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Community Legal Services and Student Learning Integration

The University of Newcastle Legal Centre provides free legal advice clinics to people in the lower Hunter throughout the year, while offering law students invaluable real-world experience through client interaction and legal practice under qualified supervision. Our Centre operates as a community legal centre specifically targeting people from disadvantaged backgrounds who often struggle to obtain legal advice, combining essential community service with practical legal education.

PARTNERSHIP CAPABILITIES

- **Free Legal Advice Clinics:** Year-round clinics serving the lower Hunter community
- **Student Mentorship:** Law students in their later years interact with clients and assist qualified lawyers
- **Ongoing Legal Assistance:** Comprehensive support including legal research, document drafting, and advice letters
- **Specialised Services:** Dedicated Older Persons Legal Clinic for targeted support
- **Community Outreach:** Law on the Beach outreach clinics extending our reach
- **Educational Integration:** Supervised learning environment for practical legal skills development

PROVEN IMPACT

- **Community Reach:** Over 1,000 clients receive legal advice annually
- **Ongoing Support:** Approximately 350 clients receive comprehensive ongoing legal assistance each year
- **Student Development:** Law students gain invaluable experience in client interaction, legal research, and document preparation
- **Targeted Support:** Services specifically designed for disadvantaged backgrounds and vulnerable populations
- **Specialised Care:** Dedicated programs for older persons and community outreach initiatives
- **Supervised Excellence:** All student work conducted under qualified lawyer supervision ensuring quality service delivery

EMPOWERING FUTURE LAWYERS WHILE SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Legal Centre's innovative model transforms law students into skilled practitioners while ensuring over 1,000 community members receive essential legal advice annually. Students work directly with clients under qualified supervision, drafting legal documents, conducting research, and preparing advice letters—creating a win-win situation where community legal needs are met while future lawyers gain invaluable practical experience.



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