



GUIDE TO COURT SUPPORT & DIVERSION SERVICES



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Assessment and Referral Court List

The Assessment and Referral Court List (the List) is a specialist court list developed by the Department of Justice and the Magistrates' Court of Victoria to meet the needs of accused persons who have a mental illness and/or a cognitive impairment.

The List is located at Melbourne Magistrates' Court and works collaboratively with the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP), which provides case management to participants. Case management may include psychological assessment, referral to welfare, health, mental health, disability, and/or housing services and/or drug and alcohol treatment.

LEGISLATION

The List was established by the *Magistrates' Court Amendment (Assessment and Referral Court List) Act 2010*.

AIMS OF THE LIST

- ✧ To reduce the risk of harm to the community by addressing the underlying factors that contribute to offending behaviour
- ✧ To improve the health and wellbeing of accused persons with a mental impairment by facilitating access to appropriate treatment and other support services
- ✧ To increase public confidence in the criminal justice system by improving court processes and increasing options available to courts in responding to accused persons with a mental impairment
- ✧ To reduce the number of offenders with a mental impairment received into the prison system

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✧ The accused is charged with a criminal offence that is not a violent, serious violence or serious sexual offence as defined by section 6B(1) of *the Sentencing Act 1991*
- ✧ The accused has one or more of the following:
 - a) a mental illness
 - b) an intellectual disability
 - c) an acquired brain injury
 - d) an autism spectrum disorder
 - e) a neurological impairment, including but not limited to dementia
- ✧ The accused has one or more of the above, which causes a substantially reduced capacity in at least one of the areas of self-care, self-management, social interaction or communication
- ✧ The accused would benefit from a problem-solving court process and an individual support plan
- ✧ The accused must consent to participate in the List

REFERRALS

Referrals will be accepted from the accused, significant others, community service organisations, magistrates, police, prosecutors, legal representatives and other court based support services.

ARC List Referral Forms are available from the Court Support Services counter, Level 4 Melbourne Magistrates' Court and the Magistrates' Court of Victoria website. Please speak with a member of the ARC List Team prior to making the referral.



ARC LIST PROCESS

Once a referral is made, the List process will involve

- ✧ The CISP staff will conduct an initial assessment. The CISP staff will also commence addressing support needs at this stage
- ✧ Liaison will occur with the List staff to determine the next available court date
- ✧ A List clinical advisor will undertake a comprehensive clinical assessment
- ✧ At the next available List sitting, the List magistrate will decide whether to accept the participant in the List
- ✧ If the referral is accepted, the List clinical advisor will develop a draft individual support plan (ISP) in collaboration with the participant and the CISP staff for approval of the Magistrate
- ✧ The participant appears before the List Magistrate on a regular basis to discuss her/his progress
- ✧ If the participant pleads guilty at the end of their participation, they will be sentenced within the List
- ✧ Participants will be involved with the List for between three and twelve months, with most being discharged from the List within six months.
- ✧ If the referral is not accepted, the accused person's charges will be referred back to the mainstream court lists. Where appropriate, the CISP will continue to provide necessary support to the accused or, where connected with services, referred back to those relevant treatment and support services
- ✧ If the participant pleads not guilty her/his case will be returned to 'mainstream' court for a contested hearing

COURT HEARINGS

The ARC List operates on a Problem-Solving Court model, which provides an informal approach where the Magistrate hears the matter/s and reviews the participant's progress on the program from the Bar Table, along with ARC List staff and the participant.



Corrections Victoria, Community Correctional Services, Court Services Unit

As part of Corrections Victoria, Community Correctional Services (CCS) aims to provide a flexible range of supervision options for offenders that are tailored to address the causes of offending behaviour and to reduce the risk of re-offending. Through CCS, the Court Services Unit (CSU) staff at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court work closely with the Courts to ensure offenders sentenced or admitted to community based dispositions will be appropriately managed.

CCS employees working at the Melbourne Magistrate's Court are trained to provide prosecutorial services, in addition to providing expert advice on matters relating to community-based dispositions.

