

Port Macquarie 



Neighbourhood Centre



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Community Legal Centre Project

MID NORTH COAST LEGAL RESOURCES DIRECTORY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre	02 6583 8044
Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre	02 6562 8300
Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre	02 6586 4055
Manning Valley Neighbourhood Centre	02 6553 5121
Forster Neighbourhood Centre	02 6555 4351
Nambucca Valley Neighbourhood Centre	02 6568 2305

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GENERAL FREE LEGAL ADVICE	
Hunter Community Legal Centre Free legal advice, limited court representation and advocacy. For residents of Newcastle, Hunter Valley, Great Lakes and Taree.	02 4926 3329 NO ADVICE ON: personal injury, drafting property settlements, local council matters, and workers compensation
Law Access Legal information and assistance services to help with legal issues.	1300 888 529
Legal Aid Hotline for Under 18s Phone advice re juvenile justice and the <i>Young Offenders Act</i> , if a young person has committed, or is suspected of committing, a criminal offence.	1800 101 810
Immigration Advice and Rights Centre Phone advice Tues and Thurs 2pm-4pm	02 9262 3833
Refugee Advice and Casework Service For people who face persecution in their own countries and seek asylum in Australia. Telephone advice: Tues & Thurs 10am – 12:30pm	02 9211 4001
Community Justice Centre (CJC) Free mediation service	1800 990 777
The Law Society of NSW Pro Bono Scheme The Pro Bono Scheme co-ordinates free legal assistance and representation for people who satisfy the eligibility criteria.	02 99260364
Legal Aid Outreach TAREE Every Thursday from 10:30am to 12:30pm at Manning Support Services. Must call to make appointment	02 6651 5665
Legal Aid Outreach KEMPSEY Family law at Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre – varied day once a month Must call to make appointment	1800 451 784

FAMILY AND CHILDREN	
Child Support Service (Legal Aid) Advice for carer/paying parents	1800 451 784
Community Police Liaison Officer Provides information about security and safety in the community and about the Police and how they can assist you.	Port Macquarie 02 6583 0199 Taree/Forster 02 6552 0399
De Facto Relationships Law Society NSW Phone advice	02 9926 0300
Domestic Violence Advocacy Service Assistance/mediation services for people dealing with domestic violence	1800 810 784
Family Relationship Advice Line For families experiencing difficulties	1800 050 321
Family Relationship Centre Provides info & referrals for families; advice on parenting after separation; registered family dispute resolution.	Taree 02 6551 1200
Interrelate Family Centre Strengthening family relationships inc. relationship/family counselling, child contact centre & dispute resolution.	Port Macquarie 02 65849293
Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Provides information, support and referral to victims of domestic violence including court support re AVOs.	Port Macquarie 02 6583 4179 0421 885 591 Kempsey 02 6563 1479 Taree/Forster/ 02 6553 0999 Gloucester 0408 292 093
Women's Legal Resources Centre Phone advice on women's legal matters. Telephone Interpreter Service Women with hearing impairment	1800 801 501 Call 131 450 and connect to: 9749 7700 1800 674 333
National Children's & Youth Law Centre Free, independent advice for children & young people and their advocates.	02 9385 9588

DISCRIMINATION	
Anti-Discrimination Board NSW Resolve complaints of discrimination under state law.	1800 810 784
Australian Human Rights Commission Resolve complaints of discrimination under federal law.	1300 656 419 02 9284 9888
Disability Discrimination Legal Centre Phone advice and referral on disability discrimination.	1800 800 708
EMPLOYMENT	
Australian Fair Pay Commission - Workplace Authority - Workplace Ombudsman	1300 363 264 1300 724 200
Office of the Employment Advocate Phone advice about rights & obligations under <i>Workplace Relations Act</i> .	1300 366 632
Office of Industrial Relations (IR) Information about IR matters	131 628
Women's Employment Rights Project Phone advice re employment law issues for women. <i>Wednesdays between 10am and 1pm only.</i>	1800 244 481 02 9332 1966
Workers Compensation Commission Help resolve workers comp. disputes	131 050
CRIMINAL LAW AND VICTIMS OF CRIME	
Aboriginal Legal Service Criminal law assistance for Indigenous clients	Taree 02 6551 3928 Kempsey 02 6562 5990
Victims Of Crime Bureau Support & referral for victims of crime	02 6583 9351
Mission Australia's Court Support Advice, info & support for victims at court.	02 9356 0604 02 8218 9412 0419 695 328
Victims Compensation Tribunal Helps victims of crime deal with cost of medical treatment, counselling & to compensate for any loss/damage to property & personal injury.	02 9374 3111 1800 069 054

