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LAWYERS MAKE A SONG AND DANCE OF LAW WEEK

The hidden musical talents of the NSW legal profession will be revealed at an open air Legal Expo at Martin Place in Sydney tomorrow to launch Law Week 2011.

Lawyers ‘of note’ will deliver free performances throughout the day that will include jazz, opera, cabaret and tap dancing.

“The Expo will enable the community to learn about the law, access legal services – and be entertained in the process,” said Attorney-General Greg Smith SC.

More than 20 legal service providers will operate stalls, offering help on how to:

- write a will;
- access free legal information and find your nearest lawyer;
- organise a free mediation to resolve a neighbourhood dispute;
- protect yourself against cyber crime and property theft;
- contact support services for victims of crime; and,
- access a range of other legal services.

Law Week events will be taking place across NSW and Australia from 16-22 May.

Mr Smith and Federal Attorney General Robert McClelland will take part in a five-kilometre walk for justice along the Sydney Harbour Foreshores this morning.

The walk will raise money for the Public Interest Legal Clearing House (PILCH) which facilitates pro bono work to assist individuals and not for profit organisations, particularly in relation to legal issues of concern to the community.

Other Law Week events include the NSW Young Lawyers’ Golden Gavel public speaking competition, mock trials involving school students, open days at courthouses and seminars on drink driving, cyber bullying, family law, domestic violence, mental illness and how the law affects senior citizens.

The theme of Law Week 2011 is Law and Justice in Your Community. For more information about Law Week and what is happening in your area, visit: www.lawweek.com.au.