

NSW Legal Information and Referral Forum **Report to NLA**

LIRF met on 3 September 2019 at the State Library of NSW.

Sorry Business Project – Bobbi Murray, Central Coast CLC

Bobbi discussed the joint project between the Central Coast CLC and the Central Coast CLSD Program to produce a publication about the information needed when someone dies in the Aboriginal community. Through an extensive consultation process it was established that there is a real need for this type of information from communities across NSW. It is planned to include information on wills, power of attorney and enduring guardianship documents for Aboriginal people, funerals, dealing with the debts of the departed, if a loved one dies off country (transport to the burial/memorial), and coronial matters.

There is a lot of support for the project from the Aboriginal community. The next phase is to explore resourcing options for publication. Bobbi is very keen to consult with communities from across NSW.

Find the Sorry Business Project survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHMNLQL

After Someone Dies – Pinar Bilir, LawAccess NSW

The After Someone Dies guide was developed in response to a need for information about the duties of executors and administrators of small estates. The guide provides sample forms, letters and checklists.

Pinar also spoke about the development of the LawAccess guided pathways – four have been launched to date and include Mortgage stress, Unpaid council rates, Recovering money and Resolving fencing disputes.

After Someone Dies is available at:

[www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/Pages/representing/after someone dies/after someone dies.aspx](http://www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/Pages/representing/after_someone_dies/after_someone_dies.aspx)

The guided pathways are available at:

<https://legalhelp.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/>

New edition of Rest Assured – Catherine Bryant, LIAC

A new edition of the popular book *Rest assured: a legal guide to wills, estates, planning ahead and funerals in NSW* has been published by LIAC. It is available online at:

<https://legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/rest-assured-legal-guide-wills-estates-planning-ahead-and-funerals-nsw-0>

The book is also available in all NSW public libraries as part of the Find Legal Answers Tool Kit.

200 copies were distributed to Legal Aid offices, Local Courts and Community Legal Centres, and 60 copies were sent to Corrective Services NSW libraries. Promotional bookmarks and up to two extra copies of the book can be ordered by legal organisations free of charge at: <https://plsnsw.wufoo.com/forms/rest-assured-legal-organisation-order-form>

New work in legal information and referral

The various agencies attending provided information about newly produced legal information resources and initiatives for enhancing legal referral.

The next meeting will take place in March 2020.

Philippa Scarf

Consultant, Public Library Services, State Library of NSW

Convenor, Legal Information and Referral Forum (LIRF)

philippa.scarf@sl.nsw.gov.au

9273 1571