The following outlines the range of services offered as part of the Court Services Unit (CSU) at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court:

- ✦ **Assessment of adult offenders to determine eligibility for community based dispositions.**
Such as Community Based Orders, Intensive Correction Orders and Combined Custody and Treatment Orders. These assessments are provided 'on the spot' at the request of the Court. They include recommendations relating to suitability and any associated recommended program conditions based on individual offenders specific needs. The CSU team regularly liaises with Court personnel, other parallel service providers, the judiciary and legal representatives to coordinate advice and services for high-risk accused and accused with multiple, complex or specials needs.
- ✦ **Pre Sentence Reports to assist in considering appropriate program conditions.**
Such reports provide a detailed overview of the offender's past and present circumstances, including information about the offence and suitability for a community based disposition.
- ✦ **Verbal or written advice pertaining to the progress of offenders subject to current Orders.**
The CSU team, on request, provides information as to the current status of offenders serving community based dispositions. This also extends to parolees appearing before the Court as a result of further offending. The CSU team also liaises with magistrates, judges, legal representatives, parallel services' staff and other stakeholders to coordinate advice and services for offenders.
- ✦ **Prosecution of offenders who breach Orders supervised by CCS.**
CSU prosecutes the accused who breach any of the aforementioned court orders supervised by CCS, and can accommodate prosecutions from any CCS location in Victoria. The Unit often coordinates breach proceedings as negotiated with either magistrates or legal representatives, by arranging consolidations to expedite breach proceedings. Service delivery in such cases involves the service of the charge sheet or arranging for warrants to be located and executed 'on the day'.



Court Integrated Services Program (CISP)

The Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) was established to help ensure that the accused get support and services to reduce re-offending and make communities safer. The program provides a coordinated, multi disciplinary team-based approach to the assessment and referral to treatment of clients. It links clients to support services such as drug and alcohol treatment, crisis accommodation, disability services, mental health and acquired brain injury services.

Support and services could range from the provision of referrals to community organisations and no further involvement in the program, to intermediate or intensive case management, depending on eligibility and the assessed needs of the client.

The program builds upon other successful programs operating in the Magistrates' Court, such as the CREDIT/Bail Support Program and the Koori Liaison Officer Program. The program became operational in November 2006 at the Melbourne, Sunshine and Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Courts.

AIMS OF THE CISP

The program aims to:

- ✧ Provide short term assistance for accused persons with health and social needs before sentencing
- ✧ Work on causes of offending through individualised case management for up to four months
- ✧ Provide priority access to treatment and community support services
- ✧ Reduce the likelihood of re-offending

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM

Any party to a court proceeding can access the CISP by way of referral, including applicants, respondents and the accused from all jurisdictions of the Magistrates' Court, such as the Family Violence Division.

Clients will be assessed by program staff as to their eligibility. To be eligible for case management the following criteria must be met:

- ✧ The client must be charged with an offence
- ✧ The client's history of offending or current offending indicates a likelihood of further offending
- ✧ The matter before the court warrants intervention to reduce risk and address needs
- ✧ The client has physical or mental disabilities or illnesses, drug and alcohol dependency and misuse issues, or inadequate social, family and economic support that contribute to the frequency or severity of their offending
- ✧ Clients may be on summons, bail or remand awaiting a bail hearing
- ✧ The program is available to clients regardless of whether a plea has been entered or whether the client is intending to plead guilty or not
- ✧ Clients must provide consent to be involved in the program

Depending on the level of service provided by the CISP, services provided may include:

- ✧ Assessment, and development of an individualised case management plan
- ✧ Referral to treatment and support services
- ✧ Case management for up to four months
- ✧ Brokered services for access to drug and alcohol treatment, mental health, housing and acquired brain injury related needs
- ✧ Referral to outreach services for clients requiring intensive or ongoing support
- ✧ Progress reports to the Magistrate

If case management is required, a case manager will be assigned to each client to monitor his or her progress on the program.



CREDIT /Bail Support Program

The CREDIT/Bail Support Program resulted from the merge of two existing court bail programs, these were the Court Referral and Evaluation for Drug Intervention and Treatment Program (CREDIT) and the Bail Support Program (BSP).

The CREDIT/Bail Support Program (CBSP) seeks to increase the likelihood of an accused being granted bail and successfully completing a bail period by linking them into accommodation, providing access to drug treatment, material aid and support according to their assessed needs.

