney General of NSW as our Chief Guest.

The Eleventh Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 1 September 2018 with Mr Paul Lynch MP, Shadow Attorney General, State Member for Liverpool as Chief Guest.

The Twelfth Annual Community Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 16 November 2019 with the Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland of the Family Court of Australia as our Chief Guest.

The Thirteenth Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 14 November 2020 with the Honourable Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, as our Chief Guest.

The Fourteenth Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 30 April 2022 with the Hon Justice Stephen Gageler AC, High Court of Australia, as our Chief Guest.

The Fifteenth Annual Dinner & Crowdfunding Appeal Launch took place on Saturday 26 November 2022 with the Hon Clr. Philip Ruddock AO 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 Toongabbie.

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.

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 will soon commence its service within ACU campus in 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 and refugees settling in the Toongabbie – Seven Hills – Blacktown area, our vision is to establish full-time free legal services for vulnerable and disadvantaged persons people.

Susai Benjamin

Hon. Director & Acting Principal Solicitor

TLC is pleased to announce its CLE – one day program on **Family Law – Saturday 11 March 2023**

Venue: ACU Campus, 22 Main Street, Blacktown (opp. Blacktown Railway Station)

Doors Open at 8am – Breakfast served

Opening Welcome & Introduction

8.20am

Susai Benjamin, Honorary Director
Toongabbie Legal Centre

SESSION ONE

8.30-9.30am

Topic: *Preparation for an Interim Hearing – practical tips for practitioners*

Presenter: **Tereza Seric**, Barrister
Culwulla Chambers, Sydney

Chair: **Tylah Coskerie**, Solicitor, Watts McCray

SESSION TWO

9.30-10.30am

Topic: *Reviewing Decisions of Senior Judicial Registrar and Judicial Registrar*

Presenter: **Anthony Iuliano**, Barrister
Federick Jordon Chambers, Sydney

Chair: **Indu Satkunanathan**, Principal Solicitor
& National Accredited Mediator (NMAS)
Family Lawyers and Mediators Australia

10.30-11.00am – Morning Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION THREE

11.00-12 noon

Topic: *Tips and Strategies for Mediation*

Presenter: **Zoë Durand**, Solicitor and
Founder and Principal of Mediation Answers

Chair: **Kieran Ridley**, Senior Associate
Matthews Folbigg, Parramatta



SESSION FOUR

12.00-1.00pm

Topic: *Unpacking the Overarching Purpose*

Presenter: **Judicial Registrar Jacqueline Burke**,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

Chair: **Chris Dunn**, TLC Management Committee

1.00-1.30pm – Lunch Break

SESSION FIVE

1.30-2.30pm

Topic: *Family Law and Domestic Violence;
how they impact on each other*

Presenter: **Vaughan Roles**, Solicitor
Legal Aid NSW

Chair: **Jacob Smith**, Solicitor, Senior Associate
Coleman Greig Lawyers

SESSION SIX

2.30-3.30pm

Topic: *Breaking Down The Family Law
Amendment Bill 2023*

Presenter: **Beth Jarman**, Special Counsel
Family Law, Mills Oakley, Solicitors, Sydney

Chair: **Richard Battley**, Barrister
President TLC Management Committee

3.30-4.00 pm – Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION SEVEN

4.00-5.00 pm

Topic: *Understanding Unacceptable Risk*

Presenters: **The Hon Justice Grant Riethmuller**,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

Chair: **Alfonso Layson**, Principal Lawyer
Coleman Greig Lawyers

REGISTER NOW

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

Course Fees:

Early Registration \$400 pp
Cut off date: 4 March 2023

Late Registration \$500 pp

TLC volunteers & full time employees at CLCs

Early Registration (by 4 March 23) \$150 pp

Late Registration \$200 pp

*conditions apply

Refund Policy: No refund unless the event is cancelled.

2023 Workshops/Seminars:

TAX & EQUITY SEMINAR
Friday 17 March 2023
LOCATION: BAKER MCKENZIE

RULE 6.1 (Mandatory Components)
Saturday 18 March 2023
LOCATION: ACU CAMPUS BLACKTOWN

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL LAW
Friday 24 March 2023
LOCATION: MINTER ELLISON

On Saturday 26 November 2022,
the Hon Philip Ruddock AO, launched a

CROWDFUNDING APPEAL
for the construction of the
Justice Margaret Beazley Centre

Tax deductible donations toward
this appeal can be made to:

**Toongabbie Legal Centre's Justice
Margaret Beazley Centre Building –**
BSB: 112-879 – Account: 495 773 012

REGISTRATION FORM (Family Law Seminar, Saturday 11 March 2023)

You can also register on line at: www.tlc.asn.au

Name: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐ Dr ☐ Prof _____

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

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____ ☐ Barrister ☐ Solicitor ☐ Other _____

PAYMENT METHODS (please tick)

1. ☐ On-line Registration with Credit Card details

2. ☐ EFT: Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (General Account) – BSB: 112 879 Account: 068 469 489

3. ☐ 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