

2023

'Showing The Way'



TOONGABBIE
LEGAL CENTRE INC.

REGISTER NOW!



One Day CLE – Continuing Legal Education on

Family Law

Friday, 3 November 2023

Venue: Conference Room, Mills Oakley, 151 Clarence Street, Sydney
– a short walk from Wynard 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 tech- nologists (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 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.

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 – Friday 3 November 2023**

Venue: Conference Room, Mills Oakley, 151 Clarence Street, Sydney
– a short walk from Wynard Railway Station

Doors Open at 8am – Breakfast served

Opening Welcome & Introduction

8.20am

Susai Benjamin, Honorary Director
Toongabbie Legal Centre

Chair of the morning sessions:

Susan Warda, Solicitor, Family Law Accredited
Specialist – Partner, Mills Oakley, Sydney

SESSION ONE

8.30am-9.30am

Topic: *How might Family Law be practised in 2043? Some thoughts about the future*

Presenter: *The Honourable Justice Altobelli*,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

SESSION TWO

9.30am-10.30am

Topic: *Proof & Persuasion in Family Law cases*

Presenter: *The Honourable Justice Riethmuller*,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
(Division 1)

SESSION THREE

10.30am-11.30am

Topic: *Third parties, trusts, cases in the pipeline
which may change this*

Presenter: *Ian Coleman SC*, Acting District Court
Judge and Former Justice of the Family Court
of Australia

11.30am-11.45am – Morning Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION FOUR

11.45am-12.45pm

Topic: *Panel - Mediation in Family Law – tips and
tricks in preparation and advocacy*

Presenters: *Sheridan Emerson, Nabil Wahhab,
Peter Cummings SC and Jeff Marhinin*



SESSION FIVE

12.45pm-1.00pm

Topic: *Parenting Co-Ordination*

Presenter: *Antonia Marran*, Solicitor

1.00pm-1.30pm – Lunch Break

Chair of the afternoon sessions:

Martina Storgato, Partner Mills Oakley

SESSION SIX

1.30pm-2.30pm

Workshop: *Family Violence – Film presentation
and discussion*

Presenter: *Darren Mort*, Barrister

SESSION SEVEN

2.30pm-3.30pm

Topic: *Binding Child Support Agreements*

Presenter: *Catherine Devine*, Barrister and Author,
"A Practical Guide to Child Support"

3.30pm-4.00 pm – Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION EIGHT

4.00pm-5.00pm

Topic: *Getting the Best from the Lawyer/
Client Relationship*

Presenters: *Jacqui Dawson*, Solicitor &
Jessica Morris, Senior Associate

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

Course Fees:

Registration \$500 pp

TLC volunteers & full time employees at CLCs
Registration \$150 pp

*conditions apply

Refund Policy: No refund unless the event is cancelled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seminar on Criminal Law
Saturday 11 November 2023

Seminar on Tax & Equity
Friday 22 March 2024

Seminar on Criminal Law
Saturday 9 March 2024

Seminar on Family Law
Saturday 16 March 2024

Seminar on Rule 6.1
Saturday 23 March 2024

SAVE THE DATE

**16TH Annual Community
Fundraising Dinner**

Saturday 25 November 2023 – 5.30pm
Venue: Blacktown Leisure Centre, Sentry Drive,
Stanhope Gardens

REGISTER NOW

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 –
St George Bank – BSB: 112-879 – Account: 495 773 012

PLEASE DETACH FORM

REGISTRATION FORM (Family Law Seminar, Friday 3 November 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