

# PILBARA COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE Inc.

2022 is well and truly underway, and what a year it has been so far. The team at PCLS have been working hard to ensure that we are supporting the Pilbara community and offering the best services possible. Keep reading to find out what we've been up to over the last few months.

# What's Been Happening at PCLS



# HOUSING SUPPORT Newman Cleaning Blitz

Earlier in March members of our Housing Support Team represented PCLS by attending a cleaning blitz organised by the Newman Community Creating Communities. It was great to get involved and do our bit to support the community. We can't wait for the next community cleanup.

# COMMUNITY MIGRANT SERVICES

#### Healthy Aussie Cooking

We have a new program in Karratha this year, Healthy Aussie Cooking, run in partnership with Cancer Council WA and Karratha Women's Place Inc. Not only do you get to socialise and make new friends whilst cooking, but you'll alss learn all about living a healthy lifestyle. Each month we have a different theme and recipe for you to try. Contact our Karratha office on (08) 9185 5899 to book a spot in one of our upcoming sessions.





Work and Development Permit Scheme (WPD) Eligible clients attending Money Matters Sessions can claim a deduction towards their court fines.

Registrations required to attend.

### FINANCIAL COUNSELLING Money Matters Sessions

Every Tuesday at the PCLS office in Karratha our Financial Counsellors host a Money Matters Session. These workshops are a free opportunity for community members to come along and get assistance. Give us a call on (08) 9185 5899 and register for our next workshop today!

## COMMUNITY MIGRANT SERVICES

#### **Food Education**

In Hedland the focus has also been on food, with the team continuing to partner with Hedland Well Women's Centre to provide fun and educational activities for the local community. Recently the team also partnered with Eunice Asare, an accredited dietitian from Pilbara Population Health Unit, to provide a session on incorporating vegetables into the everyday diet. There was also plenty of delicious snacks for all those who joined the session. Keep an eye out for our next event.



# **Our Services**



#### HOUSING SUPPORT

Our Housing Support Workers assist people who are having difficulty securing or maintaining stable accommodation. The program is for people who are at risk of or are experiencing any type of homelessness issues.



#### COMMUNITY MIGRANT SERVICES

Our Community Migrant Service Workers provide one-on-one casework, support, information and linkages to other mainstream services to assist migrants.

#### LEGAL SUPPORT



Our legal team offer free legal advice and assistance n the areas of family law, restraining orders, child protection matters, and criminal injuries



#### **REDRESS SUPPORT**

application process.

Our Redress Support Workers are here to help survivors of sexual abuse understand the Scheme, talk about feelings and guide them through the



#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT





# TENANT ADVICE & EDUCATION SERVICE



Our Tenant Advice and Education Service Workers are here to advocate, support and educate tenants in relation to their rights and responsibilities in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act. They cannot provide advice to landlords or commercial tenants.



### FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Our Financial Counsellors offer information, conduct assessments and provide options and support to assist clients, address identified problems and manage financial situations more effectively.



#### DISABILITY ADVOCACY



Our Disability Advocates are here to assist with Disability Support Pension applications, applications for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, setting goals, recognising support needs and referrals.

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

We hope that everyone is staying safe during these tough times.

PCLS continues to operate to ensure that we can provide our services to the Pilbara community. We are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and clients.

How you can help:

- masks are mandatory and need to be worn when inside all PCLS offices by everyone over the age of 12, unless exempt
- please sanitise your hands when entering the office
- scan the SafeWA QR code or write your details in the contact register
- keep a safe 1.5 metre distance from others where possible
- if you are feeling unwell, please call ahead of time to reschedule or make alternative arrangements for your appointment

For more information about COVID-19 and how to stay safe, please vist the website: www.gov.au/government/covid-19coronavirus

#### **Contact Us Today!**

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