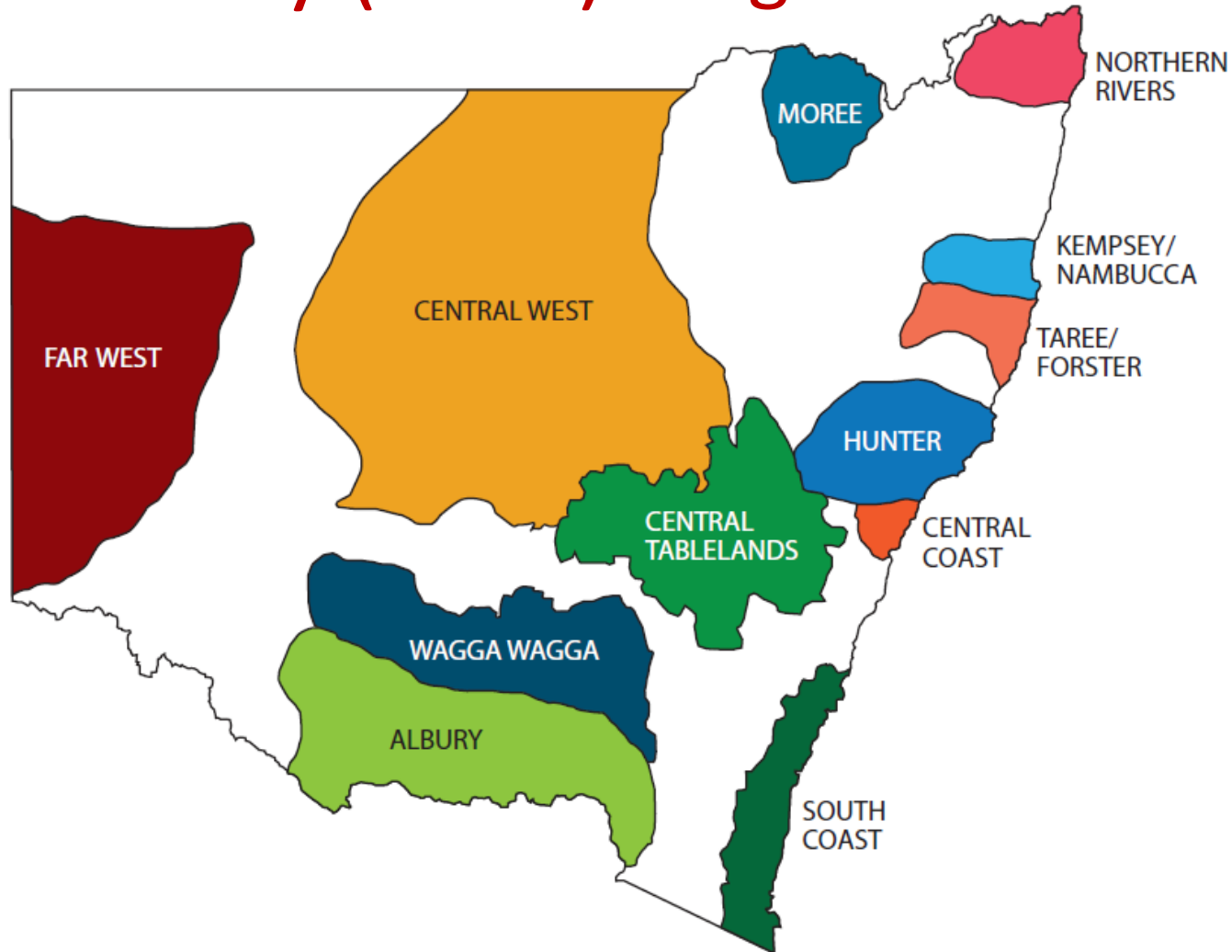


The Cooperative Legal Service Delivery (CLSD) Program



The CLSD Program comprises regional justice partnerships in regional NSW.

Rationale:

Disadvantaged people with multiple and complex legal and other needs and low legal capability ideally require integrated or joined-up legal and non-legal services to successfully negotiate barriers to solving their legal issues.

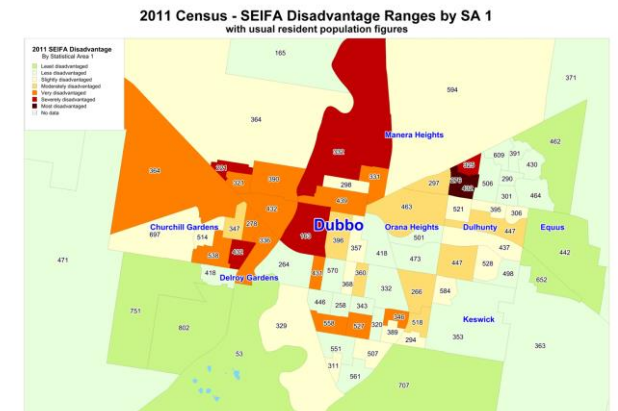
Each partnership works on a local and systemic level to address legal needs and gaps.

