



## PILBARA COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE Inc.

May has been a busy month for Pilbara Community Legal Services. We've been travelling through the region so that more people are able to access our services, cleaning up our offices and running community workshops. Continue reading to find out more.

### What's Been Happening at PCLS

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

##### Onslow Community Visit

Unfortunately bad weather delayed our trip to Onslow, however the team were finally able to hit the road. Our Legal, Domestic Violence, Redress, Disability Advocacy and Housing Support teams travelled to provide free advice and support to the community. Appointments weren't needed, everyone was free to walk in and chat to the team when it suited them.

##### Newman Community Visit

Our Legal, Redress and Housing Support teams also spent a week in Newman this month. Their visit was to provide free advice and support to the local community. The team were able to have face-to-face appointments with local clients, and work with new clients to provide them with the support and assistance they needed.



#### COOKING UP A STORM

##### Community Migrant Services Session

This month's Cooking Up A Storm session run by our Community Migrant Services team had vegetarian Indian cuisine for all to enjoy. We also had Relationships Australia join us to run an interactive workshop on healthy relationships. There was a great turnout from the community, and everyone loved the session. A special thank you to Hedland Well Women's Centre, our long standing partner for these sessions.



#### ROEBOURNE OFFICE CLEANUP

##### Roebourne Prison Workshops

Our Roebourne Office got a freshen up this month thanks to the team at A Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi Foundation Company.

### 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 in the areas of family law, restraining orders, child protection matters, and criminal injuries compensation.

#### REDRESS SUPPORT

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

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT



The role of our Domestic Violence Support Workers is to provide support to victims of family and domestic violence through safety and crisis intervention planning, informal counselling, support planning, advocacy, court support, assistance with Violence Restraining Order applications and education.

#### 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:

- please sanitise your hands when entering the office
- 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 visit the website: [www.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus](http://www.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus)

#### Contact Us Today!

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