

Kempsey-Nambucca CLSD Program 2 year action plan for 2023 and 2024

Housing: understanding local rules about spending time away from a social or community housing tenancy, local supports for people leaving prison and people sleeping rough, and contributing to the Make Renting Fair campaign.		
Actions	What we need (resources)	Monitoring and notes
Hold a CLSD program quarterly meeting about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the different rules that community and social housing providers have in place for tenants that spend time away from their tenancy because they are on remand, in prison, or attending drug and alcohol rehabilitation. - how Local Councils in the region approach people who are sleeping rough 	Regional Coordinator Involve local community and social housing providers, tenant advocates and Local Council.	
Investigate what support services are available locally for people who leave prison and share this information with partners.	Regional Coordinator CLSD Program Unit	One way to share this information could be to partner with the Initial Transition Service operated by Arbias.
Contribute to the 'putting regional renters on the map' project as part of the Make Renting Fair campaign before the 2023 NSW State Election.	Regional Coordinator CLSD Program Unit Tenants Union NSW	
Legal Referrals: helping local services to understand what legal help is available in this region and strengthening relationships between legal and community service CLSD Program partners.		
Actions	Resources	Monitoring and notes
Prepare a joint legal services referral guide. Planning survey responses indicate that the guide needs to articulate what legal help is available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tenancy matters - family law - NDIS and Administrative Appeals Tribunal matters - Domestic and family violence 	Participation from local legal services. Regional Coordinator	Consult with local legal services about the draft guide and the Family Law Pathways Network.

Hold a Q&A panel with local lawyers practising in civil, family, and criminal law, so that local services can meet their local lawyers and advocates and learn about their services.	Regional Coordinator Local legal service partners CLSD Program Unit	This may need to be more than 1 event. It could even be one event per practice area. Include focus on domestic and family violence across all of the practice areas. This action was developed in response to feedback in the planning survey that there is room to improve knowledge amongst services about when legal advice and representation is available in family law matters.
Conduct further consultation to finalise the new name for this CLSD region based on the results of the planning survey.	Regional Coordinator CLSD Program Unit	
Improve justice outcomes for young people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in our region.		
Actions	Resources	Notes and Monitoring
Invite local police superintendent from Mid North Coast police district to the Q4 meeting in 2022 or Q1 meeting in 2023 to meet local partners and to hear them speak about their concerns.	Regional Coordinator CLSD Program Unit	
Partner with Stronger Places Stronger People to deliver community legal education for young people.	Regional Coordinator Stronger Places Stronger People Local legal service partners	
Raise awareness of the availability of representation from Legal Aid NSW for Aboriginal women to defend an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO).	Regional Coordinator CLSD Program Unit	Check how many times this grant has been accessed locally – CLSD Program Unit.
Hold a CLSD Program quarterly meeting around the data that shows an increase in the number of Aboriginal women who have had an ADVO made against them in the region in the past 5 years.	Involve the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT, Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Legal Service, Mid North Coast Legal Centre, Legal Aid NSW crime lawyers, the WDVCS and local non-legal support services for women impacted by domestic and family violence.	

Legal Outreach		
Hold legal outreach clinics that target people with fine debt at Kempsey, Maclean and Coffs Harbour Local Courts on a list day to capture people who have been issued a fine.	Regional Coordinator Local legal services	Consult with local legal services about other potential partners such as: Revenue NSW, Legal Aid NSW WDO Service and ALS NSW/ACT Fines Clinic.
Conduct a stocktake of face-to-face outreach provided by legal services in the region. Consider enhanced outreach to Wauchope, Kempsey, Macksville and Bowraville.	Regional Coordinator Local legal Services CLSD Program Unit	
Hold a wills clinic for Aboriginal people in partnership with Gilbert + Tobin	Regional Coordinator Pro-Bono legal partner CLSD Program Unit	Consult with pro-bono partners as early as possible and identify local partner and specific location.