■ SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2008

All day – various times
NETWORK MEETINGS – contact Network Convenors for details
2pm – 5pm
Conference Registration & Information Desk

5.30 – 7pm
WELCOME RECEPTION
Hosted by Dr Chris Burns MLA
Minister for Justice & Attorney-General NT
Liz O’Brien, NACLC 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
NACLC Convenor and Representative of the NACLC Indigenous Women’s Network

9.30am
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, NACLC 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 NT Intervention 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, NACLC 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
CLSIS Workshop: Q&A
Justin Finighan, Finrea, NACLC CLSIS Consultant

1.00 — 2.00pm LUNCH – The Raft/Water Gardens
### MONDAY 18 AUGUST, 2008

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

#### Human Rights


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

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

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**MONDAY SESSION 5.45 - 6.30 pm**

**SESSION 16**
**Ballroom One**
Meet the International Delegates from 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
### 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

**IT Room – Annex off Litchfield Room**

*Essential CLSIS: what EVERYBODY needs to know about CLSIS*

- Justin Finighan, Finrea, NACLC CLSIS consultant

**11.00 — 11.30 MORNING TEA – Level 1**

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS 18 — 24

11.30am — 1.00pm

**SESSION 18**

Ballroom One

*Environmental Justice: Environmental decision-making in a human rights context*

- Brendan Sydes, Environmental Defenders Office, Victoria and Charles Roche Environment Centre NT

**SESSION 19**

Ballroom Two

*The Family Law Act 2006 threw out the baby and kept the bathwater!*  
*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**

Darwin Room

*Workshop on older persons’ legal issues*


*Successful Ageing – is this a myth?*

- Nalika Padmasena, TARS

*Older Persons and the Law*

- Margaret Small, TARS

**SESSION 21**

Territory Room

*Financial Management Guide training*

- Rachna Muddagouni, NACLC Consultant

**SESSION 22**

Litchfield Room

*Yongu Matha DVD – the Australian Legal System*

- Fiona Hussin, NT Legal Aid Commission with Trevor Gurruwuwu and Dianne Biritjalawuy, from Elcho Island in North East Arnhem Land

**SESSION 23**

Kakadu Room

*Resolving Discrimination Complaints – with a focus on Disability Discrimination*

- Joanna Shulman, NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre and Sofie Georgalis, HREOC Conciliator

**SESSION 24**

IT Room – Annex off Litchfield Room

*General IT: New technologies: WebEx, VoIP, teleconferencing*

- Justin Finighan, Finrea, NACLC CLSIS consultant

**1.00 — 2.00pm LUNCH – The Raft/Water Gardens**

**SESSION 25**

Ballroom Two

*BBS training (intermediate)*

- Phillip Byrne, BBS administrator and Tenants Union, NSW

**SESSION 26**

IT Room – Annex off Litchfield Room

*Workshop on older persons’ legal issues — BBS training (intermediate)*

**AFTERNOON TEA  3.30 — 4.00pm**
TUESDAY CONCURRENT SESSIONS 26 — 32
4.00 — 5.30pm

SESSION 26
Ballroom
One
Public Service, Mental Illness & Politics of Appearance
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
Ballroom
Two
Police Accountability: What is best practice?
Will Crawford,
Fitzroy Legal Service, Victoria

SESSION 28
Darwin
Room
Doing it the GRC way: the paralegal model of service delivery in a RRR context
Staff from the Geraldton Resource Centre, WA

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

SESSION 30
Litchfield
Room
Professional Indemnity Insurance workshop
PII State Reps

SESSION 31
Kakadu Room
CLOSED SESSION: CLC STAFF ONLY
Workshop on collaborative project between WLS SA, NPY Women’s Council to provide legal advice, representation & community legal services 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
IT Room – Annex off
Litchfield
Room
BBS training (beginners)
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
Ballroom
One
Pro Bono Partnerships

SESSION 34
Ballroom
Two
How to sue the state: public interest litigation for CLCs
Natasha Case,
Public Interest Advocacy Centre, NSW

SESSION 35
Darwin
Room
Update on legal issues for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Intersex Communities
Heidi Yates, Women’s Legal Centre (ACT & Region)

SESSION 36
Territory
Room
Young Renters Program
Catherine Currie,
Peninsula CLC, Victoria

SESSION 37
Litchfield
Room
Tackling domestic violence through a shared responsibilities approach
George Yip, North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service, NT

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

SESSION 39
IT Room – Annex off
Litchfield
Room
CLSIS Strategic Data Use)
Justin Finighan,
Finrea, NACLC CLSIS 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 NACLC

1.30pm LUNCH
The Raft/ Water Gardens

1.45 – 2.30 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE