

2026

'Showing The Way'



TOONGABBIE
LEGAL CENTRE INC.

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One Day CLE – Continuing Legal Education on

Criminal Law

Saturday 7 March 2026

Venue: ACU Campus, 22 Main Street, Blacktown

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC)

TLC is an unfunded not-for-profit legal centre located in the heart of Western Sydney since 2007. TLC offers free legal advice to individuals experiencing barriers to legal access.

TLC is in its seventeenth year of providing legal advice and assistance to vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

We place great importance on empowering the community through legal education and support.

TLC has learned Western Sydney contributes to two-thirds of Sydney's gambling losses with serious

impacts on the 'individual, families and communities'*

TLC affirms GambleAware's purpose to work towards zero gambling-related harm in NSW through research, education and support for individuals and communities.

Toongabbie Legal Centre – Legal Clinic

TLC continues to support the community from St Anthony's church on Thursday (6:00pm – 9:00pm) and Saturday (9:00am – 1:00pm).

Blacktown Legal Centre (TLC's outreach service)

From 16 May 2024 BLC reopened in Blacktown from

ACU Blacktown campus on Thursday (6:00pm – 8:30pm) and Saturday (10:00am – 1:00pm).

Our Vision

With huge population increases and many new migrants and refugees settling in the Toongabbie – Seven Hills – Blacktown area, our vision is to establish full-time free legal services for vulnerable and disadvantaged persons people.

Susai Benjamin OAM

Principal Solicitor &
Honorary Chief Executive Officer

Toongabbie Legal Centre supports the GambleAware Campaign Blue Mountains & Western Sydney • gambleaware.nsw.gov.au • 1800 858 858

What's gambling really costing you?

Gambling is a normal activity for some people. It might be a bit of fun with friends, a weekly lottery ticket, or a day at the races. However, for some people, gambling can become harmful. Gambling can come at a high cost including financially, emotionally and personally leading to a breakdown of family and relationship.

How do I know if gambling is a problem?

If gambling is causing stress or anxiety, it might be a sign that it's a problem. Other signs are:

- Feeling guilty, anxious or depressed about gambling
- Losing control of how much time or money is spent on gambling
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Trying to win back losses
- Borrowing money or selling valuables to gamble
- Falling behind with bills or signing up new credit cards
- Thinking about gambling every day
- Lying about gambling

You can be gamble aware and gamble more safely.

You can build safeguards into your gambling with tried-and-true strategies such as:

- Get a handle on how you gamble
- Set limits on how much you bet
- Make sure you're informed
- Have a game plan
- Don't get caught up in the moment
- Use social support
- Get balance in your life
- If you need help, ask. Help is close at hand.

*See website for details.

Take a break and ban yourself

A good way to take control is deciding to block, ban or bar yourself (also called self-exclusion) from gambling. Self-exclusion can help if you want to cut down, have a break or quit for good. You choose the locations or websites that you know present risks for you – a venue, the section of a venue where there's gambling (say, the gaming room), or an online betting service – and you say how long you want to opt out. It might be temporary or permanent. It's your call.

How can you have a conversation about gambling?

It takes courage and commitment to support someone struggling with gambling on their journey to change. Although you're an important part of this process, remember it's your friend or loved one who has to take responsibility for their own gambling.

Supporting employees who have gambling issues

Workplaces have a responsibility to take care of health and safety at work. It might seem like common sense that gambling in the workplace is banned but having a clear policy can help reduce the impact.

Supporting a workmate who may have gambling issues

Do you have a colleague who gambles in the workplace? Do you think they may be struggling with gambling? Check out your workplace gambling policy so you understand what your obligations are. Your employer has a duty of care.

Accessing Support

No matter how you're affected by gambling - your own or someone else's - GambleAware can help. It's never too late to get help – you can reach out today. For free,

confidential advice and support, and to find services near you, visit gambleaware.nsw.gov.au or call us on 1800 858 858. GambleAware can also arrange for you to speak to a professional GambleAware counsellor who either speaks your language or knows your culture.

Young people's use of gambling-like products

The NSW Youth Gambling Study 2020** explored gambling and simulated gambling by young people aged 12-17 years in NSW. It found that participation in simulated gambling (gambling-like products)² by young people is widespread and that it appears to be increasing. The most popular forms of gambling were informal private betting, scratchies or lotteries, bingo and keno. However, a quarter of the young people who had gambled in the past year had gambled online. The most common way they gambled online was by using a parent's account with their permission.

Parents and carers can have the greatest influence on children's attitudes and behaviours towards gambling. Many parents believe that gambling is harmless fun and don't set any rules about gambling. This normalises the behaviour and can lead to their child experiencing gambling harm in adulthood.

