



Marrickville Legal Centre

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January Update

Welcome to 2025!

After a refreshing holiday break, our office doors have reopened and our staff and volunteers have hit the ground running to connect our communities to the vital legal services they need.

This newsletter, we're reflecting on the launch our new legal practice management platform, showcasing one of our own in the media, and outlining some upcoming changes to our operating hours.

Consensus for Purpose - serving justice for all



We are pleased to announce that our new legal practice management platform went live this week!

Behind the scenes, we have worked in collaboration with Women's Legal Service Queensland, the Environmental Defenders Office, and Microsoft Partner Barhead Solutions to design and deploy this platform - named Consensus for Purpose.

The sector-leading partnership, spearheaded by MLC, was formed back in 2021 in response to a heightened demand for aid from community legal centres across the country.

Consensus for Purpose is truly innovative, as it has been built to streamline the entire client journey with automated workflows and is AI-ready through the use of Microsoft's Copilot.

This in turn will reduce administrative burden, allowing community legal centres to focus on providing legal advice for those needing help and improving access to justice across Australia.

[Read the media release](#)

Closing loopholes: criminal wage theft laws



Our Assistant Principal Solicitor Lucy Bull spoke to Thomson Reuters Legal Australia recently, sharing their thoughts on the criminalisation of wage theft and encouraging Australian workers to keep up to date with their entitlements regarding wages.

[You can read their article here.](#)

Changes to operating hours



As part of our efforts to improve access to #JusticeForAll, we're trialling after-hours services.

From Monday 3rd March, our Centre's operating hours will extend from 5:30pm - 8pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Extending our operating hours means that people who previously couldn't access our services during business hours now have the option to call us or visit us in-person on these days. [You can check out our operating hours here.](#)

Support MLC today



A new year means a new beginning, so why not kick off 2025 by committing to improve access to #JusticeForUsAll?

Please consider making your first donation of the year to MLC so we can continue to offer our services to those who need it most.

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2025 is already set to be an exciting year for MLC with many events and initiatives in the pipeline - watch this space as we make more announcements!

Warm regards,

The MLC team



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