



Attorney General & Justice

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FREE LEGAL HELP IN TENTERFIELD

People in Tenterfield can now obtain free legal help as part of a new service announced today by the Chief Executive Officer of Legal Aid NSW, Alan Kirkland.

From 24 May 2011, lawyers funded by Legal Aid NSW will be on hand on the fourth Tuesday of each month to provide legal advice and assistance for a range of problems, including:

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

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

"The nearest Legal Aid office is over 160 km away in Lismore. Through this program, we can provide a regular service to people living in and around Tenterfield, particularly those who can't afford to see a private lawyer," Mr Kirkland said.

"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 fourth Tuesday of every month at:

Tenterfield Courthouse
94 Molesworth Street, Tenterfield
11 am – 2 pm

To make an appointment call (07) 6772 1322