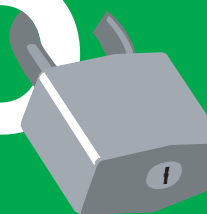




# 2006



## OPENING CLOSED DOORS

CLCs ADVANCING COMMUNITY JUSTICE

NATIONAL COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES  
CONFERENCE WOLLONGONG 2006

3 - 6 SEPTEMBER 2006  
NOVOTEL NORTHBEACH  
WOLLONGONG NSW  
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## AGENDA AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2006

ALL DAY – VARIOUS  
TIMES

2PM – 5PM  
BALLROOM FOYER

5.30- 7PM

**NETWORK MEETINGS** – University of Wollongong  
contact Network Convenors for details

Conference Registration & Information Desk

#### WELCOME RECEPTION

Novotel Northbeach Hotel, Admirals Room  
**Cr Alex Darling**, Lord Mayor of Wollongong  
**Sharon Bird**, Federal Member for Throsby

Light refreshments will be served

### MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2006

8.00AM

Registration and Information Desk before Conference Opening

9.00 – 9.30AM  
GRAND BALLROOM

#### CONFERENCE OPENING

8.00 AM

Registration & Information Desk

9.00AM

**Indigenous Welcome to Land** – Traditional owners of the Illawarra

Responses to Welcome to Land – NACLC Convenor and Representative  
of the National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services Inc

9.30 – 11.00AM

#### KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

**Opening Closed Doors: CLCs Advancing Community Justice**

**Opening Address**

**Liz O'Brien**, Convenor, NACLC

#### Keynote Presentation:

**Doing Justice – Democracy and Change, at home and abroad**

Sekai Holland will discuss achieving democratic change reflecting on her  
experience in Zimbabwe, in Australia, and on the world stage.

Cleonie Quayle will discuss Aboriginal Australia's experience of democracy  
and the fight for change.

**Sekai Holland**, National Executive Committee member of the Movement  
for Democratic Change, Zimbabwe

**Cleonie Quayle**, NSW Aboriginal Land Council

**Liz O'Brien**, Convenor, NACLC

Questions/Comments – Open to Floor

11.00-11.30AM

MORNING TEA

11.30 – 1.00PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 - 8

**SESSION 1**  
THROSBY ROOM

**Tactics against injustice: the dynamics of backfire**  
**Brian Martin**, Associate Professor, Science, Technology & Society,  
University of Wollongong

**SESSION 2**  
HOSKINS ROOM

**Professional Indemnity Insurance Demystified**  
**Everything you wanted to know about PII .... but were afraid to ask**  
**NACLC PII Committee Representatives**  
**Gary O'Connor** – CGU – Claims Manager for NACLC PII Account  
**David Berry** – AON RISK SERVICES AUSTRALIA – State Manager,  
Professional & Consumer Services Broker for NACLC account

**SESSION 3**  
MCCABE ROOM

**Taking your clients to the United Nations – the CLC experience**  
**James McDougall**, Director, National Children's & Youth Law Centre  
**Vijaya Raman**, Public Interest Advocacy Centre NSW  
**Anna Cody**, Kingsford Legal Centre NSW

**SESSION 4**  
KEMBLA ROOM

**Disadvantage, mental illness and legal need**  
**Dr Christine Coumarelos**, Principal Research at the Law & Justice Foundation of NSW  
**Emily McCarron**, Researcher with the Law & Justice Foundation of NSW

**Mental Illness and the criminal justice system**  
**Carol Berry**, Health Solicitor, Public Interest Advocacy Centre

**SESSION 5**  
KEMBLA ROOM

**Welcome to Community Legal Centres**  
**Liz O'Brien**, National Convenor, &  
**Julie Bishop**, Director, National Association of CLCs,  
**Philippa Davis**, Solicitor, Marrickville CLC

**SESSION 6**  
BELMORE ROOM

**NNIWLS focus on Law Reforms/family law, Indigenous justice, SA, Urban Rural & Remote issues**  
**NNIWLS Focus on Law Reform/Family Law, Indigenous Justice**  
**Debra Rose** – Coordinator NNIWLS  
**Rae Kelly** – Research Officer NNIWLS