The objectives of the CREDIT/Bail Support Program include:

- ✧ To provide access to drug treatment / rehabilitation programs, mental health and disability supports
- ✧ To provide access to accommodation, welfare, legal and other community supports
- ✧ To monitor and support the program's clients for a period of up to four months
- ✧ To minimise harm to the client and the community by addressing the client's substance abuse related issues
- ✧ To reduce the risk of the client re offending

OUTCOMES OF THE CREDIT/BAIL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The CREDIT/Bail Support Program aims for the following outcomes:

- ✧ Successful completion of bail by clients who would otherwise be remanded in custody
- ✧ Reduction in the number of clients remanded due to lack of accommodation or treatment and/or support in the community
- ✧ Successful placement of clients in drug treatment/rehabilitation programs.
- ✧ Long-term reduction in clients' offending behaviour

SERVICES PROVIDED

The range of services provided to clients on bail includes the following:

- ✧ Assessment, and development of a plan of treatment and support
- ✧ Support, case management and monitoring whilst on bail, up to four months
- ✧ Referral to drug treatment services including withdrawal and rehabilitation programs
- ✧ Referral to behaviour change programs
- ✧ Referral to mental health/disability supports in the community
- ✧ Referral to government and community support services
- ✧ Referral to and payment of short term crisis accommodation
- ✧ Passport photographs for identification and medical purposes
- ✧ Referral for pharmacotherapy and payment of short-term medication
- ✧ Referral to outreach services for clients requiring intensive support
- ✧ Referral to employment programs for training/employment assistance
- ✧ Access to and payment of training courses



REFERRAL

Referral to the CREDIT/Bail Support Program can be made by a magistrate, the police, a legal representative, court nominee, family member or the client themselves. Clients are required to commit to treatment and attend regular case management meetings with their case manager.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROPERTIES

The CREDIT/Bail Support Program currently has access to 20 properties in the community, available on a fixed term to clients of the program. An external organisation is contracted by the Department of Justice to provide housing support, including budgeting, independent living skills and assistance in acquiring long-term housing.

Many clients in the properties have been successful in seeking full time employment because they have stable accommodation.

LOCATION OF THE CREDIT/BAIL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The CREDIT/Bail Support Program is located at the following Magistrates' Courts:

- Ballarat
- Broadmeadows
- Dandenong
- Frankston
- Geelong
- Heidelberg
- Moorabbin
- Ringwood

A Court Drug Assessor is located at the Bendigo Magistrates' Court part-time, and provides comprehensive drug assessments.

The Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) operates at the Melbourne, Sunshine and Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Courts in place of the CREDIT/Bail Support Program. Please refer to the section on the CISP for further information.



Criminal Justice Diversion Program

The Criminal Justice Diversion Program is governed by section 59 of the *Criminal Procedure Act 2009*. The Program provides mainly first time offenders with the opportunity to avoid a criminal record by undertaking conditions that benefit the offender, victim and the community as a whole.

In January 1997, the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, in co-operation with Victoria Police, piloted the scheme at Broadmeadows Magistrates' Court. Senior police, courts and the legal profession reviewed the pilot and a revised scheme commenced at Broadmeadows and Heidelberg Courts in November 2000. It is now available to all Magistrates' Courts throughout Victoria.

BENEFITS

The Diversion Program is aimed at improving the efficient use of court resources by facilitating the development of an alternative and/or complementary procedure to normal case processes. The Magistrates' Court intends the Program to provide the following benefits:

- ✧ when appropriate, restitution is made to the victim of the offence and the victim receives an apology
- ✧ reduces the likelihood of re-offending
- ✧ offenders avoid an accessible criminal record
- ✧ the offender receives assistance with rehabilitation
- ✧ offenders receive appropriate counselling and/or treatment
- ✧ assistance towards local community projects with voluntary work and donations

ELIGIBILITY

The matter must meet the following criteria before a Diversion can be recommended:

- ✧ the offence is triable summarily
- ✧ the offence is not subject to a minimum or fixed sentence or penalty (except demerit points)
- ✧ the accused acknowledges responsibility for the offence

The existence of prior convictions does not disqualify an accused from the program but the court will take this into account in deciding whether the Diversion Program is appropriate.

Offences under the *Road Safety Act 1986* may be suitable for Diversion. However, demerit points are still recorded with VicRoads for the relevant regulated offences.

Anyone can apply for Diversion throughout the court process. However, Diversion cannot commence without the prosecution's consent.

DIVERSION NOTICE

The filing of a Diversion Notice indicates the prosecution has consented to the Diversion process. The Magistrate or Judicial Registrar must then also deem the accused suitable before the matter may proceed by way of Diversion.



COURT HEARINGS

VICTIMS

Where a charge involves a victim, the Court seeks the victim's view of the matter. This may include:

- ✧ whether the victim agrees with the course of action
- ✧ the amount of compensation sought for damage to property
- ✧ how the crime has affected the victim

Victims are not obliged to respond to the Court's contact. However, the victim is entitled to express his/her view by way of letter or in person on the day of hearing. The Court will notify victims of the hearing's outcome, if requested to do so.

INTERVIEW

Prior to any appearance before a Magistrate or Judicial Registrar, the Diversion Co-ordinator interviews the accused to identify the major issues in the case and to advise the Magistrate or Judicial Registrar of appropriate services for the accused. This interview assists the presiding Magistrate or Judicial Registrar and lessens the required amount of court time.

IN COURT

A Diversion hearing is conducted in open court before a Magistrate or Judicial Registrar. The Magistrate or Judicial Registrar assesses the suitability of the accused and a plan is developed. The plan may require the accused to:

- ✧ apologise to the victim in a letter or in person
- ✧ compensate the victim
- ✧ attend for counselling and/or treatment
- ✧ perform voluntary work
- ✧ donate money to a charitable organisation, local community project or the like
- ✧ attend a defensive driving course and/or Road Trauma Awareness Seminar
- ✧ any other condition the Magistrate or Judicial Registrar deems appropriate

The charges are adjourned while the plan is undertaken.

MATTERS DEEMED UNSUITABLE

In the event that the Magistrate or Judicial Registrar determines the case as not suitable for Diversion, the charges are referred back to the Mention Court of the Magistrates' Court.

COMPLETION HEARING

The accused is not required to attend on the adjourned date (the completion hearing) unless requested to do so by the Magistrate or Judicial Registrar. The onus is on the accused to file proof, prior to the completion hearing, that all conditions are complete.



CONDITIONS COMPLETE

If the conditions are successfully completed, the charges are discharged with no finding of guilt and the outcome is recorded in a similar manner as an Official Warning. The record is not available to the public, including potential employers.

CONDITIONS NOT COMPLETE

If the accused does not successfully complete the conditions, the matter is referred back to the Mention Court of the Magistrates' Court as if the matter was being listed for the first time and all information regarding Diversion is removed from the file.



Drug Court of Victoria

WHAT IS THE DRUG COURT?

- ✧ The Drug Court is a division of the Magistrates' Court which is responsible for sentencing, and supervising the treatment of offenders with drug or alcohol dependency, who have committed an offence under the influence of drugs or alcohol or to support a drug or alcohol habit.
- ✧ Drug Courts are being trialled in five other States in Australia, as well as in Canada, Ireland, Scotland and England. There are over 1500 drug courts in the USA.
- ✧ The Victorian Drug Court represents a fundamental shift in the way in which the courts deal with drug offenders. It seeks to protect the community by focusing on the rehabilitation of offenders from drug or alcohol dependency with the ultimate goal of bringing stability to offenders' chaotic lifestyles and reintegrating them into the community.
- ✧ An offender in the Drug Court is sentenced to a 2 year Drug Treatment Order (DTO). The DTO consists of two parts, a custodial part and a treatment and supervision part.
- ✧ The custodial sentence is served in the community to allow for the treatment of the offender. The treatment and supervision will involve conditions being imposed, which are intended to address the offender's drug and alcohol dependency. Sanctions and rewards are used to address compliant behaviour and sanction non-compliant behaviour.
- ✧ The Drug Court Magistrate has the responsibility for the supervision of offenders placed on the Drug Court program. A multi-disciplinary team consisting of a case manager, clinical adviser, a dedicated police liaison officer and Legal Aid defence lawyer assist the Drug Court Magistrate. This team work with the Drug Court Magistrate in managing and supervising offenders on the Drug Court program.
- ✧ If offenders breach the DTO, the DTO can be cancelled and offenders sentenced to serve the unexpired portion of their sentence.
- ✧ The Victorian Drug Court is a response to the failure of current custodial sanctions to adequately address drug use and related offending. The Victorian model has incorporated the best features of existing drug courts in order to establish a unique Drug Court for Victoria.
- ✧ The Victorian Drug Court commenced in May 2002 and is located in Dandenong.

DRUG TREATMENT ORDER (DTO)

There are two components to the Drug Treatment Order:

- ✧ The treatment and supervision component
- ✧ The custodial component.

The custodial sentence of the order must not exceed two years.

