

PORTRAITS of JUSTICE



A LEGAL HELP BOOKLET

FOR Young People of Geelong
BY Young People of Geelong

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Each **Portrait of Justice** is of a real person, a local face, from one of Geelong's justice services, working to help young people.

The **Portraits of Justice** in this booklet were all created by young artists from Geelong. Each portrait is of a local person who provides services that can be accessed by young people to provide them with justice, fairness and self-determination. Portraits were created during live sittings, through a discussion about what 'justice' means to young people today, and what legal services and solutions are available in the local area.

The quotes included are the participants' reflections on those sessions and their thoughts on what 'justice' means to them. A description of each service, and how to access it, is provided throughout this Booklet.

Acknowledgment of Country

Barwon Community Legal Service acknowledges Wadawurrung Traditional Owners of this land and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of the Greater Geelong community today.



Access to
help for
vulnerable
people

EVERYONE IS
ENTITLED TO IT!!
FAIRNESS!!

playing field for all of
society to fit in

**SELF
EMPOWERMENT**

STANDING UP FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS
/ PEOPLE /
COMMUNITY

Equal
opportunity

People's fair
consequences
for their
actions

EQUITY

People getting what
they deserve and
being treated how
they deserve

Something that
unfortunately
isn't the same for
everyone

Justice means helping
people doing the right
thing and pushing for
the right thing

**WHAT IS
JUSTICE?**

**Who can
help?**

Disclaimer: Information in this booklet is a general guide only. It is not legal advice. All information has been obtained from publicly available sources and is current as of 20 April 2019. Each service provider should be contacted directly on the contact details provided for further information on how to access their services.

Cover: *Peter #1* by Joan Campbell. Opposite page: *Two Sides of the Same Coin* by Angela McGinness. This page: *Peter* by Angela McGinness

The Community Lawyer

FREE INDEPENDENT
LEGAL ADVICE

*a resource for
resolving social/legal
issues*

*reaching out
to people
who need the
assistance most*

Community Lawyers provide free legal information, advice and representation to young people, including advice about personal safety and family violence, Centrelink and government services, fines and traffic offences, neighborhood disputes, consumer law, credit and debt, motor vehicle accidents, guardianship and much more.

Barwon Community Legal Service has community lawyers providing services from Belmont, Norlane, Corio, Colac, Deakin University, the Family Relationship Centre and the Geelong Magistrates' Court, as well as a School Lawyer Program at Western Heights College. Phone, email or drop in to our office for free confidential advice.

1300 430 599

bcls@barwoncls.org.au

www.barwoncls.org.au

Level 1, 63 Thomson Street, Belmont

Youth Law also provides free legal advice for anyone under 25 on all areas of law that affect young people.

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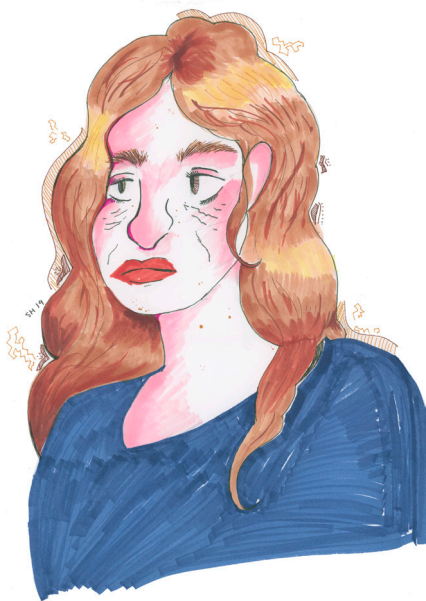
info@youthlaw.asn.au

www.youthlaw.asn.au

*talking about young
people's options when they're
facing legal issues or
difficult domestic situations*



Clockwise from top left: *Community Lawyer* by Masa Corstorphan, *Viking* by Angela McGinness, *Shane* by Joan Campbell, *Louise* by M Sinclair Sims



Clockwise from top left: *Untitled 3* by Sam Harvey, *Legal Aid Lawyers* by Masa Corstorphan, *Alison* by Jhube Veradio, *Untitled 1* by Sam Harvey

The Legal Aid Lawyer

REPRESENTATION
AT COURT AND HELP
WITH LEGAL TROUBLE

*advocating
for youth and
protecting
vulnerable people*

Victoria Legal Aid Lawyers can help young people and give free legal advice and representation on a range of legal matters to people who need it most. They help with criminal, civil and family law matters. If you have a court hearing, but do not have your own lawyer, you may be able to get help at court from Victoria Legal Aid's duty lawyer service. Their service is free but they cannot help everyone, so it is best to call them before going to Court. You may also be able to get a lawyer to run your case through a grant of legal assistance.

Victoria Legal Aid Lawyers will also prioritise helping children or young people going to the Children's Court as well as those who can't afford a private lawyer and can't represent themselves. Contact their Legal Help Line for free information about the law and how they can help you.

Victoria Legal Aid Help Line:
1300 792 387 | www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

Geelong Office:
1800 196 200
Level 2, 199 Moorabool St, Geelong

**REPRESENTING
YOUNG PEOPLE
IN COURT**

The Magistrate

GOING TO COURT AND RESOLVING DISPUTES

The Magistrates' Court is the first level of the Victorian court system. Judicial officers, such as a **Magistrate**, can make decisions and directions about the law. They can also impose sentences. The Magistrates' Court can hear criminal cases and civil cases up to the value of \$100,000. The Magistrates' Court is also where people can apply for Personal Safety Intervention Orders and Family Violence Intervention Orders.

