



# Attorney General & Justice

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## FREE LEGAL HELP IN ORANGE

People in Orange 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 1 June 2011, lawyers funded by Legal Aid NSW will be on hand on the first Wednesday 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 the new service has been established to respond to gaps in the availability of legal assistance, particularly in rural communities.

"The nearest Legal Aid civil law service is over 150 km away in Dubbo. Through this program we can provide a regular service to people living in and around Orange, 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 first Wednesday of every month at:

### **Orange Courthouse**

Cnr Lords Place and Byng Street, Orange

From 9 am – 12 pm

To make an appointment call (02) 6365 2634