The CLSD Program

- Regionally-based justice partnerships between legal and related non-legal services that aim to improve access to legal services for disadvantaged people in regional, rural and remote NSW.
- Aim to better target the needs of disadvantaged people, improve coordination of legal services and extend regional capacity through collaboration.
- Currently 12 CLSD partnerships across regional NSW.
- Funding administered by CLSD Program Unit.
- Guided by a Steering Committee.
- Sits within Strategic Planning, Policy & Community Partnerships Division.

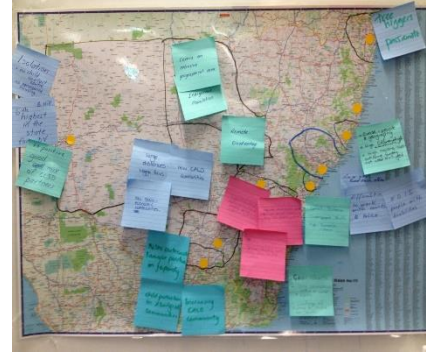
Why have collaborative partnerships?

- Disadvantaged people are especially vulnerable to multiple legal and non-legal problems.
- A more integrated approach to service delivery, that includes legal and non-legal agencies, is likely to be beneficial in meeting the diverse legal needs of disadvantaged people.
- A better approach to assisting disadvantaged people requires overcoming the fragmentation across legal and non-legal services, across government sectors and non-government organisations.
- Legal assistance services for disadvantaged people must be:
 - targeted to those most at need
 - joined up with other services (legal & non-legal)
 - timely
 - appropriate



How does the CLSD Program work?

1. Regional justice partnerships
2. Improved referrals and coordination
3. Improved access to pro bono services
4. Evidence-based planning
5. Central coordination through Legal Aid NSW



Under each CLSD Program partnership:

- Legal Aid NSW funds a local CLSD Program Regional Coordination Service.
- convenes at least 4 face to face CLSD Program meetings each year
- undertakes bi-annual regional strategic planning to determine service priorities
- Undertakes collaborative projects based on identified needs and gaps
- “reports up” systemic issues to the Legal Aid NSW Executive and New South Wales Legal Assistance Forum.



Got a legal issue?
We can help!

- fines
- child support
- discrimination
- victims compensation
- dealing with police
- Centrelink
- driving and licences
- birth certificates (free!)
- wills & powers of attorney (free!)
- AND MUCH MORE!

Brewarrina: 13-14 May
Memorial Park & Tourist Information Centre

Bourke: 15-16 May
Central Park, TAFE & Bourke Court House

10am - 3 pm

FREE BBQ & MUSIC
Activities for the kids

Thiyama-Li Family Violence Prevention Service
Aboriginal Legal Service
Legal Aid NSW
Western NSW Community Legal Centre
Ahorait Lawyers
Brexit Deaths & Marriages

Work & Development Order Team
State Debt Recovery Office
Office of Fair Trading
Australian Human Rights Commission
Bourke Local Court
Department of Attorney General & Justice

Centrelink
Roads & Maritime Services
Singleton Legal Centre
Barrang
Centricities
Transport NSW

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Who is involved in the CLSD Program?

Legal Aid NSW regional offices

Local Community Legal Centres

Local Aboriginal Legal Service offices

Family Violence Prevention Legal Services

Local private solicitors & Sydney-based pro bono firms

Local Courts

Tenancy services

Domestic & family violence services

Aboriginal Community Working Parties & other Aboriginal organisations

Youth services/advocates

Disability advocates and agencies

Financial counselling services

Family Law Pathways Networks

Community, neighbourhood centres, local NGO reps

Migrant/settlement support services

Government agencies (various including Fair Trading, Anti-Discrimination Board, DPC, Corrective Services NSW, Police, Centrelink, Victim's Services)

Health services (particularly mental health services and drug & alcohol services)

Local libraries (Legal Information Access Centres)

Ombudsman services

Homelessness services

The ROCP Program

- Under the Regional Outreach Clinic Program (ROCP) Legal Aid NSW pays private or CLC legal practitioners to provide regular, clinic-based advice & minor assistance in areas of high need where it is otherwise impractical for in-house staff to provide advice services. Aim is to encourage uptake of grants of legal aid in regional and remote NSW.
- ROCP Program objectives:
 - services should be flexible,
 - responsive to need, and
 - complement in-house outreach services.
- Accordingly, ROCP locations are continuously reviewed.
- ROCP guided by the ROCP Steering Committee including representatives from all practice Divisions and Grants Division.
- ROCP solicitors attend an annual 2-day training workshop in Sydney and are invited to attend all Legal Aid NSW Conferences.

more information?

Cooperative Legal Service Delivery (CLSD) Program

- Regional Coordinator contact details & CLSD Program Regional Factsheets
- quarterly meeting Calendar
- CLSD Program Regional Profiles
- Regular CLSD Program e-updates

see www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/clsd

Regional Outreach Clinic Program (ROCP)

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