



■ SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2008

All day – various times **NETWORK MEETINGS** – contact Network Convenors for details

2pm – 5pm Level 5 **Conference Registration & Information Desk**

5.30 – 7pm Northern Territory Parliament House cnr Mitchell & Herberts Streets

WELCOME RECEPTION
Hosted by **Dr Chris Burns MLA** Minister for Justice & Attorney-General NT
Liz O'Brien, NACLCL Convenor

■ MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2008

BALLROOM FOYER

8.00am **Conference Registration & Information Desk**

9.00am **Welcome to Country**
Richie Fejo, Larrakia Nation

Responses to Welcome to Country
NACLCL Convenor and Representative of the NACLCL Indigenous Women's Network

9.30 am **Opening of the 2008 Conference**
by **The Hon Robert McClelland MP**, Commonwealth Attorney-General

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

& OPENING ADDRESSES: 9.30 – 1100am

The NT Intervention

Barbara Shaw, Mt Nancy Town Camp, Alice Springs
Barbara's community has been "prescribed" by the NT Intervention. She will be speaking about the Intervention and the activist work she has done in relation to it.

Maureen Colley, National Manager of the Indigenous Unit, Commonwealth Ombudsman

Maureen will be speaking about the role of the Commonwealth Ombudsman in the NT Intervention and some of the issues they have dealt with since the start of the Intervention.
Chair: **Liz O'Brien**, NACLCL Convenor
Questions/Comments – Open to Floor

11.00 – 11.30am MORNING TEA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 – 7 11.30 – 1.00pm

SESSION 1 Ballroom One ***The Future of "Special Measures"***
The NTER purports to be a special measure for the purposes of the Racial Discrimination Act
Jonathon Hunyor, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

SESSION 2 Ballroom Two ***National Management Committee Guide for Community Legal Centres***
Rachna Muddagouni, NACLCL Consultant

SESSION 3 Darwin Room ***Fair bargain? Working with clients at disadvantage in consumer disputes***
Peter Longfield, Macquarie Legal Centre, NSW

SESSION 4 Territory Room ***Advancing Justice through CLE? Youth Advocacy Centre's perspective***
Debra Wardle and **Lee-Anne Hoyer**, Youth Advocacy Centre, Queensland

SESSION 5 Litchfield Room ***Thomson Reuters Online Legal Resources Presentation***
Diahanna Senko and **Mercedes Bertus**, Thomson Reuters

SESSION 6 Kakadu Room ***COSL, the Credit Crunch and CLCs***
Raj Venga, Ombudsman, Credit Ombudsman Service Limited

SESSION 7 Annexe off Litchfield Room ***CLCIS Workshop: Q&A***
Justin Finigan, Finrea, NACLCL CLCIS Consultant

1.00 – 2.00pm LUNCH – The Raft/Water Gardens

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PLENARY SESSION + Session 8 (IT) Arafura Ballroom 2.00 – 3.30pm

Human Rights

Launch of *Anti-Terrorism Law: A Guide for Community Lawyers* by Marika Dias and Patrick Emerton on behalf of the Anti-Terrorism Laws Working Group of the Federation of Community Legal Centres (Vic).

KEY-NOTE SPEAKERS:

Malarndirri McCarthy,
MLA NT Parliament, Member for Arnhem
Malarndirri will speak about the 7th State and Human Rights – “Walking Together Towards Statehood”.

Priscilla Collins,
CEO, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
Priscilla will speak about the NT Intervention and Welfare Rights

Helen Wodak, Advocacy Manager,
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
Helen will present NAAJA’s submission on the Inquiry on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities.

Launch of NSW Rural Solicitors’ Shortage Project, undertaken by **Trish Mundy**, Griffith University Law School on behalf of the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre, NSW

Chair: **Liz O’Brien**, NACLCL Convenor

SESSION 8 **Thomson Reuters Online**
IT Room **Legal Resources Training**
Annexe off **Mercedes Bertus**,
Litchfield Room Thomson Reuters

3.30 – 4.00pm AFTERNOON TEA Level 1

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9 – 15 4.00 – 5.30pm

SESSION 9 **Intervention Workshop**
Ballroom One **Barbara Shaw**, Mt Nancy Town Camp,
Alice Springs and **Lyle Cooper**, Bagot
Aboriginal Community, Darwin

SESSION 10 **Human Rights in Australia**
Ballroom Two An UnChartered Nation: The
Role of CLCs in the Debate over a
Federal Charter of Human Rights

