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DRINK-DRIVING DEBATE AND A FRACTURED FAIRYTALE FOR WOLLONGONG LAW WEEK

A debate about a hypothetical case involving young people who drink and drive on school formal night will be among the highlights of Wollongong Courthouse's Law Week program.

"The whole community, especially school students, are invited to our events to help make the law more understandable," said Senior Registrar at Wollongong Courthouse, Kathy Frost.

A classic fairytale will be transformed into an entertaining lesson about the law in a play to be staged at the courthouse.

"Our play this year turns the Cinderella story into a criminal trial, written by a local barrister and acted out by practising lawyers and law students. It helps make the court experience easier to follow and less intimidating," said Ms Frost.

Law Week runs from 11 to 17 May. Events at Wollongong include:

- **Opening Ceremony at 9.30am on Monday 11 May** featuring a NSW District Court judge and Local Court magistrate
- **Hypothetical at the University of Wollongong from noon to 2pm on Tuesday, 12 May**, sponsored by the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, on the consequences when a group of young people mix drugs, alcohol and speed on the night of the Year 12 formal. Local criminal law barrister Ms Jane Healey will adjudicate. The expert panel will feature a District Court criminal judge, the local area police commander, a journalist and the organ donation co-ordinator at Wollongong Hospital.
- The Fairy Godmother runs into trouble on her way to rescue Cinderella in a criminal trial to be held at Wollongong Court from **5pm to 7pm on Thursday 14 May**
- **Dr Grant McBride, Forensic Pathologist**, who will give talks at the Courthouse at 11 am on Monday 11 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May
- **Poster competition for primary schools**, with the entries displayed at the Courthouse during Law Week

For more information about events visit: www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawweek