

Lawyer offers pro bono conferences

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Eureka solicitor Jonathon Tyndall's offer of pro bono legal conferences has so far proven of significant benefit to its recipients.

Conducted at Newrybar's Harvest Cafe on Monday mornings, they are one-on-one sessions each lasting around two hours.

According to Jonathon, of the 21 conferences he has conducted, all except one have resulted in the participants having 'a better idea of how to resolve their problem' and agreeing that 'the pro bono cafe is a great idea.'

Most of the conferences deal with the fears and anxieties associated with bankruptcy and/or loss of income, with major causes of stress cited as interest rates and repayments, reports of the grim economic outlook,

unfair dismissal from work and discrimination.

Jonathon told *The Echo* that 'participants had been unable to obtain a grant of legal aid due to (a failure) to meet LAC criteria (and are) all economically disadvantaged or marginalised persons.'

He has conducted five out of the eight conferences planned, including follow-up work on matters arising in conference.

With three more to go over the ensuing three Mondays (from August 24), he would like to encourage the community to access this magnificent service, and 'address those fears.'

What makes this personally taxing work so worthwhile to Jonathon is that 'the outcome has been very positive.'

To contact Jonathon call 6688 2492 or 0439 651 813, or visit his website tyndall.net.au.



Solicitor Jonathon Tyndall in conference with a client at the Harvest Café.