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MONDAY LOTTO

Draw: 3556

31	8	24	22	4
28			6	13

Division 1: \$0.00
Division 2: \$4163.70
Division 3: \$377.20
Division 4: \$20.50
Division 5: \$11.25
Division 6: \$10.05

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Nowhere for people to go

Slashed funding means locals will lose legal support

Sherele Moody, ARM Newsdesk

CUTS to funding mean hundreds of Gympie region residents will be in legal limbo from July 1, 2017.

The current Federal Government cut community legal centre funding by 30% in the 2014 budget.

Unlike the nation's capital cities, there is just one free legal service for our residents to turn to when they are facing problems relating to domestic violence, divorce and separation, child protection, employment, credit, debt and consumer contract issues, disability discrimination, tenancy and neighbourhood disputes and even minor criminal issues including driving offences.

Locals who do not qualify for legal aid and who do not have enough cash to hire private solicitors will often seek help at the Taylor Street Community Legal Service.

The TSCLS helped 368 Gympie residents last financial year.

While it's still unclear how much the service will lose, it was announced in



the 2014 Federal Budget that \$12.1 million would be cut nationwide in 2017-18, \$11.6 million would go in 2018-19 and a further \$11.1 million would be cut in 2019-20.

Community Legal Centres Queensland director James Farrell said he expected the funding cut to wipe out some the centre's outreach services and reduce its team of three solicitors.

"The allocation of funds, including the cuts, will be decided by the government later this year," Mr Farrell said.

"Until then our communities don't have any certainty about their legal help."

Mr Farrell urged Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, whose government announced the cuts, and Opposition Leader Bill



FUNDING WORRY: Community Legal Centres Queensland director James Farrell expects funding cuts to wipe out some of the centre's outreach services and reduce its team of three solicitors. PHOTO: PETER GLENANE PHOTOGRAPHY

Shorten to make sure our region gets a fair go.

"The pending 30% funding cut for community legal centres has not been reversed, which means more and more people will

be turned away when they're facing a crisis," he said.

"We need to make sure people can access legal services when they're in crisis."

Domestic violence cash will not fix community centre cuts

WHILE the Federal Coalition has pledged \$30 million over three years for family violence law services, both the Opposition and lawyers say community legal centres are still out in the cold as they try to work out how to absorb a \$34.83 million cut in funding.

Shadow attorney-general Mark Dreyfus said if Labor won the July 2 election, regional CLCs would be in line for a \$43 million boost.

"Community legal centres will fall off a cliff unless the government reverses its earlier cuts in full," Mr Dreyfus said.

"Many CLCs are struggling to keep their doors open."

In a media release, Attorney-General George Brandis and Minister for Women Michaelia Cash said a portion of the \$30 million would go to CLC domestic violence services.

"The \$30 million funding

is part of the \$100 million in new funding over three years announced in the 2016 budget to implement the Third Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children," they said.

However, Daniel Stubbs from the National Association of Community Legal Centres said this did not cancel out the CLC funding cuts.

"It is difficult to

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understand why the government would provide

CLCs with some share of \$10 million per year as part of this funding, but during the same period cut CLCs by 30% nationally," Mr Stubbs said.

"It is tantamount to paying for a new roof on a house but removing the foundations at the same time.

"It's totally inadequate amount for legal assistance services in the face of rising demand and funding cuts." - SHERELE MOODY

Satellite Picture Yesterday

10am Today

10am Tomorrow

WIDE BAY AND BURNETT

SUNSHINE COAST

SOUTHEAST COAST DISTRICT

WARNINGS

TODAY May 18, 2016

SE QUEENSLAND

AUSTRALIA

THE WORLD

SUN & MOON for Brisbane

SUNSMART

AUSTRALIA TODAY

GYMPIE WEATHER

TODAY: MIN 11, MAX 28
TOMORROW: MIN 12, MAX 28

TIDE TIMES

RAINBOW BEACH			BUNDEBERG		
Times	m		Time	m	
18 0534	1.69		18 0027	0.97	
1158	0.56		0617	2.69	
WE 1825	1.83		WE 1233	0.74	
			1858	2.82	
19 0033	0.73		19 0108	0.90	
0617	1.70		0654	2.69	
TH 1233	0.53		TH 1308	0.68	
1803	1.91		1931	2.91	
20 0113	0.70		20 0144	0.85	
0656	1.69		0730	2.68	
FR 1305	0.51		FR 1336	0.65	
1937	1.96		2002	2.97	

For Tewantin tides, add one hour and seven minutes to the high water and one hour and 49 minutes to the low water times listed under Rainbow Beach. The times for Double Island Point are the same as Rainbow Beach.
For Inskip Point, add one hour and 10 minutes to the high water time and subtract one hour and 35 minutes from the low water time at Bundaberg. For Tin Can Bay tides, add 44 minutes to the high water time and subtract 16 minutes from the low water times at Bundaberg. Noosa Heads is the same as Rainbow Beach.