The treatment and supervision component of the order operates for two years or until that part of the order is cancelled under Section 18ZK, 18ZN or 18ZP of the *Sentencing Act 1991*. The treatment and supervision order consists of both core and program conditions.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be an eligible candidate for a DTO the following criteria must be met:

- ✧ The offender must not be subject to a Parole Order, Combined Custody and Treatment Order or a Sentencing Order of the County or Supreme Court
- ✧ The offender must plead guilty
- ✧ The offender's usual place of residence is within a postcode area as specified in the Government Gazette
- ✧ The offence must be within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate's Court and punishable upon conviction by imprisonment
- ✧ The offence must not be a sexual offence or an offence involving the infliction of actual bodily harm
- ✧ On the balance of probabilities the drug court must be satisfied that:
 - ◆ The offender is dependant on drugs or alcohol
 - ◆ The offender's dependency contributed to the commission of the offence
- ✧ Upon conviction the Drug Court considers that a sentence of imprisonment is appropriate
- ✧ The Drug Court considers that it would not have ordered that the sentence be served by way of an intensive correction order in the community nor would it have suspended the sentence
- ✧ The offender must be willing to consent, in writing, to such an order
- ✧ Upon the Magistrates' Court finding the offender is an eligible candidate for such an order a Drug Treatment Order assessment report will be requested and a report provided to the Drug Court.

CORE CONDITIONS

There are core conditions associated with the treatment and supervision component of the Drug Treatment Order. Participants must comply with all core conditions throughout their order. The core conditions that apply to all Drug Treatment Orders are that the participant must:

- ✧ Not commit, whether in or outside Victoria, another offence punishable on conviction by imprisonment during the time that the order is in force
- ✧ Attend the Drug Court when required to do so
- ✧ Report to a specified Community Corrections Centre or other specified place within two clear working days after the order is made
- ✧ Report to and accept visits from a member of the Drug Court team or by a specified Community Corrections Officer
- ✧ Undergo treatment for drug or alcohol dependency as specified in the order, by the Drug Court or by a specified Community Corrections Officer
- ✧ Give notice of any change of address at least two clear working days before the change, to a member of the Drug Court team
- ✧ Not leave Victoria without the permission of the Drug Court or a specified Community Corrections Officer
- ✧ Obey all lawful instructions from the Drug Court and the specified Community Corrections Officer.



PROGRAM CONDITIONS

The Drug Court Magistrate must attach at least one program condition to the DTO. There must not be attached any more program conditions to the DTO than the Drug Court Magistrate considers necessary to achieve the purpose for which the order is made.

An offender must comply with all program conditions attached to the order. The following program conditions may be attached to the DTO. The offender:

- ✧ must submit to drug or alcohol testing as specified in the order
- ✧ must submit to detoxification or other treatment as specified in the order
- ✧ must attend vocational, educational, employment or other programs as specified in the order
- ✧ must submit to medical, psychiatric or psychological assessment as specified in the order
- ✧ must not associate with specified persons
- ✧ must reside at a specified place for a specified period
- ✧ must do or not do anything else that the Drug Court considers necessary or appropriate concerning:
 - ◆ the offender's drug or alcohol dependency
 - ◆ the personal factors that the Drug Court considers contributed to the offender's criminal behaviour.

VARIATIONS OF DTO

The Drug Court Magistrate may vary any condition of the DTO at the review hearings. The DTO will be varied if the participant is not responding to treatment and it is thought the participant may respond better to other treatment programs.

PREVIOUS CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR

If an offender has been found guilty on previous occasions to an offence where drug and alcohol dependency contributed, a DTO can still be made. A DTO can also be imposed regardless of whether the offender has previously served a term of imprisonment.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

The Drug Court has a dedicated Legal Aid lawyer who can provide assistance to offenders and Drug Court participants.

All potential Drug Court participants may have access to the lawyer to prepare for and represent them at all court sittings including hearings and application.

Offenders should consider consulting with a legal representative before attending any court hearing.



Enforcement Review Program

The Enforcement Review Program (ERP) assists members of the community who have 'special circumstances' and outstanding fines registered at the Infringements Court. The Program enables the Court to impose outcomes that reflect the circumstances of the offending.

ELIGIBILITY

Special circumstances matters are identified by section 65 of the *Infringements Act 2006*. An application in relation to 'special circumstances' may include any of the following:

- ✧ A diagnosed mental illness:
 - ◆ Alzheimer's disease
 - ◆ Bipolar disorder
 - ◆ Dementia
 - ◆ Depression and anxiety *
 - ◆ Psychosis
 - ◆ Schizophrenia
 - ◆ Severe mood disorder
- ✧ Neurological Disorders:
 - ◆ Acquired brain injury
 - ◆ Huntington's disease
 - ◆ Intellectual disability
 - ◆ Muscular sclerosis and other related diseases
 - ◆ Parkinson's disease
- ✧ A serious addiction to drugs, alcohol or a volatile substance within the meaning of section 57 of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*
- ✧ Homelessness

If a person suffers from any of the above and it is evident that their judgement was impaired at the time of the offences, an application can be made for revocation of fines under the 'special circumstances' category.

