

# CLC history, practice and induction



# Things that puzzle you about CLCs??

- What do you want covered today?



# History of Community Legal Centres

- Access to justice before CLCs and legal aid
- Quiz: Which was the first CLC in Australia?
- Quiz: How many CLCs are there now in Australia?
- Quiz - what year was this photo taken?



# Famous CLC alumni?

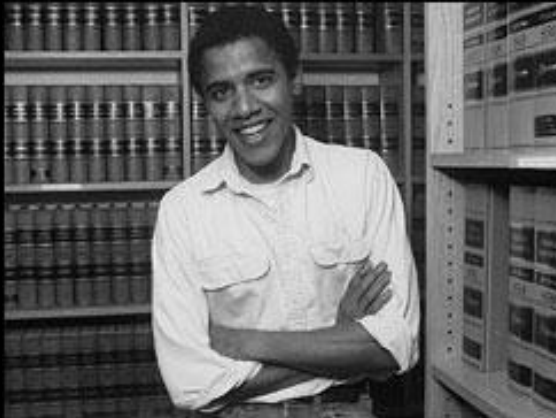


*Quiz: which of these people didn't work at a CLC?*

- John Bastan
- John Cain,
- Jon Faine
- Hilary Clinton
- Virginia Bell
- Melissa Parke
- Julia Gillard
- Julian Disney
- Rob Oakeshott
- Robert McClelland

# CLC mission

- Fight for equality – eliminate injustice
- Not just procedural A2J
- CLC mission statements: We lead and support Victorian CLCs to make justice accessible for all



# Pick the judge?



# CLC overview

- Generalist and specialist
- Funding mix, CLSP and increases in funding
- Staff, volunteers, pro bono
- Client demographics
- Strategic mix of services – individual services, legal education and law reform
- Community development

# CLC Overview: legal practice

- Individual client work
- *Quiz: How many information/casework/advice services did we do on 2010/11?*
- *Quiz: % of civil, family and criminal law?*
- *Quiz: Top 5 problem types?*
- *Quiz: how are CLCs different to other legal providers?*

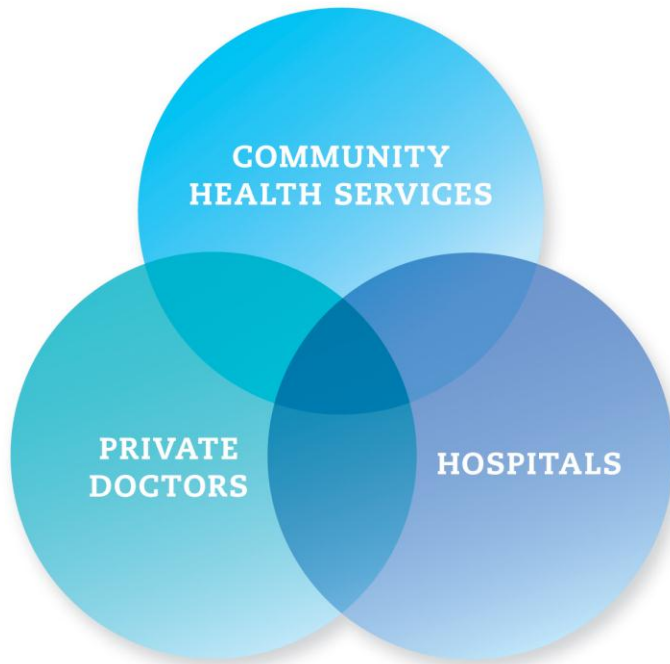


# Other legal assistance providers

- CLCs and ATSILS and FVPLS
- Legal aid commission
- PILCHs and pro bono
- Private lawyers – no win no fee, other arrangements
- Self help

# CLCs, legal aid and private lawyers

## Health Sector



## Legal Sector



# Trends impacting CLC work

- Increased pro bono – community law partnerships
- Better research base demonstrating benefits of legal assistance services
- Evidence based needs assessment
- Measuring outcomes not outputs – impact not volume
- Greater coordination and collaboration
- Better technology
- Salaries – pay equity case

## Challenges facing CLCs

- **Independent advocacy and reliance on government funding**
- **Loss of identity**
- **Procedural vs substantive access to justice and the pressures of individual client work**
- **True to community base?**

# National Association of CLCs

- Based in Sydney
- Small staff secretariat
- Representational structure
- NACLC Conference
- Accreditation

# CLC member benefits

- Representation
- Collaboration and networking
- Online legal resources
- Low cost insurance
- Free or low cost professional development
- Other state specific services

# Your state and territory CLC association

- Funded and unfunded
- Information and referral
- Sector development
- Law reform
- Free or low cost professional development

# Getting involved & staying touch

- Communication from NACLC and state associations to CLCs
- Bulletin board system (BBS)
- Conferences
- National networks, state/territory networks and structures