

The Law and More

National Community Legal Centres Conference
Ngunawal Country – Canberra
2–5 September 2025



Community Legal Centres
Australia

Draft
Program
June 2025

Tuesday 2 September

National Network meetings

8:30

NETWORK
MEETING
Disability Rights
Network

NETWORK
MEETING
Human Rights
Network

NETWORK
MEETING
Rural, Regional,
Remote and
Very Remote
(4Rs)
Community
Legal Sector
Network

NETWORK
MEETING
Youth Advocacy
Network

NETWORK
MEETING
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander
Women's
Network

NETWORK
MEETING
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander Men's
Network

13:00

14:00

NETWORK
MEETING
Community
Services
Network (TBC)
*Open to community support
workers only*

NETWORK
MEETING
Employment
Law Network

NETWORK
MEETING
Older Persons'
Legal Service
Network

NETWORK
MEETING
Student Legal
Services
Network

NETWORK
MEETING
National PII
Network

*At Canberra Community
Law*

17:30



Wednesday 3 September Morning

Masterclasses

8:30	MASTERCLASS 1 MARIE REAY 502 Managing trauma in the workplace	MASTERCLASS 2 MARIE REAY 402 Federal politics 101: Managing politicians and the media	MASTERCLASS 3 MARIE REAY 302 Data and storytelling	MASTERCLASS 4 Room TBC AI and the law	8:30 <i>SHE SHAPES HISTORY WALKING TOUR</i> 9:30	8:30 <i>CULTURE ON THE MOVE BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP</i> 11:30
	Amanda Whelan <i>knowmore</i> Gary Oliver <i>knowmore</i>	Lee Carnie <i>Federation of Community Legal Centres (Vic)</i> Edwina McDonald ACOSS	Rhetta Chappell <i>Griffith University</i>	Sophie Farthing and Lee Schofield <i>University of Technology Sydney</i> Aditya Joshi <i>University of New South Wales</i>	11:00 <i>SHE SHAPES HISTORY WALKING TOUR</i> 12:00	
12:30						

Wednesday 3 September Afternoon

Conference opening, plenaries, Welcome Reception

13:30

Welcome to Country

14:00

Opening address

14:30

14:45

PLENARY 1

First Nations justice

Plenary being developed in consultation with United Ngunnawal Elders Council

15:45

16:15

PLENARY 2

Will we ever win fair funding?

17:30

18:00

WELCOME RECEPTION

Justice Louise Taylor, Justice of the *ACT Supreme Court*

Arlia Fleming, Chair, *Community Legal Centres Australia*

Tim Leach, Chief Executive Officer, *Community Legal Centres Australia*

19:30



Thursday 4 September Morning

Breakouts, lunchtime sessions

	LAWS	ADVOCACY AND SYSTEM REFORM	WORKING HOLISTICALLY	STAYING STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE	LOOKING TO THE FUTURE
9:00	B1 Waging lawfare or making law fair? The controversies surrounding access to justice for public interest matters	B2 Supporting people with lived experience to engage with the media	B3 Integration in action – How multidisciplinary practice impacts people and communities and strengthens collaboration	B4 CLCs Australia National Data Repository information session	B5 Women's Legal Service Victoria Emerging Lawyers Program
10:15	MORNING TEA				
10:45	B6 Protecting rights: Older people and supported decision-making; Issues for people with disability as tenants	B7 Justice where you live: Making full geographic inclusion a reality	B8 From crisis to recovery through holistic, multidisciplinary, trauma-informed client care and fearless advocacy	B9 Best practice in governance for community legal centres	B10 Futureproofing climate justice
12:00	LUNCH				
12:30		LexisNexis training	Film screening (TBC)	Australian Services Union meeting	Citation Group HR training (TBC)
13:15					

Thursday 4 September Afternoon

Breakouts, Conference Dinner

13:30

B11

Engaging, supporting, and defending young people with legal problems

B12

Justice responses to sexual violence – Insights from Women's Legal Services supporting victims and survivors through the justice system

B13

By, with and for: Integrated approaches to working with people with disability and mental ill-health

B14

Integrated practice: Confronting concerns about legal professional privilege, confidentiality and clashes of professional obligations

B15

Measuring outcomes: It's not that hard

14:45 AFTERNOON TEA

15:15

B16

Now more than ever: Supporting LGBTIQ+ people in the legal system

B17

TBC

B18

Session presented by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Network

B19

National PII policy and legal practice

B20

TBC

16:30

18:30

PRE-DINNER DRINKS

GANDELL ATRIUM, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

19:30

CONFERENCE DINNER

GANDELL ATRIUM, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

22:30



Friday 5 September

Third plenary, closing session

9:30

PLENARY 3

Combatting the rise of the far right

Details TBC

10:45

11:15

CLOSING SESSION

Closing session

Details TBC

12:30