Fines excluded from the revocation process include excessive speed matters, open court fines and drink/drug driving offences.

* *In relation to depression and anxiety applications, the registrar will require a detailed and comprehensive medical report outlining the severity of the illness.*



HOW TO APPLY

A person who believes they have special circumstances may make an application, or a third party may apply on their behalf. A third party can generally include a parent or guardian, medical practitioner, psychiatrist, caseworker, social worker, financial counsellor, carer, case manager or legal representative.

The application must seek revocation of the fines and be supported by medical evidence. The application must be in writing and outline the following:

- ✧ The person's financial capacity
- ✧ Any social factors that have impacted their lives
- ✧ Services they are currently linked with
- ✧ Centrelink statements
- ✧ Any written references

Medical evidence from a treating doctor or psychiatrist will need to outline:

- ✧ A formal diagnosis
- ✧ Current treatment and compliance
- ✧ Duration of illness
- ✧ How it has impaired the person's judgment at the commission of offences

Evidence should be current and when supplied with an application, should be no more than 12 months old.

The application for revocation of fines along with the medical evidence and any attached documents that are relevant to the application must be forwarded to:

Special Circumstances Registrar
Infringements Court
Level 1
444 Swanston Street
Carlton VIC 3053
PO Box 14487
Melbourne VIC 8001

If the application is granted, the documentation will be made available to the prosecuting agencies to assist agencies to determine whether or not to withdraw proceedings.

Should the prosecuting agency not withdraw within 28 days of the Registrar's decision, the matter will be listed in open court before a Magistrate or Judicial Registrar for determination in the Special Circumstances List.

The Infringements Court will correspond with all applicants if the application is refused.

COURT PROCESS

Clients must attend court and be prepared to plead guilty to the offence, unless they have exceptional circumstances such as being institutionalised. The Magistrate or Judicial Registrar will take into consideration the 'special circumstances' outlined in the application when determining an appropriate outcome to the matter. Magistrates and judicial registrars have full discretion as to what type of order can be imposed, but could include a dismissal pursuant Section 76 of the *Sentencing Act 1991*, an Undertaking to be of Good Behaviour or reimposition of the fine. The prosecutor may



request VicRoads to perform a licence review for driving related offences. Demerit points are still recorded with VicRoads for the relevant regulated offences upon a finding of guilt.

'Special Circumstances' matters are set for hearing at Melbourne Magistrates' Court on Thursdays, with listings at 10am and 2pm in court room 17.

LEGISLATION

The *Infringements Act 2006* defines 'Special Circumstances' in relation to a person to mean:

- (a) a mental or intellectual disability, disorder, disease or illness where the disability, disorder, disease or illness results in the person being unable -
 - (i) to understand that conduct constitutes an offence; or
 - (ii) to control conduct that constitutes an offence; or

- (b) a serious addiction to drugs, alcohol or a volatile substance within the meaning of Section 57 of the *Drugs, Poisons, and Controlled Substances Act 1981* where the serious addiction results in the person being unable -
 - (i) to understand that conduct constitutes an offence; or
 - (ii) to control conduct that constitutes an offence; or

- (c) homelessness determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria (if any) where the homelessness results in the person being unable to control conduct which constitutes an offence.



Koori Community Engagement Officer (KCEO)

AIM OF THE PROGRAM

The aim of the KCEO is to assist in the management of Koori direct contacts that come before the courts by assisting them with advice and access to culturally appropriate and sensitive services. The KCEO liaises with members of the local Koori communities to inform them of the court process whilst also raising regional awareness of Indigenous and cross-cultural issues.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

- ✧ To provide non-legal advice and support to Koori accused, victims of crime and applicants
- ✧ Ensure the Court has access to relevant and factual information in relation to social background, treatment history, available programs and services, family or support networks for Koori accused
- ✧ Provide information and authoritative advice on court and tribunal procedures and practices to relevant stakeholders including legal practitioners, police officers, corrections officers, government agencies, direct contacts and the public
- ✧ Liaise with judiciary, magistracy, external organisations, groups and individuals that interface with the Court
- ✧ Assist in the development, evaluation and implementation of new policies and procedures that relate to Indigenous issues
- ✧ Maintain a record of referrals and services provided and provide statistical and other reports as required



Koori Court

WHAT IS THE KOORI COURT?

