



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**NEWCASTLE**  
AUSTRALIA

## **University of Newcastle Legal Centre (UNLC)**

### **Aims and Objectives**

#### Clinical Legal Education

To provide all law students with high quality clinical legal education. All students are guaranteed an intensive professional legal placement at the UNLC dealing with clients who are disadvantaged in dealing with the legal system.

Students to be engaged effectively in client casework engendering deep learning about the law, enhancing lawyering skills and promoting excellent lawyering values including inculcating an ethos of social justice.

Actively pursue applied research in dealing with systemic issues and problems with the law and facilitating access to the legal system.

#### Access to Justice and Service of the Community

To provide advice, assistance, advocacy and representation for persons who are marginalised and disadvantaged in dealing with the legal system.

To provide advice, assistance, advocacy and representation for older persons, their carers and families. To devise methods and strategies to combat elder abuse.

Developing a strong community and fostering mutual respect, social justice and a united voice between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal Australians.

To undertake public interest advocacy where there has been a miscarriage of justice or other serious failure in the administration of justice or a serious wrong.

To promote access to justice for persons who are disadvantaged in dealing with the legal system by empowering persons with legal information, delivering community legal education seminars and making contributions to law reform and government inquiries.

To provide holistic services to the community including partnering with other community organisations, government departments and university disciplines.