

## Who can help?

### Chamber Magistrate

Ph 4421 2277  
Milton 44552116

Court House, Nowra. Free procedural advice and help to complete forms relating to matters including Enduring Guardianship and Power of Attorney. Will act as prescribed witness. Phone for an appointment.

### Aged-Care Rights Service (TARS)

Ph 1800 424 079

Free legal advice and advocacy regarding aged care for residents of retirement villages, nursing homes and people receiving Community Aged Care Packages. Also offer advice for those about to enter government-funded nursing homes, will help to resolve disputes, make formal complaints, represent and advocate on behalf of people at tribunals and hearings.

### Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre

Ph 1800 686 587

Community legal information and education. Will assist with matters regarding violence against Aboriginal women, children and youth.

### Telephone Interpreter Service

Call 131 450 for an interpreter in your language. Advise them of the phone number of the Legal Centre you need.

### Welfare Rights Centre

Ph 1800 226 028  
TTY (02) 9211 0238

Free advice and information regarding social security and Centrelink. Assistance and/or representation with the appeal process. Phone advice Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri After 12pm. See website for facts sheet

## What else is available?

### Disability Discrimination Legal Centre

Ph 1800 800 708  
(02) 9313 6000  
TTY (02)93104320

Accurate and straightforward advice for making a complaint about disability discrimination. Legal advice on Tue, Wed, Fri 09.30-12.30

### NSW Office of Fair Trading

Ph 133220  
44233417  
TTY 1300 723404

Free information about rights and responsibilities in regards to refunds, warranties and unsafe or defective products. Can also take consumer complaints and assist in the resolution of consumer disputes.

### Internet Websites

These websites can provide you with further legal information. Some also offer legal assistance via email. Free internet access is available at Nowra public library, Berry St, ph 4429 3705.

Legal Aid	<a href="http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au">www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au</a>
Women's Legal Services NSW	<a href="http://www.womenslegalsw.asn.au">www.womenslegalsw.asn.au</a>
Older Persons Tenants Service	<a href="http://www.cpsa.org.au">www.cpsa.org.au</a>
Law Access	<a href="http://www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au">www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au</a>
Veterans' Advocacy Service	<a href="http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au">www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au</a>
Shoalcoast CLC	<a href="http://www.shoalcoast.org.au">www.shoalcoast.org.au</a>
Aged-care Rights Service	<a href="http://www.tars.com.au">www.tars.com.au</a>
Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre	<a href="http://www.wirringabaiya.org.au">www.wirringabaiya.org.au</a>
Disability Discrimination Legal Centre	<a href="http://www.ddlcnsw.org.au">www.ddlcnsw.org.au</a>
NSW Office of Fair Trading	<a href="http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au">www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au</a>
Welfare Right Centre	<a href="http://www.welfarefairright.org.au">www.welfarefairright.org.au</a>

### For Further Information contact

Community Development Officer, Ageing and Disability.  
Shoalhaven City Council, phone 44 293 411  
Information correct as of April 2009



## Where can I get Legal Help?

Legal Assistance for Shoalhaven Seniors

## Where can I go?

**Legal Aid** Ph 4422 4351  
Suite 1, Level 2, 55-57 Berry St, Nowra  
Free 30 min face to face legal advice sessions regarding family law on Mon, Wed and Civil law on Tues. Call for an appointment. Also offer legal aid grants for court representation. Grants are means and merits tested.

**Women's Legal Services NSW** Ph 1800 801 501  
TTY 1800 674 333  
Free advice Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30 and Mon Fri (except Wed) 1.30-4.30pm. Free legal information, advice & referral on legal issues which affect women.

**Indigenous Women's Legal Contact**  
Ph 1800 990 777

**Community Justice Centre** 1800 650 987  
1800 990 777  
TTY 1800671964  
Free mediation and conflict management service to aid you in dispute resolution.

**Older Persons Tenants' Service**  
Ph (02) 95661120  
TTY (02)92813893  
Offer advice, information and advocacy regarding tenancy and housing issues.

**Parks & Village Service (PAVS)** Ph (02) 95661010  
Provides legal information & advice on the rights & responsibilities of residents of residential parks & manufactured home estates, case work & advocacy.

## What legal help is available?

**Law Access** Ph 1300 888 529  
TTY 1300 889 529

Phone service 9am-5pm Mon-Fri.  
Offers information on legal aid policies, services and applications. If disability, severe disadvantage or an urgent matter prevent you from accessing a legal aid office, Law Access can offer family and civil law advice.

**Veterans' Advocacy Service**  
Visits Nowra every 6 weeks. Call (02) 9219 5148 for an appointment. You can also call the Sydney Office reverse charge on 9219 5148. Reverse charge calls accepted by calling 12550.  
Help for veterans, current and ex-ADF personnel and dependants to obtain a War Widows, Disability or Service Pension, Gold Card, military compensation and other Dept of Veterans' Affairs entitlements. Free advice and help to lodge appeals and complete claim forms, statements. Free representation at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and higher courts, including preparing your case and obtaining evidence and expert reports.

**Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT**  
Ph 4422 3255

89 Plunkett St, Nowra  
Free legal advice and referral service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

**Public Trustee** Ph 4229 6511  
59 Market St Wollongong  
Will making, Estate management, Attorney services, Trust. Phone for appointment.

## Who can I phone?

**Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre**  
Ph 4422 9529  
1800 229 529

50 Junction St, Nowra  
Free legal advice and advocacy on family and civil law matters, including Centrelink pensions and benefits. Referral service, help with court papers, community legal education, Victim's Compensation, and in some cases, litigation and court work.  
Free phone advice Tues 10am-12pm and Thurs 2pm-4pm. In-person advice is offered by appointment on weekdays, except Wed.

**Local Law Firms**  
Many solicitors offer a free initial consultation. Solicitors must be up-front with you about their fees, so feel free to inquire about fees and any disbursement costs you may face. Take all relevant documents to the first appointment. If you are frail or unable to travel, many solicitors are willing to travel to your place of residence to discuss your legal matter.  
Look in the telephone directory under 'Solicitors' or contact a legal centre or the Law Society (ph (02) 99260333) to refer you to a few firms which specialise in your particular legal matter.