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### LAW WEEK SIZZLES AT LISMORE COURT

The Lismore community will be fully briefed on the law and legal services available to them by their Local Court this Law Week, culminating in free barbecues at the Courthouse.

"This year law week will be run from 11 - 17 May, 2009, with a theme of The Law and Your Community.

"Knowledge of the law is valuable at any age and we are reaching out to the whole community of Lismore, particularly school students," said Senior Registrar of Lismore Courthouse, Michael Knock.

Court staff will be speaking at local primary schools on 11 May on the fundamental rules of the law, using the publication *Why Should I?* as a teaching resource and answering students' questions.

Bookings are being taken for sessions in high schools which will feature the screening of the DVDs *So you have to go to Court*, *Getting Arrested - What to do*, or *Bail Conditions – Don't break them, it's just not worth it*. Court staff and sheriffs will then be available to answer questions.

Schools wishing to book a session should phone Lismore Courthouse's Deputy Registrar Karryn Gavenlock on 66233618.

On Wednesday 13 May, 2009 there are also a number of tours organised where the community can be escorted through the courthouse and newly renovated police station. Community members and/or school groups wishing to book into these tours should also contact Ms Gavenlock.

Free community barbecues will be held at the front of the Lismore Court Complex in Zadoc Street, Lismore, between 12.30pm and 1.30pm on Wednesday 13 May, 2009 and Thursday 14 May, 2009.

"These barbecues are a wonderful opportunity for all members of the community to come along and meet local representatives of the law," Mr Knock said.

"They can chat with their BBQ chef who could be a local Sheriff's Officer, Registrar of the court, Coroner, Police Officer, court staffer, Circle Sentencing coordinator, Community Justice Group coordinator, Corrective Services officer, Probation and Parole representative, Mental Health Liaison Nurse or Jury Duty coordinator."