**Indigenous Women's Program SA**  
**Issues relating to the courts in Urban, Remote & Rural SA**  
**Kerry Rogers**, Indigenous Women's Program SA

**SESSION 7**  
NORFOLK ROOM

**Drawing Circles in the Sand: Interest-Based Dispute Resolution Skills in Statutory Conciliation**  
**Tracey Raymond**, Principal Training & Policy Officer, Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission

**SESSION 8**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

**Data queries and reporting in CLSIS**  
**Justin Finighan**, NACLC IT Consultant

1.00 – 2.00PM

LUNCH  
Windjammers / Admirals Restaurant

**2.00 – 3.30PM**  
GRAND BALLROOM

### PLENARY SESSION

#### Doing Justice – Democracy, Security and Race

**John North** will discuss issues for Australia's Democracy given our current legal landscape.

**Diana Abdul-Rahman** will discuss issues of security and race with respect to Australia's Islamic community and its impact on Australia's Democracy

**Nicole Watson** will discuss Government policy & legislation, the independence of Indigenous organisations and its impact on Australia's Democracy

**John North** Immediate past President, Law Council of Australia

**Diana Abdul-Rahman**, Vice-President of Canberra Islamic Centre

**Nicole Watson**, Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology Sydney

**SESSION 9**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

#### BBS Training: first time users

**Sarah Mitchell**, Information & Services Manager, NACLC

**3.30 – 4.00PM**

### AFTERNOON TEA

**4.00 – 5.30PM**

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10 - 18

**SESSION 10**  
THROSBY ROOM

#### Community Development Approach to Racism

**Rebecca Smith**, Western Suburbs CLC, **Hadijat Lawal**, Illawarra Multicultural Services, **Jillian Chapman**, Illawarra CLC

**SESSION 11**  
MCCABE ROOM

#### The proposed Smart Card: useful tool, or a waste of money with dangerous implications?

**Emma Golledge**, Coordinator, Homeless Persons' Legal Service NSW  
**Carol Berry**, Health Solicitor, Public Interest Advocacy Centre Sydney

**SESSION 12**  
HOSKINS ROOM

#### Working effectively with young people

**Anna Radonic**, Principal Lawyer, Youthlaw  
**Tiffany Overall**, Advocacy & Human Rights Officer

**SESSION 13**  
KEMBLA ROOM

#### Working with the Financial Management Guide

**Rachna Muddagouni**, Executive Officer, Fitzroy Legal Service

**SESSION 14**  
KEIRA ROOM

#### Can you see my parents? A children's rights perspective on the recognition of same-sex relationships

**Heidi Yates**, Manager, Legal Aid Office ACT

**SESSION 15**  
BELMORE ROOM

#### Family Violence in Remote Communities (Talking Circle – Opening the Doors to Seeking Justice)

Facilitator – **Angela Dowling** North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service, NT

**SESSION 16**  
NORFOLK ROOM

#### Lawyers beware?: further barriers to accessing justice in migration matters

**Eve Stagoll**, Solicitor/Manager, Law Institute of Victoria Legal Assistance Scheme

**SESSION 17**  
PACIFIC 2 ROOM

#### Effective Political Lobbying

**Tracy Leahy**, Centre Manager, Hawkesbury Nepean CLC,  
**David Bradbury**, Solicitor, Blake Dawson Waldron

**SESSION 18**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

#### Appointment book for individual queries

**Justin Finighan**, NACLC, IT Consultant

9AM – 11.00AM  
GRAND BALLROOM

**PLENARY SESSION + SESSION 19**

**Doing Justice – Rights, Responsibilities and Reform**

Sharan Burrow, ACTU President, will give an international perspective to WorkChoices with reference to the International Labour Organisation. Linda Tucker, Kingsford Legal Centre, will discuss CLC's role in the social contract with relation to WorkChoices.

