



Marrickville Legal Centre

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February Update

February has been a busy month for the team. All our advice and outreach clinics are back up and running for the year. We held 2 induction sessions to onboard more than 20 new volunteer Client Intake Officers to help triage clients that contact our centre for legal help. We also met with a number of our local State and Federal members and have been focused on increasing our presence in South Sydney. Amid the busyness, we took some time to celebrate Mardi Gras and celebrate all things diverse, colourful and inclusive.

MLC in South Sydney

Did you know? While MLC is based in Marrickville, we serve the inner west, south-west and south Sydney region. To ensure our services are accessible to all clients in our catchment area, we are focused on increasing our presence in South Sydney, including in Georges River, Bayside and Sutherland Shire Council areas. We have 2 outreach clinics at the following locations:

- **1st Wednesday of the month, 10-12pm at Advance Diversity Services** Hurstville Office: Suite 231 & 232 (Building 2/Level 3), 7-11 The Avenue, Hurstville. By appointment only.
- **Last Wednesday of the month, 9:30am to 12:30pm at Hopefield Community Hub:** 9-11 Gosport Street, Cronulla. Drop ins welcome.

MLC will also be present at the following upcoming events:

- [GovHub Pop Up](#): 11am–1pm Friday 8 March at Orana, 3a Stapleton Avenue, Sutherland
- Community Expo Day: 10am-2pm Tuesday 26 March at Gunnamatta Pavillion in Cronulla

Meeting with our local State and Federal MPs

Our State and Federal Members of Parliament are some of our strongest advocates and we work closely with local Electorate Offices to facilitate warm referral pathways to our services. There are 20 MPs within our general catchment area. This month we met with Linda Burney MP, Jason Yat-Sen Li MP, Mark Coure MP and Tanya Plibersek MP's office to discuss how we can better work with their offices and ensure we have the resources to continue to support constituents with their legal needs.



Pictured: Graham Jenkins, Tu Le, Vasili Maroulis and Mark Coure MP (Left). Graham Jenkins, LJ Loch, Jason Yat-Sen Li MP and Vasili Maroulis (Right).



We're recruiting: Volunteer Client Intake Officers

We are seeking highly motivated and passionate individuals to join our team as volunteer Client Intake Officers (CIO). As a volunteer CIO, you will support MLC's lawyers and caseworkers by responding to initial enquiries from our community and providing legal information and referrals to people who come into contact with MLC, either over the telephone or face-to-face.

[Apply to become a Volunteer CIO](#)

Book a free Community Legal Education (CLE) Workshops

MLC offers free CLE workshops to community members and legal training to community workers and service providers. Let our legal team help you to easily understand your legal rights, protect against and prevent legal issues and seek the right legal help. For a limited time, we can also provide free interpreters at the workshop.

To organise a session, [complete our online CLE request form](#).

Pictured: CEO, Vasili Maroulis, addressing some new volunteer CIO recruits at an induction session.

Pictured: Comms and Strategic Partnerships Manager, Tu Le, presenting to the Sutherland Shire Multicultural Network.



Staff spotlight: Brooke Ristic

Brooke started with MLC in 2021 as a volunteer CIO and has worked across many different roles in the centre, from solving everyone's IT issues as Operations Officer, to helping vulnerable renters as a Tenants' Advocate and more. Brooke was recently admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW. She continues to make a significant contribution to the centre and enjoys the sense of community she feels working at MLC. She loves being able to make a positive impact on the community through the important work we do as a community legal centre.

Pictured: Brooke and our newest MLC member, Oreo.

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