

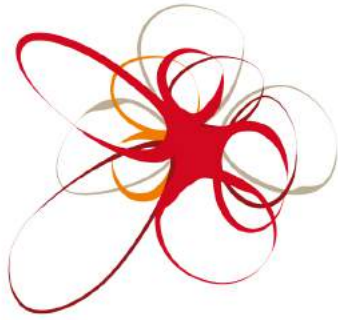
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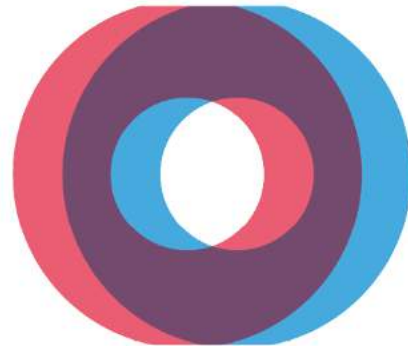
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New Office in Narre Warren

Springvale Monash Legal Service ("SMLS") has been delivering a wide range of quality legal services from our office in Springvale for over 45 years.

We are excited to announce that we will now be expanding with a new office opening in Narre Warren!

SMLS will continue providing a broad range of legal services with expanded reach into Casey and Cardinia, including:

- Free and confidential legal advice and ongoing casework
- Community legal education, and
- Community development projects to build the capacity of people to understand and exercise their legal rights

We are very excited for our new home.

Our new contact details are:

Floor 2 | 64 Victor Cr, Narre Warren
Ph: (03) 90388002

You can contact us at our new premises after 13 May 2019. In the meantime direct all inquires to info@smls.com.au or SMLS Springvale Admin 9545 7400

Doveton Library Outreach

Leading up to the opening of our new office in Narre Warren, SMLS has started offering interim outreach services from Doveton Library.

We provide free general legal advice Fridays:

April 12 - July 19, 2019
9 am until 1pm, with the last appointment held at noon. You can call our Springvale office to organise an appointment on 9545 7406.

Sessions can be booked by appointment only at:

Doveton Library
24 Autumn Pl, Doveton VIC 3177

EXPANDING OUR REACH TO YOU

Exciting News for the Sporting Change program in 2019

The Sporting Change program has expanded to 2 new schools this year and is now being delivered at 3 schools in total, including NWSP-12 College (original site), Cranbourne East Secondary College and Pakenham Secondary College.

Sporting Change is an after school program that combines interactive learning about the law with sport. We find common links between the rules of sport and laws that impact young people and apply these through a wide range of activities, like rugby, mixed martial arts, soccer and more. Sporting Change also provides a school lawyer.



Sporting Change Launch



Sporting Change launched its evaluation report of its 2017-18 success at NWSP-12 College to an eager audience at an event on April 29th at Bunjil Place in Narre Warren.

The launch featured a keynote speech from a student engaged in the program who remarked on how much Sporting Change has meant for him and how every Tuesday he is excited for school to end and for Sporting Change to begin!

The students' enthusiasm for sport and the law is what drives the passion of those at SMLS. The launch also included acknowledgements of and thoughts from the SMLS staff who have worked tirelessly to make this program such a success.

SMLS would like to thank NWSP-12 College and the Victorian Legal Services Board for supporting the launch and growth of this meaningful program.

Sporting Change Evaluation Report

Springvale Monash Legal Service Welcomes New Staff

SMLS would like to welcome new staff with a range of expertise from diverse industry areas.

Tania was a science teacher and TAFE lecturer of legal and justice courses. She worked as a tenancy lawyer and spent a small amount of time in a small private practice before joining SMLS as a clinical supervisor and community lawyer. She is passionate about education and lifelong learning. She doesn't have spare time because she's a single mum of three primary-school-aged children. If she did have spare time, she'd go for walks, craft, and garden.



Tania Lim
Community Lawyer /Clinical Supervisor



Elizabeth Frampton
School / Community Lawyer

Elizabeth practiced first as a family lawyer and then as a generalist lawyer prior to joining SMLS. Elizabeth does her best to ensure that everyone who has a legal issue is able to have their questions answered or is directed to somewhere where that can happen. Her role at SMLS consists of working as a School Lawyer where she will be providing access to justice where it wouldn't otherwise be available. Elizabeth likes to meet people and see different places.

Ameena came to Australia in 2011 as a refugee, and started practicing law in 2018. She is passionate about advocating for justice. In her spare time she likes to bake and day dream about being a pilot and flying aeroplanes, though she needs to learn how to fly first!



