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## Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre now open in Broken Hill

People living in Far West New South Wales can access free and confidential legal services locally following the opening of Mallee Family Care's new Community Legal Centre (CLC) in Broken Hill.

Located at 304 Oxide Street, the CLC provides free generalist community legal services including advice, information, referrals and casework. The Centre's qualified and experienced staff also provide Duty Lawyer services at the Broken Hill Court on matters such as tenancy and minor traffic offences.

Mallee Family Care CEO Teresa Jayet encouraged people in need of legal assistance in Far West NSW to contact the CLC.

"We are committed to ensuring that everyone in the Broken Hill and Central Darling local government areas, as well as those in unincorporated areas of Far West NSW, have access to the legal support they need," Ms Jayet said.

"Our free services cover a wide range of legal issues including family law, domestic violence, welfare rights, consumer problems, and more."

Other matters the Community Legal Centre can assist with include employment, equal opportunity/discrimination, credit and debt, wills and Power of Attorney (advice only), driving and traffic offences, motor vehicle accidents and complaints against public organisations and employees.

In addition to direct client services, the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre conducts community legal education sessions and engages in law reform advocacy activities to promote systemic change and empower the local community.

"In just a few short weeks we have actively established our new service to ensure a seamless approach to support community," Ms Jayet said.

Experienced and qualified staff have been appointed to the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre in Broken Hill, and recruitment for two additional roles is now underway.

"We are thrilled to welcome our new Broken Hill-based staff to the Mallee Family Care team and look forward to providing high-quality, compassionate legal support tailored to the unique needs of the local community."

A place-based Not-for-Profit organisation, Mallee Family Care provides more than 70 services and programs to support families, children and individuals living in North West Victoria, Far West New South Wales and the Riverland region of South Australia.



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Since 1979, Mallee Family Care has been committed to reducing barriers, expanding choice and potential for all members of the community.

Mallee Family Care also runs a Community Legal Centre from Mildura, which provides outreach services to Swan Hill, Kerang, Robinvale and Dareton.

For more information about the services available at the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre in Broken Hill, call 1800 300 036 or (08) 8088 2020 or email clcfarwest@malleefamilycare.com.au.

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