

## Eastern Community Legal Centre

- Is an independent community-based agency.
- Offers professional services from qualified staff, both employees and volunteers.
- Works in partnership with our community, agencies and other community legal centres.
- Identifies and addresses issues of inequality and injustice in the legal system and the community

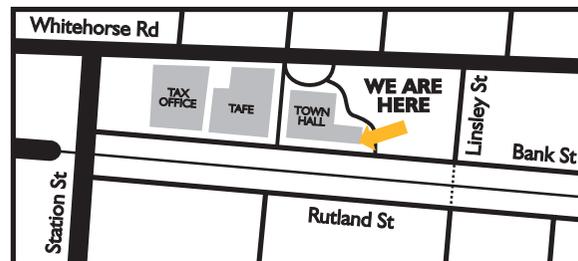
## Our Community

- Eastern Community Legal Centre works with residents in eastern Melbourne. This includes the Inner East (Boroondara, Manningham and Whitehorse) from our Box Hill office and the Outer East (Knox, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges) from our Boronia office.

## Our Services

- Free and confidential legal advice at day and evening sessions, outreaches and an intervention order support service at Ringwood Magistrates' Court.
- Ongoing casework assistance by employed community lawyers.
- Community legal education.
- Publications and resources.
- Partnerships and projects.
- Research and Advocacy.

## Locations



### • Box Hill

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Box Hill VIC 3128

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Fax: 9285 4833

Email: [volunteers@eclc.org.au](mailto:volunteers@eclc.org.au)

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm



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(PO Box 747)  
Boronia VIC 3155

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## How can private lawyers support our work in our community?

- Provide legal advice as a part of a volunteer program.
- Be involved with training and support to ECLC lawyers as a secondary consultation in areas of expertise.
- Provide pro bono legal services to clients by accepting appropriate referrals.
- Provide financial support for events that recognise participation by our volunteers.
- Be an active part of the ECLC referral register and provide legal advice when clients are referred

## What makes a good volunteer?

A volunteer community lawyer with the Centre has:

- The desire to use your expertise to help others in need.
- The desire to provide mentoring and support to law students and other professionals.
- A commitment to social justice.
- The desire to make a tangible difference in your community.
- The ability to commit to the Centre for at least 6 months as part of volunteer program.
- A current practising certificate (or eligibility to access a Volunteer Practising Certificate – contact the Centre for details).

## Our Volunteers

Volunteers make up the vast majority of the Centre's workforce and we value their substantial contribution to those who need it most in our community.

Volunteers at the Centre operate in a culture where both paid staff and volunteers work collectively to provide access to justice.

The Centre greatly appreciates the contribution of all volunteers and endeavours to make the experience as rewarding as possible, particularly through induction, training and support.

## Our Programs

The Centre welcomes the contribution of legal professionals at both night and day programs.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Night service supervising lawyers: Experienced lawyers who provide advice services to clients and / or mentor colleagues and paralegals.
- Night and day service lawyers: Lawyers who provide advice services to clients and mentor paralegals.



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## Getting Involved

Becoming a volunteer could not be easier. Simply:

- Register your interest in volunteering with the Centre.
- Submit a resume to [volunteers@eclc.org.au](mailto:volunteers@eclc.org.au)
- Attend an interview with ECLC's Principal Lawyer.
- Attend an induction and provide a current practising certificate.
- Start volunteering!

## Pro Bono Partnerships

ECLC defines volunteering as individuals making a personal choice to provide their time, skills and experience to the Centre.

This is distinct from the pro bono partnerships the Centre enjoys with a number of law firms who provide staffing or other support by collaborative agreement.

ECLC is always pleased to discuss further pro bono partnership opportunities.

## What Our Volunteers Say

*"It has been a fantastic learning experience, one that has shaped the way I feel about being a lawyer and the importance of community legal work."*  
(Jemma, volunteer)

*"Volunteering at ECLC has been so rewarding. I've met some really inspiring people and made wonderful friends."*  
(Liz, volunteer)