



# Marrickville Legal Centre

From the inner west,  
serving NSW

## April Update

With the start of a new quarter, all our outreach clinics - spanning from the Sutherland Shire to Northern Sydney - are back up and running for the year. All our advice clinics have also been running at full capacity. This month, we ran our last legal workshop for our Youth Justice Ambassador Program and gear up for our upcoming Annual Table Tennis Tournament Fundraiser. Scroll down to the bottom of the newsletter for details on how to purchase tickets to attend. We hope to see all our supporters there!

## Youth Justice Ambassador Program



With the celebration of Youth Week this month, we held our final substantive law workshop for our Youth Justice Ambassador Program. Since October last year, we've been upskilling eight youth ambassadors from diverse backgrounds in Sydney's Inner West to improve access to

justice through community participation and inclusion. Our capacity-building program, funded by the Inner West Council, provides the participants with training in various areas of law. This month, Susan Winfield ran a workshop on credit and debt law with Ron Sharma, a Financial Counsellor from Metro Assist. The workshop was conducted at the office of our pro bono partners, Colin Biggers Paisley. The Youth Ambassadors are now preparing for the final showcase and graduation event happening mid-June and for their peer workshops from July onwards.

***Pictured:** Youth Justice Ambassadors with MLC solicitors Susan Winfield and Jason Teoh at Colin Biggers & Paisley*

## Debt Crisis Legal Service - Outreach Clinic

**WHEN?**  
Drop in without an appointment, every first Wednesday of the month from 9.30 to 12 noon

**WHERE?**  
Advance Diversity Services  
Suite 231 (Building 2, Level 3),  
7-11 The Avenue, Hurstville.

**OR**  
**to pre-book an appointment at Advanced Diversity Services, Hurstville**  
call Marrickville Legal Centre on 02 9559 2899 or fill out the webform at [mlc.org.au](http://mlc.org.au)

**DO I HAVE TO SPEAK ENGLISH?**  
No, if you prefer to use another language we will use a telephone interpreter to assist.

**WHO GIVES THE ADVICE?**  
A solicitor from Marrickville Legal Centre, a community legal centre.  
[www.mlc.org.au](http://www.mlc.org.au)

**DO I HAVE TO PAY?**  
No, it's free of charge

We can give you free legal advice about how to **manage money problems, cost of living problems,** and give you information and free advice about options to **manage your debts.**

Our Legal Clinic at Advance Diversity Services in Hurstville has re-commenced for the year. Our monthly clinic runs every first Wednesday of the month from 9:30am - 12pm and clients can either drop-in or pre-book their appointment. **Our other outreach locations are listed below:**

**Canterbury City Community Centre (4Cs)**  
130 Railway Parade, Lakemba  
1st Wednesday of each month, 10am-1pm

### **Hopefield Community Hub**

6 Gosport St, Cronulla

Last Wednesday of month, 9:30am-12:30pm

### **Northern Sydney Outreach Service - Link Housing West Ryde**

Level 2/3-5 Anthony Rd, West Ryde

Monday, Monthly from 9:30am-12:00pm  
(contact us prior to attendance to arrange an appointment)

### **NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) Duty Advocacy Service**

Sydney Registry

Most Wednesdays and Fridays

### **Canterbury Hospital Drug Health Clinic**

575 Canterbury Road, Campsie

Thursdays (fortnightly), 9am-11:30am

### **Bill Crews Foundation**

180 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield

Tuesdays (fortnightly), 9am-1pm

### **Addison Road Community Organisation - Wednesday Night Lights**

Wednesdays, 5.30pm-7.30pm

### **Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's 'One Stop Shop'**

Newtown Mission, 280a King Street (access  
via side gate of the church)

2pm-4pm pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of  
each month

### **Burwood Local Court**

Thursdays

### **Sutherland Local Court**

Wednesdays

## **Last chance to purchase tickets to MLC's 2nd Annual Table Tennis Tournament Fundraiser**

Our annual table tennis tournament fundraiser is taking place this Thursday 2 May from 6-9pm at the Gumbramorra Hall, Addison Road Community Organisation. Friends and supporters of MLC are invited to join us for a fun night of food, drinks, raffles and fierce competition to raise much needed funds for our centre. If you would like to join us as a spectator, you can purchase tickets [HERE](#).



***Pictured:** Players and attendees at MLC's Inaugural Table Tennis Tournament Fundraiser last year.*

## **People of MLC: Karla Oliveira**

Karla Oliveira is one of the newest directors of MLC having joined the board in December 2023. As a director, her main responsibilities involve governance oversight, ensuring the organisation's operations align with our mission in an ethical and compliant way. Given her experience in the Technology



Sector, her main focus is supporting the MLC's strategic aspirations, by applying the "tech" lenses to support MLC achieve our ambition to leverage the right technology for greater impact and benefit to all the people MLC supports. When asked about how her work contributes to the communities we serve, Karla says:

*"I feel my work as a board member is just a very small part of a much greater cause, which is to bring access to justice for people in need. During my career, I always sought involvement in projects that really have a positive impact in people's lives and where technology has a tangible positive impact on humanity. Access to legal services is a human right. Joining the board at MLC is meaningful way to achieve this personally and professionally because they work the MLC does is so critical. "*



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