

NATIONAL LAW WEEK

Law and Justice in your community



Week aims to help you know more about law

LAW Week is aimed at helping people to know more about the law, the legal system and how to get answers to common legal questions.

President of the Law Society of NSW, Ros Everett, said Law Week was about enabling people to access quality legal information in their local community.

"We understand that access to quality legal information is really important, so as part of Law Week 2014 the Law Society of NSW has launched a series of 'Know Your Rights' guides with clear and accurate information about common legal issues," Ms Everett said.

She said the 'Know Your Rights' guides covered issues including neighbourhood disputes and making a will.

"This week's state-wide series of events will cover topics such as knowing your consumer rights, buying and investing in property, and legal issues that affect older people such as planning for retirement and downsizing accommodation," Ms Everett said.

Did you know the Law Society of NSW website could connect the community with the profession across many aspects?

The website provides information for a range of topics including:

- Finding a solicitor
- Lawyer/client relationship
- Making a complaint
- Disputes and mediation
- Solicitors
- Law students
- Schools
- Buying/selling a home



Know your rights

A STATE-WIDE campaign aimed at better informing people of their legal rights and how to protect them has been launched by the Law Society of New South Wales.

Know Your Rights centres on a series of easy-to-read online guides to common legal challenges, such as making a will, problems with neighbours and separation from a partner.

President of the Law Society of NSW, Ros Everett, said reliable online legal information could be hard to find.

"Most people now use the internet as their first port of call when they have a problem.

"However, in the modern climate of 'do it yourself', relying on the internet when dealing with a complex legal issue can lead to delays and extra expenses.

"Know Your Rights gives people online access to a one-stop-shop for legal information from a trusted source," Ms Everett said.

Each guide explains the key legal issues associated with a particular problem in a way that people can eas-

ily understand.

Currently there are 12 guides, however more will be available during the year.

Common legal issues covered by the Know Your Rights campaign are:

- Being an executor
- Buying or selling a home
- Children and separation
- Contracts
- De facto relationships
- Divorce
- Going into business
- Making a will
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Problems with debt
- Problems with neighbours
- Strata title

The Know Your Rights campaign also includes a community Facebook page with discussion on common legal issues which can be found at: www.facebook.com/LawSocietyNSWKnowYourRights

People can also find out more at: www.lawsociety.com.au/KnowYourRights

More useful resources...

www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au

www.clcsw.org.au

www.womenslegalnsw.asn.au/wlsnsw

australia.gov.au/topics/law-and-justice

www.alsnswact.org.au

www.bestforkids.org.au

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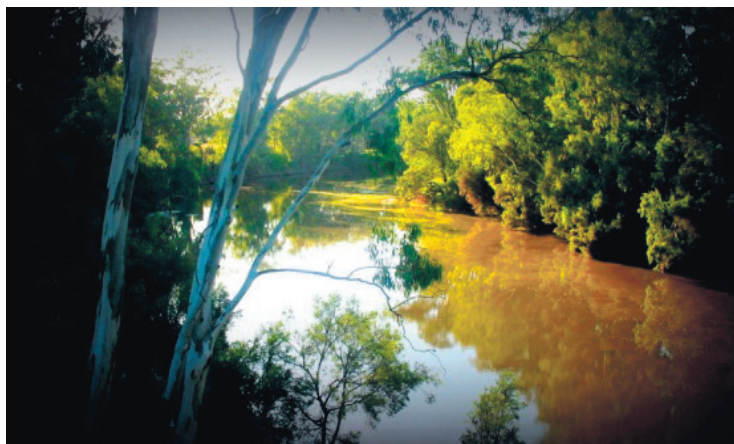
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- limited liability and asset protection.

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