Ben Schokman, Human Rights
Law Resource Centre, Victoria
and **Brenda Bailey**, Public Interest
Advocacy Centre, NSW

**Emerging from the Dark Ages:
New Opportunities for CLCs to
Promote Human Rights in Australia**
Ben Schokman and **Teena Balgi**,
Kingsford Legal Centre, NSW

SESSION 11 **Criminalising CALD Communities**
Darwin Room **Marika Dias**, Western Suburbs
Legal Service, Victoria

SESSION 12 **Go Bush Young Lawyer!**
Territory Room **Trish Mundy**, NSW Rural Solicitors’
Shortage Project, Griffith University Law
School, **Judy Harrison**, Senior Lecturer
and Director of Clinical Programs, ANU
Chris Gabelish, **Jane Stewart** and **Rose
van Keppel**, WA Country Lawyers Project
– Attracting and Retaining Solicitors in
the Bush

SESSION 13 **Best practice banking standards
to reduce the incidence of elder
financial abuse: barriers & solutions**
Litchfield Room **Peter Noble**, Loddon
Campaspe CLC, Victoria

SESSION 14 **When justice takes its toll! Assisting
traumatized clients in the legal system**
Kakadu Room **Sarah Vessali** and **Allyson Foster**,
Women’s Legal Service, Victoria

SESSION 15 **BBS training (beginners)**
Room 81 **Sarah Mitchell**, NACLCL, and
BBS administrator (accounts)

MONDAY SESSION 5.45 - 6.30 pm

SESSION 16 Meet the International Delegates from
Ballroom One Western Samoa, Papua (Indonesia),
Philippines, Indonesia, Fiji, Vanuatu,
PNG, East Timor and hear from them
about their work.

Chair: **Bill Mitchell**,
Townsville Community Legal Service

08 Agenda at a glance

■ TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2008

ARAFURA BALLROOM PLENARY SESSION + SESSION 17 (IT) 9.30am — 11.00am

Environmental Justice and Indigenous Communities

Key-note speakers:

Joe Morrison, Foundation Director, North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance
Joe will speak about Indigenous environmental issues and the opportunities for the north.

Professor Donna Craig, Professor in Law and the Co-Director of the Environmental Law Centre at Macquarie University and Director of their Indigenous rights research program

Donna will speak about Environmental Justice, Human Rights and Indigenous Communities: International and National Approaches

Chair: **Donna Jackson**, Coordinator, Top End Aboriginal Conservation Alliance

SESSION 17 *Essential CLSIS: what EVERYBODY needs to know about CLSIS*
IT Room – **Justin Finighan**,
Annexe off Finrea, NALCL CLSIS consultant
Litchfield Room

11.00 — 11.30 MORNING TEA – Level 1

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 18 — 24 11.30am — 1.00pm

SESSION 18 *Environmental Justice: Environmental decision-making in a human rights context*
Ballroom One
Brendan Sydes, Environmental Defenders Office, Victoria and
Charles Roche Environment Centre NT

SESSION 19 *The Family Law Act 2006 threw out the baby and kept the bathwater!*
Ballroom Two
Panel discussion:
Mark Woods – Chair, LCA Access to Justice Committee, family lawyer, Gippsland VIC and
Zoe Rathus – Senior Lecturer School of Law, Griffith University. Zoe was formerly the co-ordinator of the Women's Legal Service, Qld.

SESSION 20 *Workshop on older persons' legal issues*
Darwin Room
Susannah Sage-Jacobson, PILCH Victoria and **Stephen Newell**, The Aged-care Rights Service, NSW (TARS)

Successful Ageing – is this a myth?
Nalika Padmasena, TARS

Older Persons and the Law
Margaret Small, TARS

SESSION 21 *Financial Management Guide training*
Territory Room
Rachna Muddagouni, NALCL Consultant

SESSION 22 *Yongu Matha DVD – the Australian Legal System*
Litchfield Room
Fiona Hussin, NT Legal Aid Commission with **Trevor Gurruwuwi** and **Dianne Biritjalawuy**, from Elcho Island in North East Arnhem Land

SESSION 23 *Resolving Discrimination Complaints – with a focus on Disability Discrimination Complaints in Employment and Education.*
Kakadu Room
Joanna Shulman, NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre and
Sofie Georgalis, HREOC Conciliator