**Andrew Johnson**, Director of ACOSS, will discuss the broader community sector's response to Welfare-to-Work with reference to ACOSS's A Fairer Australia campaign.

**Sharan Burrow**, President, ACTU

**Linda Tucker**, Kingsford Legal Centre

**Andrew Johnson**, Director, ACOSS

Questions/Comments/Discussion from the floor

**SESSION 19**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

**BBS Training - intermediate**

**Sarah Mitchell**, Information & Services Manager, NACLC

11 – 11.30

**MORNING TEA**

11.30 – 1.00PM

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS 20 – 28**

**SESSION 20**  
THROSBY ROOM

**WorkChoices for CLC Caseworkers**

**Mark MacDiarmid**, Principal Solicitor, Elizabeth Evatt CLC

**Linda Tucker**, Employment Law Solicitor, Kingsford Legal Centre

**SESSION 21**  
MCCABE ROOM

**Family Law – Changes to law on parenting**

**Sara Blazey**, Solicitor, Elizabeth Evatt CLC

**SESSION 22**  
HOSKINS ROOM

**1. Welfare-to-what? The real-life implications of welfare reform for people with disability**

**Joshua Brock**, Policy Officer, NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre

**2. Out of the frying pan & into the fire – an analysis of the new Social Security compliance regime: when “Welfare to Work” and “Work Choices” collide**

**Gerard Thomas**, Policy & Media Officer, Welfare Rights Centre (Sydney)

**SESSION 23**  
KEMBLA ROOM

**Finding the courage to run a hearing – a look in the toolbox – the rules of evidence a beginner's guide**

**Graeme Ulbrick**, Principal Solicitor, Macquarie Legal Centre

**SESSION 24**  
KEIRA ROOM

**Making Pro Bono Partnerships Work**

**Georgina Perry**, Allens Arthur Robinson, **Anne Cregan**, Blake Dawson Waldron, **David Hillard**, Clayton Utz, **Jane Stratton**, Gilbert + Tobin

**SESSION 25**  
BELMORE ROOM

**Indigenous Justice – Indigenous Women's fight for Rights against practices of Police local area of command**

**Rene Adams**, IWP Program Coordinator, NSW Women's Legal Resource Centre  
Indigenous Women's Program

**SESSION 26**  
NORFOLK 2 ROOM

**Resisting Repression: Practical Workshop**

**Schweik Action** Wollongong, a community group fostering awareness of non-violent responses to aggression and repression.

**SESSION 27**  
PACIFIC 2 ROOM

**Working with transgender clients – good practice & common legal issues**

**Natalie Ross**, Principal Solicitor, Inner City Legal Centre and  
**Elizabeth Riley**, General Manager, The Gender Centre

**SESSION 28**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

**1.00 – 2.00PM**

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KEMBLA ROOM

**2.00 – 3.30PM**

**SESSION 29**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

3.30 – 4.00PM

4.00 – 5.30PM

**SESSION 30**  
THROSBY ROOM

**SESSION 31**  
MCCABE ROOM

**SESSION 32**  
HOSKINS ROOM

**SESSION 33**  
KEMBLA ROOM

**SESSION 34**  
KEIRA ROOM

**SESSION 35**  
BELMORE ROOM

**SESSION 36**  
NORFOLK 2 ROOM

**SESSION 37**  
PACIFIC 2 ROOM

**SESSION 38**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

**7.00 – 12.00**  
GRAND BALLROOM

**Hot issues in CLSIS**  
**Justin Finighan**, NACLCLC IT Consultant

**LUNCH**  
Windjammers / Admirals Restaurant

**Valuing Volunteers Project & Kit**  
A collaborative project between Peninsula CLC & Chisholm Institute of TAFE  
**Ros Horridge & Gillian Wilks**, Project Workers, Peninsula CLS and Teachers at Chisholm Institute of TAFE

