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A community-based initiative helping those in need.



Third Fund-Raising Dinner

Chief Guest

The Hon. John Hatzistergos BEc LL.M MLC
NSW Attorney General

In the presence of **Hon. Justice Margaret Beazley AO**
Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court & Patron of the Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.

Friday, 15th October 2010

6.45 pm for 7.15 pm

Bowman Hall, Campbell Street, Blacktown

(near Blacktown Railway station) – council and street parking available.

Please enquire re: Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Contact us for Books of 10 Raffle Tickets available for sale @ \$2 each.

Cost: \$50 (Dinner & Dance) – all drinks available for purchase at bar price (no BYO).

RSVP: Monday, 11 October 2010

Complete form and post to: **Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC)**, PO Box 232, Toongabbie NSW 2146 **OR** Fax to: (02) 9896 3161

PLEASE DETACH FORM 

Name: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr _____

Phone (day): Work Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Address: _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Email: _____

No. of tickets at \$50 each In addition, I would like to make a donation of: \$ _____ \$2 + Tax Deductible. **Total:** \$

I am unable to attend the dinner but would like to make a donation of: \$ _____ \$2 + Tax Deductible.

I / We require vegetarian meals (indicate number of vegetarian meals required): _____

Credit card payment: Please debit my credit card: Mastercard Visa Expiry date: ____ / ____

Authorised payment: \$ _____ Credit Card No. _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____

Payment by cheque:

Enclosed cheque for: \$ _____ payable to: **Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC)**, PO Box 232, Toongabbie NSW 2146

* Receipts will be issued for all payments

About the Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.

Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc. (TLC) is a not-for-profit community-based initiative helping 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 became aware of the need for increased access to legal services in their area. Responding to this need, they joined together to launch a community Legal Centre in Toongabbie. The idea of setting up the Toongabbie Legal Centre was initiated by Susai Benjamin, a local solicitor, with a small meeting in Toongabbie during November 2005.

After a series of consultations, a committee was set up. This management committee 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.

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 private lawyers, or who otherwise have difficulty in accessing legal services.

TLC exercises its mission through Service in:

- Provision of legal advice and legal information
- Arranging referrals to other relevant bodies or to individual legal practices or other services
- Undertaking advocacy work in respect of policies and legislation relevant to the client group
- Contributing to law reform processes
- Providing 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.

Typically clients include:

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

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

After a day-long induction and training for all volunteers held on 6 October 2007, TLC commenced services on 13 October 2007. Additional training and team building days for our volunteers have been held on 29 August 2009 and on 31 July 2010.

Open on Thursdays (6pm-9pm) and Saturdays (9.30am-1pm). Drop-in service operates between 6.30 and 8.30pm on Thursdays, and between 10am and 12.30pm on Saturdays at the Hall next to St Anthony's Church, 27 Aurelia Street Toongabbie

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/TLC

Christopher Jurd

President/TLC

Michael Vassili

Principal Solicitor/TLC