SESSION 24 *General IT: New technologies: WebEx, VoIP, teleconferencing*
IT Room – **Justin Finighan**,
Annexe off Litchfield Room
Finrea, NALCL CLSIS consultant

1.00 — 2.00pm LUNCH – The Raft/Water Gardens

ARAFURA BALLROOM TUESDAY PLENARY SESSION + SESSION 25 (IT) 2.00 — 3.30pm

Social exclusion – its legal! Homelessness, Human Rights and Access to Justice

Speakers:

Liz O'Brien, Convenor NALCL
Caroline Adler, Manager/Principal Lawyer, PILCH Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic, Victoria
Teena Balgi, Solicitor and Clinical Supervisor, Kingsford Legal Centre Co-convenor of the National Human Rights Network

Chair: **Julia Hall**, NALCL Executive Director

SESSION 25 *BBS training (intermediate)*
IT Room – **Phillip Byrne**,
Annexe off BBS administrator and
Litchfield Room
Tenants Union, NSW

AFTERNOON TEA 3.30 — 4.00pm

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TUESDAY CONCURRENT SESSIONS 26 – 32 4.00 – 5.30pm

- SESSION 26 **Public Service, Mental Illness & Politics of Appearance**
Ballroom One
Jaleh Johannessen, Welfare Rights & Legal Centre, ACT
- Making Justice more Accessible to People with Psychiatric Disability**
Vivienne Topp, Mental Health Legal Centre, Victoria, **Gerard Cleveland**, Mental Health Law Centre, WA and **Stephen Kilkeary**, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, NSW
- SESSION 27 **Police Accountability: What is best practice?**
Ballroom Two
Will Crawford, Fitzroy Legal Service, Victoria
- SESSION 28 **Doing it the GRC way: the paralegal model of service delivery in a RRR context**
Darwin Room
Staff from the Geraldton Resource Centre, WA

SESSION 29 **The case for CLCs to open their doors to trafficked women and girls**
Territory Room
Belinda Lo, Fitzroy Legal Service, Victoria and **Shirley Woods**, Project Respect

SESSION 30 **Professional Indemnity Insurance workshop**
Litchfield Room
PII State Reps

SESSION 31 **CLOSED SESSION: CLC STAFF ONLY**
Kakadu Room
Workshop on collaborative project between WLS SA, NPY Women's Council to provide legal advice, representation & community legal sessions to Aboriginal women in remote areas
Terri Di Salvo, Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service, **Zita Ngor** and **Khatija Thomas** Women's Legal Service, South Australia

SESSION 32 **BBS training (beginners)**
IT Room – Annexe off Litchfield Room
Phillip Byrne, BBS administrator and Tenants Union, NSW

6.30 – 11.00
Darwin Sailing Club
CONFERENCE DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT
– No dress code – cash bar
Leah Flanagan + band performing

■ WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2008

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 33 – 39 9.30 – 11.00 am

- SESSION 33 **Pro Bono Partnerships**
Ballroom One
Partnerships between Clayton Utz and the Geraldton Resource Centre, and Blake Dawson and the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency in Katherine.
- SESSION 34 **How to sue the state: public interest litigation for CLCs**
Ballroom Two
Natasha Case, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, NSW
- SESSION 35 **Update on legal issues for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Intersex Communities**
Darwin Room
Heidi Yates, Women's Legal Centre (ACT & Region)
- SESSION 36 **Young Renters Program**
Territory Room
Catherine Currie, Peninsula CLC, Victoria
- SESSION 37 **Tackling domestic violence through a shared responsibilities approach**
Litchfield Room
George Yip, North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service, NT

SESSION 38 **New Models in Anti-Discrimination Law – developing strategies to campaign for change**
Kakadu Room
Shirley Southgate, Kingsford Legal Centre, NSW and **Dr Belinda Smith**, Law School, Columbia University, New York

SESSION 39 **CLSI Strategic Data Use**
IT Room – Annexe off Litchfield Room
Justin Finigan, Finrea, NACLCL CLSI Consultant

MORNING TEA 11.00 – 11.30am – Level 1 foyer

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION ARAFURA BALLROOM

11.30 – 11.45 **Network Resolutions**

11.45 – 12.00 Launch by Attorney-General's Department representative of the National Management Committee Guide for Community Legal Centres written by **Rachna Muddagouni** for NACLCL

1.30pm
The Raft/
Water Gardens
LUNCH
CLOSE OF CONFERENCE