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GETTING TO KNOW THE LAW IN WESTERN SYDNEY

Parramatta residents will have a unique opportunity to access free legal advice and information on Western Sydney legal services during Law Week.

Parramatta Local Court is hosting a legal information day on Tuesday, May 17 from 9 am – 2 pm.

More than 15 legal service providers will operate stalls at the event, offering help on how to:

- write a will;
- arrange a free mediation session to resolve a neighbourhood dispute;
- contact victim support services;
- start a legal career;
- access free legal information and find your nearest lawyer;
- access a range of other legal services including locating a JP;
- source legal information at the local library;
- access family law information; and,
- obtain advice for people who are having difficulty paying fines.

“The information day will provide the community with the opportunity to find out about the Local, Family and Children’s Courts as well as access an extensive range of legal services in the Parramatta area,” said Peter Ryan, Senior Court Registrar of Parramatta Local Court.

The event is part of Law Week, an annual event aimed at increasing awareness of the law and improving access to legal services within the community.

Law Week will run from May 16 –22. The theme of Law Week 2011 is Law and Justice in Your Community.

Parramatta City Library is also running a series of legal talks during Law Week on a range of topics including: family law, young people and the law, immigration law, wills, and older people and the law.

Other events during Law Week include mock trial exercises for school students, colouring competitions for primary school students, open days at courthouses and seminars on drink driving, family law, domestic violence, mental illness and how the law affects senior citizens.

The incoming Attorney General, Greg Smith said he was looking forward to taking part in Law Week activities.

“Law week promotes the rule of law and what lawyers do to serve the needs of the community,” Mr Smith said.

For further information about Law Week and what is happening in your area, visit:
www.lawweek.com.au.

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