

LEGAL AID MATTERS

*** MEDIA ALERT ***

LAWYERS AROUND AUSTRALIA TO RALLY TO END CRISIS IN LEGAL AID

Lawyers in every major city in Australia will this week (Law Week) host rallies and events in support of an unprecedented national [‘Legal Aid Matters’](#) campaign [launched today](#). The campaign is aimed at ensuring the next Federal Government responds decisively to Australia’s legal aid funding crisis.

When: Monday, 16 May - Friday 20 May (Law Week)

Where:

- Perth (16 May)
- Adelaide (16 May)
- Tasmania (16 May)
- Melbourne (17 May)
- Brisbane (17 May)
- Canberra (18 May)
- Sydney (19 May)
- Darwin (various)

FURTHER INFORMATION:

A full list of events, times, locations and individual contacts is attached.

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Legal Aid Matters Campaign Events (Law Week, 16-20 May 2016)

Date	State/Territory	Event	Contact
16 May, 7:15am	Western Australia	<p>The Case for Legal Aid</p> <p>Law Week Breakfast with Fred Chaney AO</p> <p>Argyle Room, Parmelia Hilton Hotel, 14 Mill Street, Perth</p>	<p>Moira McKechnie Manager Marketing & Communications</p> <p>The Law Society of Western Australia</p> <p>T: (08) 9324 8650</p> <p>F: (08) 9324 8699</p> <p>E: mmckechnie@lawsocietywa.asn.au</p> <p>W: lawsocietywa.asn.au</p>
16 May, 1pm	South Australia	<p>Legal Aid Campaign Rally</p> <p>Gathering for members of the profession and other interested parties. Speakers include the Hon Robyn Layton AO QC and Tim Graham, Director of JusticeNetSA. Claire O'Connor SC will MC the event.</p> <p>The following members of the profession will be available for media interviews at the rally: Patrick O'Sullivan QC (President, Australian Bar Association), Bill Boucaut SC, David Edwardson QC, Marie Shaw QC, and Cheryl Axleby (CEO, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement)</p> <p>Victoria Square in front of the Courts, Adelaide</p>	<p>Michael Esposito Communications Manager</p> <p>The Law Society of South Australia</p> <p>T: +61 8 8229 0222</p> <p>F: +61 8 8231 1929</p> <p>M: +61 422 073 146</p> <p>E: Michael.Esposito@lawsocietysa.asn.au</p> <p>W: www.lawsocietysa.asn.au</p>
16 May, 1pm	Tasmania	<p>Rally for Legal Aid</p> <p>Speakers include Michael Hill, recently retired Chief Magistrate of Tasmania, and Kym Goodes, CEO of the Tasmanian Council of Social Service</p> <p>Parliament House Lawns, Hobart</p>	<p>Matthew Verney President</p> <p>Law Society of Tasmania</p> <p>M: 0438 248 708</p> <p>E: matthew.verney@me.com</p> <p>W: www.lst.org.au</p>

16 May, 1 pm	Victoria	<p>Speaker event with Steven Hynes: 'Access to justice and legal aid in the UK'</p> <p>Neil McPhee Room, Owen Dixon Chambers East, 205 William Street, Melbourne</p>	<p>Kerry O'Shea General Manager Public Affairs and Legal Policy Law Institute of Victoria T: +61 3 9607 9373 (Direct) T: +61 3 9607 9311 (Switchboard) F: +61 3 9607 9542 M: 0401 107 103 E: koshea@liv.asn.au W: http://www.liv.asn.au</p>
16-18 May	Northern Territory	<p>Social Media Campaign (times to be confirmed)</p> <p>Various speaking engagements and activities</p> <p>Speakers include Fiona McLeod SC, President-Elect of the Law Council</p>	<p>Megan Lawton CEO Law Society Northern Territory M: 0418892248 E: megan.lawton@lawsocietynt.asn.au W: lawsocietynt.asn.au</p>
17 May, 9am	Victoria	<p>Rally for Legal Aid</p> <p>Gathering for members of the profession, stakeholders, media and other interested parties</p> <p>County Court of Victoria Forecourt, 250 William Street, Melbourne</p>	<p>Kerry O'Shea General Manager Public Affairs and Legal Policy Law Institute of Victoria T: +61 3 9607 9373 (Direct) T: +61 3 9607 9311 (Switchboard) F: +61 3 9607 9542 M: 0401 107 103 E: koshea@liv.asn.au W: http://www.liv.asn.au</p>
17 May, 5:30pm	Queensland	<p>Joint Bar Association of Queensland and Queensland Law Society event</p> <p>BAQ President Christopher Hughes QC and QLS President Bill Potts will co-chair the event</p> <p>Held at the Bar Association of Queensland, Inns Of Court, 107 North Quay, Brisbane</p>	<p>Matt Dunn Government Relations Principal Advisor Queensland Law Society T: 07 3842 5862 M: 0423 284 721 E: m.dunn@qls.com.au W: qls.com.au</p>
17 May, 6:30 for 7:00pm	Victoria	<p>The inaugural Cranlana Programme Justice & Society Oration and Dinner</p> <p>Speaker: Steven Hynes, 'Saving Legal Aid'. Cost is \$150 per person, including dinner and drinks</p> <p>Cranlana, 62 Clendon Road,</p>	<p>Kerry O'Shea General Manager Public Affairs and Legal Policy Law Institute of Victoria T: +61 3 9607 9373 (Direct) T: +61 3 9607 9311 (Switchboard) F: +61 3 9607 9542 M: 0401 107 103 E: koshea@liv.asn.au W: http://www.liv.asn.au</p>

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18 May, 8am	ACT	<p>Walk for Legal Aid</p> <p>Members of the profession and public walk to raise awareness of legal aid</p> <p>Walk starts at CLC Hub, 21 Barry Drive, Turner</p> <p>Walk ends at ACT Supreme Court, Knowles Place, Canberra</p>	<p>Nicole Karman Communications Officer ACT Law Society T: 02 6274 0308 E: nicole.karman@actlawsociety.asn.au W: https://www.actlawsociety.asn.au/</p>
19 May, 8am	NSW	<p>Joint Law Society of NSW and NSW Bar Association Event</p> <p>Legal assistance funding campaign event</p> <p>Public forum with keynote speaker Steve Hynes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Case studies · Petition <p>The Law Society of New South Wales, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney</p>	<p>Jacob O'Shaughnessy Media and Public Relations Manager The Law Society of New South Wales T: 02 9926 0288 M: 0413 440 699 E: Jacob.oshaughnessy@lawsociety.com.au W: www.lawsociety.com.au</p>