

The Balanda law explained at Galiwin'ku



Community members, dignitaries and NTLAC representatives at Galiwin'ku

By Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission

In 2006 legal services from the Top End of the Northern Territory travelled to communities in north eastern Arnhem Land to provide information about key legal issues in the area and evaluate the unmet legal need in the region. It was identified that community members in the region did not have access to legal education about their rights and responsibilities under the Australian legal system in a language and context they understand.

A DVD was developed in response to that need. The DVD was filmed at Galiwin'ku in conjunction with Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre, legal services and Elders from the region. The DVD draws on the existing knowledge of structures of Yolngu law and governance in the region, to explain foundational concepts about the Australian legal system.

While an intended audience for this DVD is Yolngu people, it is also important that those administering the Australian legal system understand the law and governance perspective of people in the region. This DVD can assist in developing and enhancing the understanding of legal and related services in the region, about the context of those living there.

The launch of the DVD was held at Galiwin'ku on 12 March 2008. The launch was endorsed through ceremony performed by Elders and representatives from clans in the region.

If you are interested in incorporating the DVD into your service delivery, please call Fiona Hussin at NTLAC on 8999 3000.

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