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A community-based initiative helping those in need.



CELEBRATING TWELFTH YEAR OF FREE LEGAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

# 12th Annual Community Fundraising Dinner

CHIEF GUEST

**The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland**

Deputy Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia

IN THE PRESENCE OF

**Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC**

Governor of NSW and Patron of Toongabbie Legal Centre



**Saturday, 16 November 2019**

6.00pm for 6.30pm – Bowman Hall, Campbell Street, Blacktown



**Please enquire re: Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities**

Contact us for Books of 10 Raffle Tickets available for sale @ \$20 a book

Cost: \$80 per person (Dinner & Entertainment) – all drinks available for purchase at bar price (no BYO)

*Reserved seating is available only for a full table of 10 @ \$800*

**RSVP by COB, Saturday, 9 November 2019**

For reservation and payment go to and click: <https://www.tlc.asn.au/events/upcoming>

Register on-line and pay by credit card OR complete form and post with the cheque/fax with credit card details to:

**Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC), PO Box 232, Toongabbie NSW 2146 OR Fax to: (02) 9896 3161**

**Susai Benjamin**, Honorary Director/TLC

**Nalika Padmasena**, Events Coordinator

**Rick Mitry**, President/TLC

PLEASE DETACH FORM

Name:  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Dr  Prof \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of tickets at \$80 per person  Table/s of 10 at \$800

In addition, I would like to make a donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2 + Tax Deductible) **Total: \$**

I am unable to attend the dinner but would like to make a donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2 + Tax Deductible)

I / We require vegetarian meals (no. of veg meals required): \_\_\_\_\_ Special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit card payment:**  Please debit my credit card:  Mastercard  Visa Expiry date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Authorised payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment by cheque:**

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

**Direct bank transfer payment:** Please quote your full name and the letters "DIN" when making direct bank transfer.

Our bank details are: **Toongabbie Legal Centre (General Account)**, St George Bank, **BSB: 112 879 Acct #: 068 469 489**

\* Receipts will be issued for all payments

# About the Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.

**Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc. (TLC) is a not-for-profit community-based initiative helping those in need in the Toongabbie area since 13 October 2007.**

Around 2004, a small group of solicitors and other professionals became aware of the need for increased access to legal services in their area. Responding to this need, they joined together to launch a community Legal Centre in Toongabbie. The idea of setting up the Toongabbie Legal Centre was initiated by Susai Benjamin, a local solicitor, with a small meeting in Toongabbie during November 2005.

After a series of consultations, a committee was set up. This management committee conducted a Consultation within the community regarding the need for such a centre and the nature of the potential issues faced by those who might use such a centre.

The Mission of TLC is to provide legal assistance and advice to those in the Toongabbie, Blacktown and surrounding areas who are unable to seek the help of private lawyers, or who otherwise have difficulty in accessing legal services. TLC and its website were formally launched on 8 July 2011 by the then Federal Attorney General the Hon Robert McClelland MP.

## **TLC exercises its mission through Service in:**

- Provision of legal advice and legal information
- Arranging referrals to other relevant bodies or to individual legal practices or other services
- Undertaking advocacy work in respect of policies and legislation relevant to the client group
- Contributing to law reform processes
- Providing community legal education and on-going consultation with local communities.

## **Typically clients include:**

- Persons with financial constraints
- People from non-English speaking background
- Recently-arrived migrants, especially migrant women and children
- Refugees and those on humanitarian visas
- Needy youth and unemployed
- Those affected by issues related to employment and compensation
- Other vulnerable and disadvantaged persons who cannot obtain Legal Aid grant

Priority is given to clients from the target groups within the Toongabbie, Blacktown and surrounding suburbs.

Since 1 December 2011, TLC started its Outreach Legal Service in Blacktown, which functions on Thursdays and Saturdays. On 27 April 2012 this service was formally launched by Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. Since 15 March 2014, the TLC's Outreach Legal Service was renamed as Blacktown Legal Centre (BLC). Since 1 September 2017, BLC has suspended its free outreach legal service in Blacktown due to want of appropriate rooms to serve the community.

Since the first formal induction and training for all volunteers held on 6 October 2007, TLC has held regular training, planning and development days each year for volunteers. A short induction program is held several times during the year for new volunteers.

**Open on Thursdays (6pm-9pm) and Saturdays (9.00am-1pm). Client drop-in service operates between 6.00 and 9.00pm on Thursdays, and between 9.00am and 1.00pm on Saturdays at the Hall next to St Anthony's Church, 27 Aurelia Street Toongabbie.**

**The Centres operate with the help of volunteers who are legal practitioners, migration agents, law students, social workers, financial planners and experts in finance, as well as IT specialists.**

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