

CLSD Program Riverina Action Plan 2022-2024

We would like to improve our knowledge about legal services that are available and build skills and confidence in making sure that people with complex needs get the right legal help.		
Actions	What we need (resources)	Monitoring and notes
Legal referral guide for the region	Legal Aid NSW CLSD team will produce this resource.	
Regional networking event for CLSD partners	CLSD Program team	
Law check-up sessions at regional meetings	CLSD Program team	
Engage with new partners: Sisters Housing	CLSD Program team	
On site outreach at Edel Quin and Ashmont community centre	Need to confirm law type (family/civil). Action to be considered when the homelessness outreach solicitor (or additional civil solicitor) is based in the Riverina.	
Fee free birth certificate events which include law check-up	CLSD Program has a quota of fee free birth certificates available for disadvantaged people. We will need some local partners in locations of high need to assist with these events.	
Keeping homelessness, insecure housing and access to transport for people in financial distress on our agenda		
Actions	Resources	Monitoring and notes
Engage with Wagga Wagga City Council on their local homelessness protocol		
Assist people who need ID to apply for housing or rental properties.	CLSD Program fee free birth certificates Partners who are working with people who need ID.	
Initiate research project on no grounds evictions and their impact in the region	CLSD Program team	Consult with Make Renting Fair campaign at the Tenants Union.

Disseminate information about community transport in the region	CLSD Program team and current transport provider(s).	Unity no longer provide community transport?
Showcase services that can assist people in financial distress to get a licence and purchase /maintain cars	Red Cross Driver Licencing Program Good Shepherd loans	
Engage with Transport NSW on ticketing and concession fares		
Tip sheet on assisting people facing homelessness or insecure housing		Discussed at November 2021 meeting
We would like to collaborate on meeting the needs of people affected by domestic and family violence		
Actions	Resources	Notes and Monitoring
Focused meeting/forum on domestic and family violence	Legal Aid NSW – Family Advocacy and Support Services Wagga Wagga Domestic Violence Committee WDVCAS Family Law Pathways Men’s behaviour change program in the region Wagga Wagga City Council (crime prevention plan)	Legal Aid NSW is expanding the Family Advocacy and Support Program to Wagga Wagga.
Many CLSD partners work with people who have fines and who experience financial disadvantage. Public transport fine debt is prominent in Wagga Wagga, public health (Covid) fines are prominent in Leeton and Wagga Wagga and fines for not wearing a bicycle helmet are prominent in Griffith and Narrandera. We would like to collaborate to help people experiencing disadvantage to reduce and address their fine debt.		
Actions	Resources	Actions and Monitoring
Raise awareness about referral pathways and the work and development order sponsors in the region.		Consult with Intereach about the experience with Bring your Bills events
Disseminate Information about active WDO sponsors in the region.		Information about active WDO sponsors sent by email June 2022.
Keep partners updated about the WDO guidelines		