**PLENARY SESSION & SESSION 29**  
**Doing Justice – In Australia and at the UN**  
Alastair Nicholson will comment on the Justice landscape in Australia with respect to Human Rights, Family Law and the legal reform agenda. Rosemary Kayess, will juxtapose the Welfare-to-Work agenda with the finalisation of the UN Convention on the Rights of People Living with Disability  
**Alastair Nicholson**, former Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia  
**Rosemary Kayess**, management committee, Disability Discrimination Legal Centre NSW and UNSW Law School

**Appointment book for individual queries**  
**Justin Finighan**, IT Consultant, NACLCLC

**AFTERNOON TEA**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS 30 - 38**

**Family Law & Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities Project**  
**Kate Howard**, Legal Education Officer, Legal Services Commission SA

**Employment Rights: Work Choices and the Industrial Relations Changes**  
**Steven Penning**, Partner, Turner Freeman Lawyers

**We learnt the hard way: producing CLE materials**  
**Anna Hartree**, Coordinator, Kingsford Legal Centre,  
**Meredith Osborne**, Community Legal Educator,  
**Elizabeth Evatt CLC**, Jillian Chapman, CLE Worker, Illawarra Legal Centre,  
**Jenna Zed**, Coordinator of the Priority Client Project, CLC Association WA

**Complaint Handling of Outsourced Government Services**  
**Maureen Colley**, Director Social Support Team, Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office

**Discrimination law-what is it good for?**  
**Shirley Southgate & Teena Balgi**, Kingsford Legal Centre

**Aboriginal women in NSW challenging the myths of sexual abuse in our communities**  
Aboriginal Advisory Group to the CCLCG

**Growing up in a policy vacuum**  
**Andrea Lott**, CEO, Victorian Assoc. Care & Resettlement of Offenders

**Disclosure Project: Community Development & Community Legal Action**  
**Iain Brady**, Solicitor, HIV/AIDS Legal Centre

**Data queries and reporting in CLSIS**  
**Justin Finighan**, IT Consultant, NACLCLC

**CONFERENCE DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT**  
No dress code - Cash Bar

9.30 – 11.00 AM

**SESSION 39**  
THROSBY ROOM

**SESSION 40**  
MCCABE ROOM

**SESSION 41**  
HOSKINS ROOM

**SESSION 42**  
KEMBLA ROOM

**SESSION 43**  
KEIRA ROOM

**SESSION 44**  
BELMORE ROOM

**SESSION 45**  
NORFOLK 2 ROOM

**SESSION 46**  
PACIFIC 3 IT ROOM

11.00– 11.30AM

11.30 – 1.30PM  
GRAND BALLROOM

1.30PM

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS 39 - 46**

**Positioning your centre for fun & profit! A practical guide to centre promotion and getting project funding**

**Pauline Spencer**, Executive Officer, Federation of Community Legal Centres

**Community Legal Centres: Their Role in preparing Women Clients for Mediation**

**Rachael Field**, School of Law, QUT

**Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic Workshop**

**Monica Taylor**, Coordinator, QPILCH,

**Kristen Hilton**, Coordinator/Principal Solicitor PILCH Vic.

**Emma Golledge**, Coordinator, Homeless Persons' Legal Service NSW

**The consumer debt explosion: How to spot a defence & other useful strategies in dealing with debt**

**Susan Winfield**, Solicitor, &

**Katherine Lane**, Principal Solicitor, Consumer Credit Legal Centre (NSW)

**Nerissa Bradley**, Advocacy & Human Rights Officer, CCLCG

**Child Support Reforms and Director of the Child Support Agency**

**Child Support Agency**

**Stolen Wages: A potted history and practical guide**

**Charmaine Smith**, Solicitor, Public Interest Advocacy Centre

**Multi-Departmental raids**

**Vanda Hamilton**, Community Legal Education Lawyer, St Kilda Legal Service

**General IT**

**Justin Finighan**, NACLIC IT Consultant

Available for entry of conference resolutions by network & workshop facilitators

**MORNING TEA**

**CLOSING PLENARY**

Network Resolutions

**Playback Theatre**

Close of Conference – **Liz O'Brien**

**LUNCH**