

Hours of Operation:



Bunbury Office:

9.00am to 4.00pm Monday - Thursday
(Closed Fridays)

14 Plaza Street
South Bunbury, WA 6230

Legal Advice Service Outreach Locations

Bridgetown
Bunbury Regional Prison
Busselton
Collie
Harvey
Manjimup
Margaret River
Narrogin

FREE Restraining Order information sessions

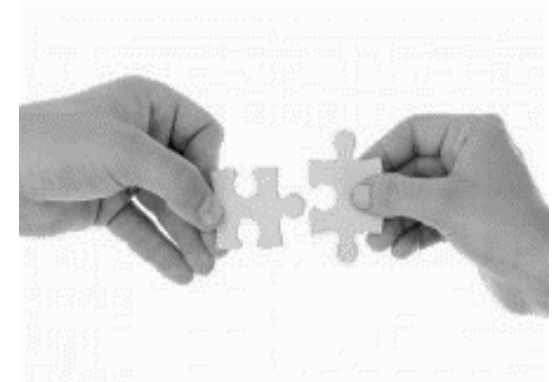
Monthly sessions in Bunbury; for
upcoming dates, times and location please
phone (08) 9791 3206.

For further information
about our services visit:

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*Restraining Order
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About Us

South West Community Legal Centre Inc. is an independent not for profit community-based organisation providing quality legal advice and information services targeted towards disadvantaged and vulnerable people across the South West region of Western Australia.

Our Vision

Equal access to justice for all.

Our Mission

To provide quality legal and associated services to address disadvantage in the South West Community.

Our Values

- Respect
- Empowerment
- Integrity
- Effectiveness
- Equity and Social Justice

About the Restraining Order Duty Lawyer & Support Program

Our centre provides a duty lawyer and social support service every Tuesday in the Bunbury Magistrates Court and every second Wednesday in the Busselton Magistrates court.

Why attend an information session?

Our general information sessions will help you understand the law relating to Family Violence Restraining Orders, court procedure and potential options for reaching a negotiated outcome. We provide two sessions; the first sessions are intended to benefit Applicants and the second to inform Respondents. These sessions are free and are open to everyone. These sessions provide general information only. If you require legal advice, we suggest you contact our centre.

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What can the duty lawyer do for me?

Once you have attended a general information session, you may have questions specific to your restraining order matter.

If you are eligible for our service, and subject to capacity, the duty lawyer may be able to provide:

- Legal advice;
- Minor representation in Court;
- Minor assistance with court documents; and
- Assistance in negotiations with other parties.

Sometimes there are ethical reasons that mean we cannot provide you with further support. If that is the case, we can usually refer you to another service.

What can the social support officer do for me?

If you are eligible for our service, our social support officer can provide:

- Facilitated referral/s to support services (separate to legal advice). For example; safety planning, counselling, mediation, crisis accommodation, advocacy, etc.
- Follow up support to ensure individuals connect with other community agencies.

How do I access duty lawyer or social support officer services at Restraining Order Court?

Please look for our signs and staff at the court on the day of your restraining order listing. Take a number to complete an intake form. Our staff will then assess your eligibility for our service and direct you from there.



How Much Will It Cost?

Our services, including information sessions, duty lawyer assistance and social support are all free. However, we are grateful for all donations as they help us to continue providing much needed services to the community.

What if I cannot access SWCLC services?

Our organisation is bound by the laws governing legal practice in Western Australia. These laws impose certain ethical obligations on all lawyers, such as a duty to avoid acting where there may be a conflict of interest, and a duty to maintain the confidentiality of all clients. As a result of our ethical obligations, there can be times when we are not able to assist particular parties.

At these times, we usually cannot give too much information about why we are unable to assist. We understand that this can be frustrating. However, we can provide information about alternative services available in our area. For example, if you cannot access our service for advice, you may wish to contact:

- Community Legal Centres Association WA (9221 9322 for information about alternative CLC's who may be able to assist);
- Legal Aid South West Office (9721 2277);
- Legal Aid Infoline (1300 650 579); and
- Private Solicitors

PLEASE NOTE that our general information sessions are open to everyone, including persons who are not able to obtain individual advice from our duty lawyer service.