The Koori Court has been created under the *Magistrates' Court Act 1989*. It operates as a division of the Magistrates' Court, which sentences Indigenous accused. The Children's Koori Court was established under the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

The Koori Court provides an informal atmosphere and allows greater participation by the Aboriginal (Koori) community in the court process. Koori Elders or Respected Persons, the Koori Court Officer, Koori accused and their families can contribute during the court hearing. This helps to reduce perceptions of cultural alienation, ensures sentencing orders are appropriate to the cultural needs of Koori offenders, and assists them to address issues relating to their offending behaviour.

The Koori Court is currently located at Bairnsdale, Broadmeadows, Latrobe, Mildura, Shepparton, Swan Hill and Warrnambool Magistrates' Courts. Children's Koori Courts are also located in Melbourne and Mildura.

THE KOORI COURT AIMS TO:

- ✧ increase Koori ownership of the administration of the law
- ✧ increase positive participation by Koori offenders
- ✧ increase the accountability of the Koori offenders, families and community
- ✧ encourage the accused to appear in court
- ✧ reduce the amount of breached court orders
- ✧ increase community awareness about community codes of conduct and standards of behaviour
- ✧ explore sentencing alternatives prior to imprisonment.

HOW DOES THE COURT OPERATE?

- ✧ The Koori Court is more informal
- ✧ The Magistrate sits at a large table with all other participants, not at the bench
- ✧ The accused will sit with his or her family at the table, not in the dock
- ✧ Participants will talk in 'plain' English rather than using technical legal language.

WHY CREATE A SEPARATE COURT FOR KOORI PEOPLE?

- ✧ The Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement is an agreement developed between the State Government and the Victorian Koori community. One of the major recommendations has been the need for a Koori Court.
- ✧ Koori people are over-represented within the criminal justice system, more so than any other cultural group. As at 2005/06, Koori's were approximately 12 times more likely than non-Indigenous people to be placed in an adult prison and approximately six times more likely to be processed by police for various offences.
- ✧ Numerous reports, such as the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and the Bringing Them Home report, have recommended that the legal system be modified to make it less culturally alienating and more tailored to the needs of Aboriginal offenders and their community.



KOORI COURT EVALUATION

The [Evaluation of the Koori Court Pilot Program](#) is available from the Department of Justice Website through this link.

WHAT SENTENCING ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE?

The Magistrate will retain all sentencing alternatives, including the power to send the accused to prison, as in the conventional Magistrates' Court. However, the primary goal of the court is to create sentencing orders that are more culturally appropriate to Aboriginal offenders, thereby reducing the rate of re-offending. The Koori Court therefore benefits not only the Koori community, but also the wider community.

WHAT TYPES OF OFFENCES?

All offences that can be heard in a Magistrates' Court, except family violence and sexual offences, can be heard in the Koori Court.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ✧ Koori accused who plead guilty to an offence
- ✧ Live within, or have been charged within, the boundary area of a Koori Court
- ✧ Koori accused who elect to go to the Koori Court and are willing to join in the Koori Court process

WHO SENTENCES THE OFFENDERS?

As in conventional Magistrates' Courts, the ultimate decision regarding the sentencing order is left with the magistrates. However, in the Koori Court, the Koori Elders or Respected Persons will provide the court with advice relating to cultural matters. The Magistrate might consider this advice when handing down the most appropriate sentencing order.



Koori Liaison Officer Program

The Koori Liaison Officer (KLO) Program became operational in 2002. The creation of this program was a direct result of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement, a partnership between the Victorian Government and Victorian Indigenous Communities. This agreement was brought about by recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. The program aims to address the over representation of Koori people in the Victorian Justice System by working with Koori accused when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Koori people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

The KLO Program has a coordinator and liaison officer. It operates as part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and offers the range of services provided by the CISP.

Any party to a court proceeding can access the KLO Program, including applicants, respondents and accused from all jurisdictions of the Magistrates' Court, such as the Family Violence Court Division.

The objectives of the KLO Program include:

- ✧ to provide advice to Koori accused who come into contact with the court, and their families
- ✧ to provide access to services for Koori accused who come into contact with the court
- ✧ to raise awareness within the criminal justice system of cross-cultural issues
- ✧ to provide advice and report to Magistrates and relevant court staff in relation to appropriate courses of action for Koori accused
- ✧ to liaise with local Koori communities to inform them of the court process
- ✧ to consult, negotiate and liaise with government and non-government organizations to co-ordinate service delivery and promote knowledge of issues relating to Koori persons.

