



Marrickville Legal Centre

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January Update

Our staff and volunteers have returned from the break to hit the ground running in the new year after our holiday closure period. All our advice clinics are commencing from today and our outreaches will be back up and running over the next few weeks. This month, we shine a spotlight on our Duty Lawyer Service, celebrate this month's Champion of MLC as well as the amazing team braving the ocean swim to raise funds for the important work we do to provide our community with the legal knowledge and skills they need to assert their rights and navigate the legal system. We also share our factsheet on motor vehicle private sales including what you should know when purchasing a used car.

Champion of MLC: Gary Reynolds

This month's Champion of MLC is long-time monthly donor Gary Reynolds. Gary is a senior doctor currently working part-time in a public addiction clinic in Sydney, NSW. He first came to this work in the UK, where for 2 years he worked as a general practitioner in an NHS prison health team.

Australian born, raised and medically qualified, Gary worked in the UK NHS for over 30 years, working in many medical fields including surgery, pathology, and psychiatry until eventually settling as a specialist in Public Health medicine and general practice. Since returning to Sydney in 2011, Gary has specialised in working with patients with substance dependence and addiction.

On why he supports MLC, Gary says: "I support MLC to help ensure the team can continue to be a resource for my patients, and people in similar circumstances. MLC has a link to my clinical workplace, and I have found it of great help in supporting my patients, in whose lives, legal issues arise often."

MLC's Health Justice Partnerships with our Local Health Districts help to achieve better health and justice outcomes for people experiencing disadvantage by working collaboratively to deliver services to clients.

Thinking of buying a car? Read



[Private Car Sale Factsheet](#)

our Private Car Sale Factsheet!

If you are considering or have brought a car from a private seller (such as on Facebook Marketplace or Gumtree), check out our factsheet on the steps you should take and tips to identify and resolve any issues arising from your purchase.

Service spotlight: Duty Lawyer Service

The Centre's Duty Lawyer Service (DLS) is up and running in 2024. The DLS attends Sutherland Local Court each Wednesday and Burwood Local Court each Thursday. Both days are the days the courts deal with domestic violence matters and AVOs.

Our DLS lawyers, including Danny (pictured) provide advice and representation on criminal and AVO matters before the local court, and depending on the nature of the matter, will represent at a contested hearing.



Ocean Swim Fundraiser for MLC

Join us in wishing MLC supporter, Selena good luck for her swim in the 42nd annual Cole Classic Ocean Swim from Shelly Beach to Manly Beach on the 4th of February 2024. Selena is fundraising on our behalf and is \$200 from her goal. On why she's fundraising on MLC's behalf, Selena says:

As a Marrickville local, I walk past the Centre every day, which gives me an opportunity to reflect on the vital services MLC provides to members of my community who are in need. This event is a great opportunity for us to help them cover essential costs.'

If you'd like to help her reach her goal, please head to her fundraiser page [here](#).

If you would like to fundraise on behalf of MLC or host a community fundraiser event, please contact our Fundraising & Communications Officer, Mickey Suzuki at marai@mlc.org.au.

Please consider making your first donation of 2024 to MLC so that we can continue on with our work and mission to provide access to #JusticeForUsAll.

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