Here some practical tips for parents and carers to protect young people from gambling harm:

- Be a good role model
- Explain how gambling works
- Discuss how gambling advertising works
- Play your child's video games
- Limit the amount of online screen time
- Don't allow your children to use your credit card
- Adjust your online security and ad settings
- Blocking access to gambling websites
- Activate parental controls

TLC is pleased to announce its CLE – one day program on

Criminal Law Saturday 7 March 2026

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Registration includes morning coffee/tea; buffet lunch and afternoon tea/coffee.

Course Fees:

Early Registration \$400 pp**

TLC volunteers & full time employees at CLCs
Registration \$200 pp**

*Conditions apply. **Plus Humanitix fees.

WEBINAR OPTION AVAILABLE

Contact: admin@tlc.asn.au

Refund Policy: No refund – Substitution option available

Doors Open at 8.15am

Opening Welcome & Introduction

8.20am

SESSION ONE

8.30-9.30am

Topic: *Inquests - Dealing with those assisting the Coroner when appearing for a party of Sufficient Interest*

Presenter: *Tim Hammond*, Barrister, Samuel Griffith Chambers

Chair: *Valentino Musico*, Senior Solicitor, Inquests, Inquiries and Representation, NSW Department of Communities and Justice, Legal.

SESSION TWO

9.30-10.30am

Topic: *Role of Subpoenas in Criminal Law*

Presenter: *Mark Higgins*, Barrister, Black Chambers

Chair: *Brett Thomson*, Director, Crown Solicitor's Office

10.30-11.00am – Morning Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION THREE

11.00am-12.00noon

Topic: *New DV Offences & AVOs*

Presenter: *Carolina Soto*, Barrister, Black Chambers

Chair: *His Hon Acting Magistrate Howard Bell OAM*, Local Court of NSW

SESSION FOUR

12.00-1.00pm

Topic: *Malicious Prosecution and Intentional Torts*

Presenter: *Adrian Williams*, Barrister, Wardell Chambers

Chair: *His Hon Magistrate Mark Douglass*, Local Court of NSW

1.00-1.30pm – Lunch Break

SESSION FIVE

1.30-2.30pm

Topic: *Rule of Law & Criminal Law*

Presenter: *Greg Walsh*, Principal Solicitor, Greg Walsh & Co.

Chair: *Her Honour Magistrate Vivien Swain*, Local Court NSW

SESSION SIX

2.30-3.30pm

Topic: *Appearing for a Person of Interest at an Inquest*

Presenter: *The Honourable Phil Boulten SC*, Supreme Court of NSW

Chair: *His Hon Deputy Chief Magistrate Theo Tsavdaridis*, Local Court of NSW

3.30-4.00pm – Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION SEVEN

4.00-5.00pm

Topic: *Just Because: "A review of a law of causation"*

Presenter: *Andrew Tiedt*, Accredited Specialist – Criminal Law, Director JSA NSW

Chair: *His Hon Magistrate Aaron Tang*, Local Court of NSW



PLEASE DONATE TO:

CROWDFUNDING APPEAL for the construction of the Justice Margaret Beazley Centre

Tax deductible donations toward this appeal can be made to:

Toongabbie Legal Centre's Building –
Justice Margaret Beazley Centre

St George Bank – BSB: 112-879 – A/C #: 495 773 012

UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTER NOW with Humanitix

Seminar on Family Law

Saturday 14 March 2026

ACU Campus 22 Main Street, Blacktown

Seminar on Rule 6.1

Saturday 21 March 2026

ACU Campus 22 Main Street, Blacktown

Tax & Equity

Friday 27 March 2026

K&L Gates, Level 31, 1 O'Connell St, Sydney

SAVE THE DATE

19TH Annual Community Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, 31 October 2026

VENUE: Blacktown Leisure Centre,
Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens

Early Bird Tickets \$120 each (till 23 October)
Late Booking Tickets \$150 each (till 30 October)
Door Sales on 31 October \$200 each

FOR BOOKINGS:

events.humanitix.com/tlcdinner
or scan QR Code



REGISTRATION FORM (Criminal Law Seminar, Saturday 7 March 2026)

You can also register on line at: <https://events.humanitix.com/seminar-1-criminal-law-mcle-7-march-2026>

Name: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Prof _____

Phone (day): Work: _____ Home: _____ Mobile: _____

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PAYMENT METHODS (please tick)

1. On-line Registration with Credit Card details

2. EFT: Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (General Account) – BSB: 112 879 Account: 068 469 489

3. Payments by cheque:

Enclosed cheque for: \$ _____ payable to: **Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.** (TLC), PO Box 232, Toongabbie NSW 2146

* Receipts will be issued for all payments

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