

2021

Showing The Way



TOONGABBIE
LEGAL CENTRE INC.

REGISTER NOW!



One Day CLE – Continuing Legal Education on

Criminal Law

Saturday 6 November 2021

Venue: Nirimba Room, Blacktown City Council Building,
62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown (car park via Campbell Street)

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 fourteenth 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 Drutt, Blacktown, Parklea, Quakers Hill, Wentworthville 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 (see website for details).

TLC run by volunteers

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

Our Patron

We are delighted that on 2 May 2019, our Patron, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC 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).

*See website for details.

Funding Sources

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

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 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, 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 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.

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.

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 **Criminal Law – Saturday 6 November 2021**

Venue: Nirimba Room, Blacktown City Council Building,
62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown (car park via Campbell Street)

Doors Open at 7.45am – Breakfast served

Opening Welcome & Introduction

8.20am

Susal Benjamin, Honorary Director,
Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.

SESSION ONE

8.30-9.30am

**Topic: Sentencing – Practice and procedure
in the District Court**

Presenter: Her Honour Judge Dina Yehia SC,
District Court of NSW

Chair: Valentino Musico, Senior Solicitor,
Inquest, Inquiries and Representations,
NSW Department of Communities and
Justice Legal

SESSION TWO

9.30-10.30am

**Topic: Criminal Law Update 2021
(covering ICOs, Prosecutorial duty of
disclosure, Apprehended bias, and other areas)**

Presenter: His Honour Justice Robert Beech-Jones,
Chief Judge of Common Law Division,
Supreme Court of NSW

Chair: His Honour Magistrate Theo Tsavdaridis,
Local Court of NSW

10.30-11.00am – Morning Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION THREE

11.00am-12.00noon

Topic: Hearsay Rule under the Evidence Act

Presenter: His Honour Justice Geoffrey Bellew,
Supreme Court of NSW

Chair: Her Honour Magistrate Vivien Swain,
Local Court of NSW



SESSION FOUR

12.00noon-1.00pm

Topic: Use of Tendency and coincidence evidence

Presenter: David Patch, Crown Prosecutor,
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Chair: Peter Proctor, Solicitor,
Proctor and Associates, Parramatta

1.00-1.30pm – Lunch Break

SESSION FIVE

1.30-2.30pm

**Topic: Child sexual offence evidence program –
a critical view**

Presenter: Her Honour Judge Kate Traill,
District Court of NSW

Chair: Brett Thomson, Director, Public Safety
and Justice, NSW Crown Solicitor's Office

SESSION SIX

2.30-3.30pm

**Topic: Search warrants and Crime Scenes –
what ingredients to look for**

Presenter: Steve Lister, Deputy Registrar (Legal),
NSW Local Courts, Dowing Centre, Sydney

Chair: Eidan Havas, Principal Solicitor,
First Choice Legal, Sydney

3.30-4.00pm – Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION SEVEN

4.00-5.00pm

**Topic: Criminal Proceedings in the Children's
Court: Practice and procedure**

Presenter: His Honour Magistrate Albert Sbrizzi,
Local Court of NSW

Chair: Colleen Donnelly, Solicitor and President
of the City of Sydney Law Society

REGISTER NOW!

14th Annual Community Fundraising Dinner
and Crowd Funding Appeal Launch
for the proposed
“Justice Margaret Beazley Centre” Building
Saturday 30 April 2022 Time: 5.30pm start
Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope Gardens
Tax Deductible Donations can be made via our website.
For reservations: www.tlc.asn.au

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

Course Fees:

Early Registration \$400 pp
Cut off date: 22 October

Late Registration \$600 pp

TLC volunteers & full time employees at CLCs

Early Registration (by 22 October) \$150 pp

Late Registration \$200 pp

**conditions apply*

Refund Policy: If you pay and cancel before
22 October 2021, 50% of the amount will be refunded.
No refund for late registration.

2021 Workshops/Seminars:

CRIMINAL LAW Sat. 6 Nov.

FAMILY LAW Sat. 13 Nov.

E-CONVEYANCING & ITS FUNDAMENTALS Sat. 20 Nov.

2022 Workshops/Seminars:

E-CONVEYANCING WITH PEXA Sat. 12 Feb.

PAYROLL TAX Fri. 18 Feb.

LEGAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP Sat. 19 Feb.

LAND TAX Fri. 25 Feb.

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL LAW Sat. 26 Feb.

ADVOCACY WORKSHOP Sat. 5 & 12 March

TAX & EQUITY Fri. 18 March

FAMILY LAW Sat. 19 March

RULE 6.1 Fri. 25 March

CRIMINAL LAW Sat. 26 March

Venues: See the website as events take place
in different locations www.tlc.asn.au

PLEASE DETACH FORM

REGISTRATION FORM (Criminal Law Seminar, Saturday 6 November 2021)

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