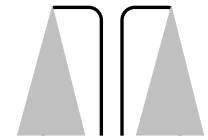


Press Release

'The Honourable Robert Clark, Attorney General,
Breakfasts with Peninsula Community Legal Centre for
Law Week '



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The Honourable Robert Clark, Attorney General and Minister for Finance was the key note speaker at Peninsula Community Legal Centre's inaugural Law Week Breakfast, held on Wednesday 18th May.

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"The theme of this year's Law Week is 'Law and Justice in your Community'; and it would be difficult to find a more appropriate illustration of law and justice in the local community than the on-the-ground services provided by our community legal centres," says Mr. Clark.

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Bevan Warner, Managing Director of Victoria Legal Aid and guest speaker at the breakfast said, "Law Week is about demystifying the law and making it accessible for ordinary people. It follows that if people don't understand the law, or experience justice when they are confronted by the law, they will not respect it".

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For more than 30 years, Peninsula Community Legal Centre has played an important role in providing access to justice to many people in the local community who would otherwise be unable to obtain legal assistance. In the last financial year, the most common legal issues were family law and family violence.

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Mr. Clark says, "The goal of the Peninsula CLC – 'to empower and support disadvantaged community members of the South East and Westernport Region to use the law and legal system to protect and advance their rights and broaden their awareness of their responsibilities' – perfectly illustrates the role that our community legal centre's play in the provision of an accessible and fair legal system."

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CEO, Helen Constatas also spoke at the breakfast and referred to recent Victoria Police statistics, which show that Frankston remains in the top 3 local government areas within Victoria for family violence incidences. "Over the past 5 years, Peninsula Community Legal Centre has had an overwhelming 233% increase in demand for assistance for family violence related matters at the Frankston Magistrates' Court. Interestingly, Victoria Police statistics indicate there has been a significant drop in crime in Frankston over the last year."

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For more information about free legal services and specialised programs, contact Peninsula Community Legal Centre on 9783 3600 or visit www.pclc.org.au.

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