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Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre celebrates 30 years

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre is celebrating 30 years of service at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 15 October.

What began in 1996 as the Murray Mallee Community Legal Service now provides free and confidential legal advice, information, referrals and casework to people across Victoria and New South Wales (NSW) facing some of life's toughest challenges.

Mallee Family Care's Chief Executive Officer, Teresa Jayet, said she is deeply proud of how far the service has come.

"Thirty years on, our focus continues to be on the most vulnerable people in our community, those at risk and experiencing disadvantage, because everyone deserves access to justice," Ms Jayet said.

"That has meant bringing legal help directly to communities that need it. In our first year of operations, we began outreach to Robinvale, Ouyen and Swan Hill. In 2024, we opened an office in Broken Hill, reaching some of the most remote communities in Far West NSW.

"It has meant standing beside women and families experiencing family violence, through services such as our Intervention Order Support Service and our Family Violence Legal Unit.

"We have also led the way, from delivering Mildura's first openly advertised legal education event for the LGBTIQ+ community to advocating for a better legal system through our submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission's Review of Family Violence Laws."

Ms Jayet said the 30-year milestone belongs to everyone who has helped build the Community Legal Centre.

"We are so grateful to our staff past and present, our Board, partners and funding bodies who have made this work possible."

At the AGM, Ms Jayet will share highlights from the Community Legal Centre's 30 years. Guests will also hear a keynote address from National Children's Commissioner Deb Tsorbaris on children's rights, access to justice and the role of community legal services.

Event details

Date: Thursday 15 October 2026

Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, followed by lunch

Venue: Mildura Arts Centre, 199 Cureton Ave, Mildura

Cost: Free

RSVP: Email events@malleefamilycare.com.au, including dietary requirements

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