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a community-based initiative resourcing those in need



INAUGURAL FUND-RAISING DINNER

Chief Guest: Justice Margaret Beazley AO

Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court

Saturday, 28th June 2008

7.15 pm for 7.30 pm Church Hall, Aurelia Street, Toongabbie Hall is adjacent St Anthony's Church, near Toongabbie station. Free street parking available.

Cost: \$50 (Dinner & Entertainment)

All drinks available for purchase

RSVP Monday 26th June

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No. of tickets at \$50 each	
I / We require vegetarian No of vegetarian meals required	
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Payment by cheque: Enclosed cheque for Payable to Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC)	

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About the Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.

Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc. (TLC) is a not-for-profit community-based initiative resourcing those in need in the Toongabbie area, established 17th March 2007.

Over recent years, a small group of solicitors and other professionals based in Western Sydney had become more aware of the need for increased access to legal services in their area. Responding to this need, they have joined together to launch a community Legal Centre in Toongabbie. The initiative started with a small meeting in Toongabbie during November 2005. A series of meetings followed.

On 25th November 2006, the Management Committee of the Centre conducted a Consultation within the community regarding the need for such a centre and the nature of the potential issues faced by those who might use such a centre. As a result of this Consultation, it is anticipated that the services will be accessed typically by the following groups of community members:

- those with financial constraints
- non-English speaking
- recently-arrived migrants
- especially migrant women and children
- refugees and those on humanitarian visas
- needy youth
- unemployed
- those affected by issues related to employment, compensation
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Mission of TLC is to provide legal assistance and advice to those in the Toongabbie and surrounding areas who are unable to seek the help of commercial lawyers, or who have difficulty in accessing legal services.

TLC exercises its mission through Service in:

- legal advice
- information
- arranging referrals to other relevant bodies or to individual legal practices or other services
- advocacy work in respect of policies and legislation relevant to the client group
- contributing to law reform processes
- community legal education and on-going consultation with local communities.

Priority is given to clients from the target groups within the Toongabbie and surrounding suburbs.

TLC is a community initiative providing free legal advice, referral service and information to those who cannot afford to pay commercialised and for those who do not know where to go when they encounter a legal problem.

After a day long induction for all volunteers held on 6 October 2007, TLC commenced services on 13 October 2007.

Open Saturdays only. Drop-in service operates between 10am – 12.30pm.

The Centre operates with the help of volunteers who are solicitors, migration agents, law students, social workers, financial planners and experts in finance, as well as IT specialists.

Susai Benjamin Hon. Coordinator