Ameena Rahimi
Solicitor



LA McGannon
Community Development Worker

LA is passionate about working with young people and is excited to be joining the Sporting Change Program. LA loves to travel, cook and learn about Complementary Health Therapies.

Courtney started off as an English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher, working in China and then Melbourne before moving into community education and development where she's been for almost 10 years. Courtney is passionate about social justice, particularly women's and LGBTIQ rights.

She is more than halfway through her JD at Monash University, and keeps sane through work and study by bike riding, dancing, taking mini road trips and serving up cocktails for friends at home.



Courtney Keefe
Community Development Worker

SMLS would also like to extend a very special welcome to two of its smallest honorary staff members: Caspian Baghaki Jenkin and Kulall Newnham

Law Week 2019

SMLS is celebrating Law Week! Come on down to our stall at Westfield Fountain Gate Shopping Centre next Thursday, May 16 from 10am to 4pm!

Learn about:

- Our new office nearby in Narre Warren
- Our Sporting Change program and pick up a copy of our recent report, and
- Our diverse legal services from education to advice, community development projects and more!

You can find us at Fountain Gate at the Community Desk on Level 2, in front of Jamaica Blue”

Community Development and Legal Education Updates

Daughters of Jerusalem Justice Project

SMLS has continued its partnership with VLA and the South Sudanese family support services organisation, Daughters of Jerusalem, to develop a series of legal and health and wellbeing education workshops for the South Sudanese community of Greater Dandenong.

After a community consultation with the South Sudanese community in February, project planning is complete and a 10-month education series has been developed based on community needs and interests. Workshops will be delivered in partnership with VLA and Daughters of Jerusalem and include guest speakers from a range of community health, wellbeing and justice organisations, including the Victorian Electoral Commission and Refugee Legal, to name a few.

The series kicks off next week with Elections 101, an overview of the ballot process for those in the South Sudanese community new to voting. Other topics include Migration and the law, visa cancellations, Teenagers and Mental Health and many more!

The project aims to increase understanding of the Australian justice system and legal rights and responsibilities amongst the South Sudanese community living in and around the City of Greater Dandenong.



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Train the Trainer:

Chisholm Adult Migrant English Program

SMLS has joined VLA and Peninsula Community Legal Centre to deliver a Train the Train to Chisholm's Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) teachers across multiple campuses, including;

- Dandenong
- Cranbourne and
- Berwick

The workshops leverage teachers' expertise and build on the rapport between teachers and students, while building the capacity of educators to deliver well-timed, appropriate legal education to newly arrived people.

Law Reform and Advocacy

National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces

The Australian Human Rights Commission conducted an inquiry into sexual harassment in Australian workplaces, aiming to understand its scope and prevalence and identify ways to mitigate this behaviour across all industries in Australia.

SMLS provided a submission to the Inquiry.

Lawyers Practice Manual

The Lawyers Practice Manual Vic (LPM Vic) is designed to assist new lawyers and experienced lawyers venturing into or returning to an unfamiliar area of practice. It is a step-by-step procedural guide to a wide range of tasks that lawyers are called on to perform, such as: what instructions to take, how to draft documents, where to file them and so on. It includes forms, precedents, useful practical hints, strategies, lists of relevant legislation and references.

Content in the LPM chapters is updated and maintained by a team of voluntary authors and commentators from the legal community, including government and private solicitors, barristers and judges.

We recently published a new chapter about infringements and fines in Victoria, and are currently working on a new chapter about the NDIS.

We are looking for new authors in the areas of VOCAT applications, family law in relation to maintenance applications, children under the FLA and property applications, conveyancing, consumer strategies, and consumer credit disputes. If you are experienced in any of these areas and would like to express your interest in becoming an author, please contact Belinda Shen on 9545 7400.

If you are interested in subscribing to the LPM Vic, please contact Thomson Reuters via their website at <https://legal.thomsonreuters.com.au/lawyers-practice-manual-victoria-online/productdetail/59464>



Small Grants

SMLS also received a grant from the Department of Social Services to procure computer and other much-needed office equipment. This grant is a helpful contribution while we plan for our upcoming office expansion. We send our warmest thanks to the Department!

Dandenong Magistrate's Court-Family Violence List

SMLS now offers a Family Violence Duty Lawyer at Dandenong Magistrate's Court 5 days per week from 9am to 4pm. We welcome the opportunity to support those experiencing violence in our communities and continue to advocate for systemic and behavioural change through our community legal education, community development and law reform activities.



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