



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES IN WA FAMILY LAW

January/February 2025

Greetings from the Chair

by Tucker Christou

Hello from WAFLPN, and welcome to our first eBulletin for 2025!

The start of the year has been fast-paced, and there's a great deal happening across the sector.

As we step into a year full of change, opportunity, and collaboration, I look forward to continuing to connect with you all and to supporting the important work being done across WA and beyond.

Many of you may know me from my previous role at Communicare, and I am pleased to share that I have now joined Hope Community Services in a new capacity.

I am honoured to continue serving as Chair of WAFLPN until July 2025, and I remain committed to supporting our network to grow, evolve and thrive.

February has already seen a flurry of activity. Locally we've been busy planning our annual conference, which will be held at a new venue, having officially outgrown Burswood on Swan.

If you have not secured your tickets yet, I encourage you to do so and explore our exciting new location.

We also farewelled Jess, our wonderful Events Coordinator, whose contribution to WAFLPN has been invaluable.

While we induct our new team member Kelly, the Walk In Their Shoes tours are temporarily on hold, but we are eager to resume them as soon as possible.

Nationally, we have partnered with the Attorney-General's Department to deliver a series of webinars, kicking off on 2 April with an information session on changes to the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Regulations (commencing 1 April), and following this, changes in the *Family Law Amendment Act 2024* that will focus on dispute resolution, legal practice and other important changes to the property framework, as well as other key provisions effective from 10 June 2025.

We are excited to welcome A/g Assistant Secretary,



Family Law Branch, Rebecca Mills, who will be facilitating the series.

I encourage all members to stay engaged with WAFLPN events, and if you're heading to the FRSA Conference, we would love to see you at our booth and at the National FLPN presentation session.

Finally, keep an eye out for the launch of our brand new website in the coming weeks, it will be a central hub for resources, event updates, and more.

Wishing you all a positive and productive start to the year. I look forward to connecting with many of you in the months ahead.

Warm regards,
Tucker.



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effective approach through our co-mediation model.

If you're looking to volunteer and join a team with a depth of knowledge and experience, we'd love to hear from you.

The Citizens Advice Bureau of WA (CABWA) has a proud and long tradition of providing affordable mediated resolution services to the community.

But did you know we offer a wide range of mediation opportunities for experienced professionals to volunteer, broaden their experience or build on their area of expertise?

Depending on your area of interest, we can match you with relevant cases:

• Neighbourhood Disputes:

We work with several local government councils, regularly receiving referrals to help resolve issues like fencing, trees, and other community matters.

• Family Mediation:

If you're interested in parenting or property disputes, we handle a variety of family law cases, providing an opportunity to make a real impact.

• Facilitation & Commercial Disputes:

Occasionally, we take on facilitation or commercial cases that require mediators with a solid business background.

To support your ongoing development, we offer monthly training nights that cover essential mediation topics, including case discussions, relevant subjects and we invite guest speakers.

These sessions are a great opportunity to network with fellow mediators and continue learning in an informal setting, with the added bonus of cheese and wine!

We're proud to have mediators who have been volunteering with us for over 35+ years, bringing a wealth of experience to the team.

Regardless of the mediation area you're interested in, you'll work alongside other experienced professionals to ensure a balanced and



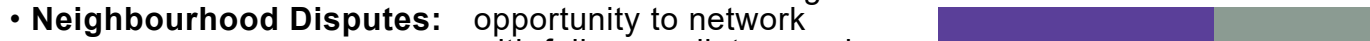
For more details or to express your interest, contact the Mediation Coordinator.

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New Electronic Fee Waiver

To kickstart 2025, OurFamilyWizard has introduced a new electronic fee waiver sign-up process allowing low-income parents access to the co-parenting tool for FREE.

To date over 49,000 fee waivers have been processed to help families in need worldwide!

If you have any clients that need OurFamilyWizard, please share with them the below link and their application will be processed instantly.

Apply Here:

[Electronic Fee Waiver](#)



Free webinar series

Webinar #2 presented by Psychologist, Michael Bilyk

Topic: Common recommendation in family law assessments what do they mean and why do we recommend these areas?

DATE:

Friday 11 APRIL 2025

TIME:

1:00PM- 2:00PM AEST

The Albury/Wodonga FLPN are pleased to confirm that registrations are now open for Webinar #2 of the free webinar series presented by Psychology Camberwell.

Webinar #2 is presented by Psychologist, Michael Bilyk.

Michael will explore common recommendations made during family law assessments, helping attendees to understand the rationale behind these recommendations and their implications for the parties involved.

Mr Bilyk's profile can be viewed here: [Psychology Camberwell | Psychologists the Albury/Wodonga](#)

[Register for free here](#) or by using the QR Code below.





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WA Family Law Pathways Network Annual Conference 2025

The WA Family Law Pathways Network Annual Conference is fast approaching in May and we'd love you to join us!

This conference will focus on the economic wellbeing of families and the challenges that arise during and after separation. The rising financial pressures on families has a profound impact which often leads to stress, strained relationships, conflict over financial support, and, in some cases, escalating disputes that result in contentious litigation.

Featuring in-depth panel discussions, practical workshops, and opportunities to network with other practitioners, this conference is designed to provide professionals in the sector with practical insights and strategies to assist clients experiencing personal or relationship challenges linked to financial difficulty or economic abuse.

Program and speaker details will be made available on our website soon.

WHEN

Thursday, 8 May 2025 | 8:30am – 5:00pm

Friday, 9 May 2025 | 8:30am – 5:00pm

Participants can attend in person on one or both days.

WHERE

Beaumonde on The Point
306 Riverside Dr, East Perth WA

Please note livestream is not available this year.

[Secure Your Tickets Now](#)



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Post-Separation Co-parenting Apps: Can they help families avoid conflict?

A 2 year study conducted by the Australian National University to help separated parents and practitioners make evidence-informed decisions about parenting apps and features

[read more here](#)

[Download App information here](#)

INFORMATION SESSION

Changes to the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Regulations

Presented by Rebecca Mills, A/g Assistant Secretary, Family Law Branch

The Safe & Together: An Introduction to the Model for Independent Children’s Lawyers e-course developed by the Safe and Together Institute in collaboration with National Legal Aid’s Independent Children’s Lawyer Program is now live on the new national [ICL Website](#)

On 1 April 2025, the new Family Law (Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners) Regulations 2025 commence.

The new regulations include a number of changes that will impact accredited FDR practitioners.

DATE:

Wednesday 2 April 25.

TIME:

1.00 PM AEST

[Register for Free](#)

Designed to challenge ICLs to shift their perspective around cases involving allegations of domestic and family violence, the course empowers ICLs to advocate for children’s best interests using a trauma and DFV informed lens to identify protective parenting, coercive control and the impacts of family violence on children.



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