



Attorney General & Justice

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FREE LEGAL HELP IN NAMBUCCA HEADS

People in Nambucca Heads will be able to obtain free legal help as part of a new service announced today by the Chief Executive Officer of Legal Aid NSW, Alan Kirkland.

From 9 June 2011 a lawyer funded by Legal Aid NSW will be on hand on the second Thursday of each month to provide legal advice and assistance for a range of problems such as:

- credit and debt,
- Centrelink benefits disputes,
- tenancy,
- discrimination,
- victim's compensation,
- family law and care and protection matters; and
- Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders.

Mr Kirkland said that the new service has been established to respond to gaps in the availability of legal assistance, particularly in rural communities.

"Through this program we can provide a regular service to people living in and around Nambucca Heads, particularly those who can't afford to see a private lawyer and can't easily travel to our Coffs Harbour office," said Mr Kirkland.

"Legal advice can help if, for example, you are having trouble paying your credit card bills, have separated from a partner and need advice about care arrangements for children, or if you are having problems with Centrelink.

"If a client has a problem which needs to be pursued, they will be referred to an appropriate service that can provide further help."

The free legal advice and minor assistance clinic will be held on the second Thursday of every month at the:

**The Roundabout (next door to Nambucca Family Day Care Office)
157 Mann Street
NAMBUCCA HEADS 2448
From 10 am – 1 pm**

To make an appointment call: (02) 6562 1888