Young people, aged 14 years and over, can apply with leave of the Magistrates' Court for a Family Violence Intervention Order to protect them from a family member, partner or ex-partner who has committed family violence towards them.

General Enquiries:

(03) 5225 3333

www.mcv.vic.gov.au

gmc@courts.vic.gov.au

Railway Terrace, Geelong

The Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (DSCV) provides free dispute resolution services across Victoria, to prevent and resolve disputes before they get to court and help the community to thrive. In Geelong, DSCV can provide their services through the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, as well as by contacting them directly.

(03) 5215 8591

www.disputes.vic.gov.au

doj-dscv-bsw@justice.vic.gov.au

DSCV Geelong, Lift A, Level 5, 30A Little Malop Street, Geelong



(Judge Peter)
Elkin Wittenberg

Clockwise from top left: *Magistrate* by Masa Corstorphan, *Untitled 3* by Sam Harvey, *Peter* by Joan Campbell, *Mugshot* by Elkin Wittenberg



Clockwise from top left: *Facing Yourself Part 1* and *Facing Yourself Part 2* by Elkin Wittenberg, *Consumer Affairs Victoria* by Masa Corstorphan, *Untitled* by M Sinclair Sims

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COMMUNICATING
WITH LANDLORDS
AND REAL ESTATE
AGENTS

Consumer Affairs Victoria

GETTING A FAIR DEAL
FOR RENTING AND
CONSUMER GOODS

supporting young people in issues
surrounding renting, buying/dealing
with sleazy agents or salesmen, taking
care of hazardous/faulty items to
ensure consumers are safe

Consumer Affairs Victoria are Victoria's consumer regulator, helping create a competitive and fair marketplace for businesses and consumers. Regional Officers inform the community about consumer and business rights and responsibilities, help resolve disputes about building, renting and real estate, register and license businesses and occupations and enforce and ensure compliance with Victorian and national consumer laws.

Consumer Affairs Victoria can help with:

- Motor cars - buying a new or used car, cooling-off periods, warranties, repairs
- Renting - leases, bonds, repairs, inspections, rent increases
- Shopping - refunds, warranties, lay-bys, contracts, door-to-door sales, telemarketing, online shopping

1300 558 181

www.consumer.vic.gov.au

Geelong Justice Service Centre, Level 5, 30A Little Malop Street, Geelong

The **Tenancy Assistance and Advocacy Program**, provided by **Diversitat**, can provide advice and assistance in relation to private residential tenancy matters and can also provide advocacy at VCAT for low income earners and victims of family violence.

(03) 5221 6044

taapbarwon@diversitat.org.au

The Youth Resource Officer

SPEAKING TO A
POLICE OFFICER
WHO UNDERSTANDS

Victoria Police serves the community and upholds the law to promote a safe, secure and orderly society. It promotes cultural awareness and human rights in all decision-making and practices. Some Police members' job is to understand and help different people in our community:

- **Youth Resource Officer** program is a framework to increase police capacity to deal with youth issues.
- **Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex Liaison Officers (GLLOs)** assist and advise about the policing needs of LGBTI people.
- **Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLOs)** are Aboriginal community members who facilitate communication between Police and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- **Police Aboriginal Liaison Officers (PALOs)** are sworn police officers, undertaking operational duties, and liaising with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities to strengthen relationships with Police.
- **The Family Violence Unit** provides a specialized response to victims of family violence.

Contact Victoria Police and ask to speak to an Officer who understands your situation and background:

Geelong: 110 Mercer Street Geelong, (03) 52253100

Corio: 117 Bacchus Marsh Road Corio, (03) 52739555

Waurin Ponds: 13-39 Rossack Drive Waurin Ponds, (03) 52473500



assisting disadvantaged
Geelong youth with
programs that help



Clockwise from top left: *Victoria Police* by Masa Corstorphan, *Victoria Police 2* by Masa Corstorphan, *Untitled* by Madelaine Lyons



self
empowerment

WHEN OUTSIDE COLOURS OF
SOCIETY
WILL
PENETRATE
INTO THEM
THEN MORE LIVELY & ADAPTABILITY
AND
BEAUTIFULL
SURROUNDING
WILL
BE ☺

Vishakha
12/4/19



Clockwise from top left: *Inside Out* by Vishakha Mistry, *Luke* by Clare Holder, *Aboriginal Youth working within the Justice System* by Masa Corstorphan

Koori Justice

Justice is the right to
live, everyone should be
treated fairly

AN ABORIGINAL VOICE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

The **Koori Court** has been developed to reflect cultural issues and operate in a more informal way. In **Koori Court**, you will sit around a table – called the bar table – with the Magistrate, Aboriginal Elders, a Koori court officer, the prosecutor, community correction officer, your lawyer and family. Everyone is encouraged to take part in a sentencing conversation by having a yarn and avoid using legal language. Aboriginal Elders or respected persons may give cultural advice to help the Magistrate make a judgment that is culturally appropriate.

(03) 5225 3333 <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/about/koori-court>
Railway Terrace, Geelong VIC 3220

The **Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS)** provides free legal advice and representation for the Koori community, including information, duty lawyer services, and casework in Criminal, Civil and Family Law matters, as well as an “On-Call” after-hours service.

1800 064 865 | www.vals.org.au

Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative provide services to Aboriginal families living or in transit in Wathaurong’s traditional boundaries with assistance, increased and improved access to a range of culturally appropriate health, housing, education, employment and cultural services; contribute to improvements in community well-being; and build the capacity of the community to control its own affairs and achieve self-determination.

(03) 5277 0044 | www.wathaurong.org.au
admin@wathaurong.org.au | **62 Morgan Street, North Geelong VIC 3215**

FAIRNESS!

Equity

Thank you

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