

Central Highlands Community Legal Centre Inc

What is a Community Legal Centre?

Community Legal Centres (CLCs) are independently operating not-for-profit, community-based organisations that provide legal services to the public, focussing on the disadvantaged and people with special needs. The clients of CLCs are those who face economic, social or cultural disadvantage, are often experiencing multiple inter-related problems, and frequently their legal problem may affect their and their family's entire life circumstances. While providing legal services to individuals, CLCs also work beyond the individual. CLCs undertake community development, community legal education, capacity building and law and policy reform projects that are based on people's needs, are preventative in outcome and strengthen and empower the community they serve.

Central Highlands Community Legal Centre (CHCLC)

CHCLC is a community organisation that provides legal advice and referral, casework and information to people who live, work and study in the Central Highlands Region. The Centre relies on both state and federal funding, as well as one off funding provided by local government and philanthropic organisations. Like many CLC's we are provided with recurrent government funding for provide our core services and as such we are accountable in keeping within Commonwealth Guidelines. Other smaller grants are eagerly sought for project work.

Who can access the Centre?

While anyone can access the Centre, services are targeted to people who cannot afford Private Legal Practitioners or do not qualify for Legal Aid. CHCLC does not do income or asset testing for a client to qualify for assistance. CHCLC is a free service.

Do I need an appointment to see a Lawyer?

Yes, appointments must be made to see a Lawyer. Please call 5331 5999 or 1800 466 488 for Outreach in Ararat and Stawell.

Ballarat Office location: 15 Dawson Street, North, Ballarat.

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