CONSUMER, TENANCY & CENTRELINK	
Centrelink Customer Relations line	1800 050 004
Consumer, Trader & Tenancy Tribunal Disputes about tenancy, home building, residential parks, motor vehicles, strata, general consumer and commercial	1300 135 399
Tenants Union Information for tenants	02 9251 6590
Insolvency and Trustees Service Australia Information about bankruptcy	1300 364 785
Mid Coast Tenants Advice Service Assistance for tenants from Forster to Woolgoolga. Phone advice.	1800 777 722 02 6583 9866
Office of Fair Trading Complaints re business, home building, vehicles, real estate & renting	133 220 02 6584 1330
Social Security Appeals Tribunal Review of decisions made by Centrelink	1800 011 140
Welfare Rights Centre Advice about rights/entitlements & assist to appeal against Centrelink decisions. Telephone advice on Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri (9am- 1pm) & Tuesdays (1pm- 5pm)	1800 226 028
AGED RIGHTS	
The Aged-Care Rights Service (TARS) Advice on residents' rights & info re government rules and regulations - for people living in nursing homes, retirement villages & at home with aged care packages.	1800 424 079
Veterans Advocacy Service Provides free legal advice & assistance to veterans & dependants about rights & entitlements under the <i>Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986</i> .	02 9219 5148

FINANCIAL COUNSELLING		
Salvation Army Moneycare Free financial counselling	Taree	02 6552 6237
Centacare Free financial counselling	Port Macquarie	02 6584 0704
Consumer Credit Legal Centre Debt hotline re financial counselling		1800 808 488
Mission Australia's North Coast Gambling Counselling Service Wesley Community legal services assist problem gamblers with legal issues.	PM & Kempsey Taree & Forster	02 6583 1321 0403 183 025 02 6557 8864 0407 062 760
Financial Counselling at Nambucca Valley Neighbourhood Centre Tues & Thurs each week Must call to make appointment		02 6568 2305
Financial Counselling at Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre Monday and Tuesday each week Must call to make appointment		02 6562 8300
Financial Counselling at Forster Neighbourhood Centre Wed, Thurs & Fri each week. Must call to make appointment		02 6555 4351
Financial Counselors' Association Referral to financial counselors.	www.financialcounsellors.asn.au	
DISABILITY SUPPORT		
Disability Advocacy NSW Assist people with a disability to get their voice heard and link with legal support.		1300 365 085
The Guardianship Tribunal Appoints guardians for people who have lost capacity to manage their own affairs.		1800 463 928
Intellectual Disability Rights Service & Criminal Justice Support Network Offers support to people with intellectual disabilities at Police Stations & at court.		1300 665 908 02 4926 5643
Mental Health Advocacy Service Telephone advice re mental health law		02 9219 5126

GENERAL FREE LEGAL ADVICE cont.		
Legal Aid Outreach KEMPSEY For people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Drop in from 10am-12pm every Wednesday		Drop in at Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre, 5 Kemp Street Kempsey
Legal Aid Outreach FORSTER Family, child support, property settlement, divorce, child custody and parenting orders. Last Thursday of each month. Must call to make appointment		02 4929 5482
Legal Advice at WAUCHOPE Neighbourhood Centre 30 minute appointment for legal advice on any legal matter. Every second Wednesday and the last Thursday of the month. Must call to make appointment		02 6586 4055
Legal Aid Outreach PORT MACQUARIE Neighbourhood Centre Family law, child support, defacto relationships, spouse maintenance, divorce, court orders about your children. Must call to make appointment		1800 451 784
Legal Referral at NAMBUCCA/ MACKSVILLE through Nambucca Valley Neighbourhood Centre Will refer clients to local solicitors for assistance where possible or to the Legal Aid Commission in Coffs Harbour.		02 6568 2305
LOCAL COURTS		
Forster (Chamber Magistrate)		02 6554 6951
Gloucester (No Chamber Magistrate)		02 6558 1125
Port Macquarie (Chamber Magistrate)		02 6583 6844
Taree (Chamber Magistrate)		02 6552 5599
Wauchope (No Chamber Magistrate)		02 6585 3118

