

FitzSimons to speak at legal centre fundraiser

Peter FitzSimons, former rugby international, author and journalist, is the guest speaker at Macarthur Legal Centre (MLC) annual fund raising lunch on Friday, September 12 and for \$85 guests will hear an Australian identity as well as continue to support the work of MLC.

"We are delighted to have Peter FitzSimons volunteer his time," the centre director, Robert Pelletier said.

"He is well known for his irreverent humour, his knowledge of Australian history and his forthright views."

The centre has been providing free legal advice to the people of Macarthur for 27 years, but funds are always needed to continue the work of the service.

The work of the centre is broad and includes working with victims of domestic violence, helps tenants sort out disputes, works with the indigenous community and provides support to children coming before the Children's Court. It also provides financial advice to those who are sinking in debt and can't see a way out.

"We are here to help those who can't afford lawyers and who don't qualify for legal aid," Mr Pelletier said.

"We work with volunteer lawyers and other service providers to help people through the difficult times in life when they need a helping hand. We don't ask questions about anyone's race, religion or politics. We just help.

"We want to let people know that we are here. We also need to raise money to continue our work.

"We are mainly funded by the federal and state governments, but those funds are becoming harder to come by..."



Peter FitzSimons was in Camden a few months ago will be guest speaker at the annual Macarthur Legal Centre fundraiser lunch.

While many of the lawyers and case-workers are based in Campbelltown, they regularly go out to 12 Centres in the Macarthur region. "We provide our services where they are needed most. Increasingly, we are providing information online using social media. Demands for our services are growing all the time.

The lunch is being held at Rydges Hotel, Old Menangle Road, Campbelltown. For \$85 you get a magnificent lunch and a great speech from Peter FitzSimons.

Bookings can be made by contacting the centre on 4628 2042.