



PILBARA COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE Inc.

During October, PCLS staff have been diligently working within the office, delivering outstanding outcomes for our clients.

What's been happening at PCLS

Partnered Goodabinya Outreach

Yvette, our financial counselor from South Hedland, journeyed to the Goodabinya Aboriginal Community alongside Headspace, Horizon Power, and Marble Bar Community Resource Centre. The community was treated to kangaroo stew and complimentary haircuts, fostering a shared atmosphere for storytelling. Kudos to Yvette for a job well done!



Conversational English Students

SETS collaborates with the Pilbara Universities Centre to support students. We extend our congratulations to one of our students who has successfully earned a certificate in Conversational English.



Karwa Chauth Celebrations

Our wonderful SETS Worker was invited to participate in the Karwa Chauth and Diwali celebrations with the local Indian Hindu community. These festivals hold significant cultural and religious importance in Hinduism, and they are marked by various traditions and rituals. Karwa Chauth is a special day for married Hindu women as they observe a day-long fast for the well-being and longevity of their husbands. The fast begins at sunrise and continues until the moonrise, and it is accompanied by prayers and rituals. Diwali, also known as the 'festival of lights,' is a joyous occasion celebrated by Hindus worldwide.

Participating in these festivities provided the SETS Worker with a unique and enriching cultural experience.



Multicultural Lunch

Our SETS team organised a multicultural lunch brimming with delightful cuisine and enriching experiences. A special expression of gratitude goes to all the dancers for their captivating performances.

16 Days in WA

Every year, starting from November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until December 10 (Human Rights Day), Western Australia launches campaigns aimed at eradicating gender-based violence. The current year's focus is on the theme "Play Your Part," emphasizing that gender-based violence is a societal concern rather than a private issue. Everyone has a role to play in putting an end to domestic violence.

Supported by the Centre for Women's Safety, this year's initiative by the DV team began with a dynamic community event, featuring live music, various community-based stalls, yoga, and an inspiring showcase of female empowerment courtesy of Primal MMA.

Given the recent statistics revealing that 1 in 6 Australian women has encountered physical and/or sexual violence from a current or past partner since the age of 15 (Department of Communities, 2023), Coaches Richy and Jessie demonstrated straightforward yet powerful self-defense techniques that could potentially save lives.

We strongly encourage you to actively "Play Your Part" by participating in any local events. Additional information about the campaign can be found [here](#).



Changes in PCLS

GOODBYE

SAID GOODBYE TO THE FOLLOWING TEAM MEMBERS

Pilbara Community Legal Service said our goodbyes to,

Rachel Reed from Corporate Services after 11 years at
the organisation!

Ange Whelan from the Housing Support Workers Team

Raelene Park from the Housing Support Workers Team

Samantha Perry from the Legal Team

Linh Nyugen from the Domestic Violence Advocate
Team.

The PCLS team wish each and every one of you the best
for your future!

December's Agenda

We would like to take this time to let you all know that our Newman office is currently closed and will remain closed until January 2024.

Our Cooking up a Storm sessions have ceased until the new year.

Our Outreach Program has ceased until the new year.

All PCLS offices will be shut 2:00PM, Friday the 22nd of December 2023 and reopen 8:00AM 2nd of January 2024. We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Pilbara Community Legal Service Values

UNDERSTANDING

We listen, show empathy, and demonstrate support.

PROFESSIONAL

We are consistent in the delivery of best practice.

ACCEPTANCE

We welcome people of all backgrounds, cultures and beliefs.

HELPFUL

We prioritise goals and do whatever we can to make a difference and achieve positive outcomes.

EMPOWERING

We give people all they need to make the best decisions.

INNOVATIVE

We are always open to new ideas and finding solutions.



Our Services



HOUSING SUPPORT

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



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.



COMMUNITY MIGRANT SERVICES

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



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.

Contact Us Today!

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