

VICTORIA LEGAL AID : Bairnsdale

: EDUCATION & INFORMATION

VLA provides speakers to talk on various legal issues to community groups, schools, government bodies, agencies and other organisations. Contact your local VLA office for more information.

: PUBLICATIONS

Visit your local VLA office to get copies of our free booklets, pamphlets and posters, which cover your legal rights and responsibilities. These materials are provided in a range of languages.

The publications cover a range of issues - criminal and family law, intervention orders, debt, fines, bankruptcy, power of attorney, disabilities, mental health, work and where to complain.

: INTERPRETERS

If required, VLA may pay for an interpreter when using our legal information and advice services. Ask for one to be booked when making an appointment.

: WEBSITE

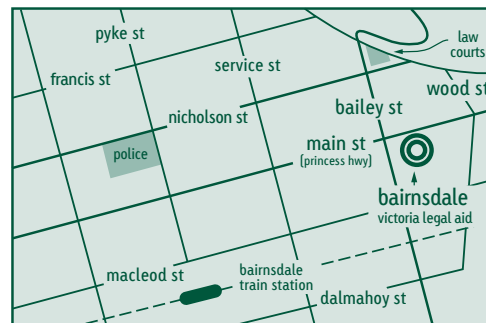
Information about VLA services, its client service charter and publications are available at www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

: LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICE

The Legal Information Service gives free legal information about legal problems in English and 14 other languages.

Phone Monday to Friday between 8.45am and 5.15pm.
Country callers: 1800 677 402.

: English	9269 0120	Monday - Friday
: Arabic	9269 0127	Monday - Friday
: Cantonese	9269 0161	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
: Croatian	9269 0164	Monday - Friday
: Greek	9269 0167	Wednesday, Friday
: Italian	9269 0202	Monday, Tuesday
: Macedonian	9269 0477	Wednesday
: Mandarin	9269 0212	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
: Polish	9269 0228	Monday - Friday
: Russian	9269 0315	Wednesday
: Serbian	9269 0332	Monday - Friday
: Spanish	9269 0384	Thursday, Friday
: Turkish	9269 0386	Monday, Tuesday
: Ukrainian	9269 0390	Monday - Friday
: Vietnamese	9269 0391	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday



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Bairnsdale office

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: Do you need legal help?
Victoria Legal Aid can help you

: VICTORIA LEGAL AID (VLA)

The legal advice that we may help you with is:

- criminal law
- family breakdown
- family violence
- civil law matters

Our offices, situated in 14 locations throughout Victoria, are open Monday to Friday, 8.45am - 5.15pm.

: BAIRNSDALE

The Bairnsdale office provides to the community a range of free services. These are:

Advice services:

By appointment:

- legal advice

Telephone advice - for people calling from remote or isolated areas

Without appointment:

- legal advice - every Friday 9.30am -12.30pm

Duty lawyer services:

Criminal charges and traffic offences:

- Bairnsdale Magistrates' - every Wednesday and Children's Court - every second Thursday
- Omeo Magistrates' and Children's Court - every hearing
- Orbost Magistrates' and Children's Court - last Thursday of the month
- Sale Magistrates' and Children's Court - every second month

It is important to get legal advice before you go to court.

Contact the Bairnsdale office on 5153 1975 to make an appointment or for more information.

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: LEGAL ADVICE

For legal advice with a VLA lawyer, an appointment is usually necessary. If you are not able to keep the appointment please give us 24 hours notice.

Please bring to your appointment the following:

- all paperwork
- taped record of interview with police
- pay slips and/or Health Care Card
- bank statements.

: GRANTS OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE

VLA provides legal assistance for a lawyer to represent you in court in some areas of law. There are guidelines outlining the areas where grants of legal assistance are made.

If you require legal assistance you can ask one of our lawyers or a private lawyer to help you apply. This can be discussed at your appointment. Application forms for legal assistance can be obtained from all VLA offices. If you need an interpreter VLA will pay somebody to help you fill in the form.

: COSTS

It costs nothing to apply for legal assistance. However, legal assistance is not always free. You may have to pay some or all of your legal costs. The amount you will be asked to pay will depend on your financial position.

If VLA offers you legal assistance, a letter will be sent to you setting out the conditions. You should read the letter carefully and if you do not understand it contact us.

More detailed information is provided in the VLA Grant of legal assistance and application form.

: CONFIDENTIALITY

VLA treats any information you give us as strictly confidential, unless the law states otherwise. If VLA owes a duty of confidentiality to anyone else who might be involved in your matter, we may only be able to provide you with general information and referral. A duty of confidentiality may apply if we have ever provided the other person with assistance about a current or past matter.

: HELP AT COURT

It is important that you get legal advice before you go to court.

If you do not have a lawyer when you go to court, duty lawyers who give free legal advice and other help may be available at court and tribunal hearings. Duty lawyers can represent you in court. However, they must give priority to serious cases and people in custody, which means there are times when they cannot help everyone.

Ask the staff at the court or tribunal if a duty lawyer is available.

: FOR APPOINTMENTS & INFORMATION CONTACT THE BAIRNSDALE OFFICE ON 5153 1975