The KLO Program is located at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court, but is a statewide service.



Mental Health Court Liaison Service

The Mental Health Court Liaison Service (MHCLS) is a court-based assessment and advice service. Within the metropolitan courts, this service is provided by Forensicare, the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health while in rural areas the MHCLS is provided by the relevant Area Mental Health Services.

The metropolitan MHCLS, funded by the Department of Human Services, was first established at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court in November 1994. Due to the increasing demand on the service, positions have since been established to service the Ringwood, Heidelberg, Dandenong, Frankston, Broadmeadows and Sunshine Magistrates' Courts.

Mental health clinicians undertake clinical assessments in order to determine the presence or absence of serious mental illness, and provide feedback based on these assessments to the court in a timely manner. This assists the court in making well-informed decisions in situations where factors related to serious mental illness need to be taken into account.

The program aims to:

- ✧ Divert offenders with a mental illness from the criminal justice system into appropriate mental health treatment services
- ✧ Reduce rates of recidivism in offenders with a mental illness through facilitating access to appropriate mental health treatment services
- ✧ Reduce the frequency and length of custodial remands to obtain a psychiatric report.

Responsibilities include:

- ✧ Identification and assessment of people coming before the Court who may suffer from a mental illness, and making linkages to the appropriate mental health facility in the community or prison system, for treatment and support
- ✧ Provision of immediate impartial mental health assessments, to determine whether or not a person before the Court is suffering from a mental illness
- ✧ To assess if a person is fit to plead
- ✧ Reassessment of the mental state of a person with a known psychiatric history
- ✧ Consulting and networking with mental health services and various professional services and family members involved in the person's care
- ✧ Providing a consultancy and advice service on mental health issues to all metropolitan Magistrates' Courts and their users.

The Mental Health Court Liaison Service complements the other liaison services now established or provided by the Magistrates' Court of Victoria.

There are also five part-time rural-based Mental Health Court Liaison positions. The rural services are provided by the local area mental health services to the Geelong, Shepparton, Bendigo, Ballarat and Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Courts.



Youth Justice Court Advice Service (YJ CAS)

YOUTH JUSTICE Melbourne Central Courts Unit

What is YJ CAS?

The Youth Justice Court Advice Service (YJ CAS) is a specialised youth focussed service provided by the Department of Human Services, Youth Justice, for young people between the ages of 18 and 20 years of age who are appearing in the Magistrates, County and Supreme Courts in relation to criminal matters. The primary focus of the YJ CAS service is the diversion of young offenders from the criminal justice system.

The service operates across the State of Victoria.

What services are provided by YJ CAS?

The role of the YJ CAS worker involves:

- ✧ Provision of case management for young people who are subject to an YJ CAS supervised bail or a deferral of sentence order
- ✧ Assessments in regard to a young person's suitability for a youth justice centre order as requested by the Court
- ✧ Advice to the courts and legal personnel in relation to a young person undergoing an existing youth justice centre order, including general progress, programs undertaken, parole dates and any other relevant information
- ✧ Advice in relation to bail support services available, including accommodation, appropriate treatment or program availability
- ✧ Liaison with judges and magistrates, legal and court personnel, court support services and other key stakeholders to co-ordinate advice and services for young people with multiple needs
- ✧ Assistance to identify appropriate diversionary strategies
- ✧ Appropriate pre-sentence support and information for young offenders, their families and significant others
- ✧ Support and referral of a young person to relevant community services
- ✧ Supervision of bail, adjournments and sentence deferrals where appropriate
- ✧ Court advice in relation to appeal processes
- ✧ Progress reports to the courts regarding young people on bail or deferral of sentence.

Who can make a referral to the Youth Justice Court Advice Service (YJ CAS)?

Legal representatives, magistrates and judges can refer a young person to Youth Justice for assistance. In addition, the young person, their family members and community agencies may also make a referral.

The YJ CAS service operates in every court in the State of Victoria via regional Youth Justice Units.



CONTACT NAME	LOCATION	PHONE – FAX - EMAIL
Court Support and Diversion Services		
Manager	Melbourne Magistrates Court Level 7, 436 Lonsdale Street (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 [DX 350080]	Ph: 9603 9362 Fax: 9603 9464 Mob: 0409 141 489

Assessment and Referral Court (ARC) List <i>A specialist court list and problem-solving court approach to meet the needs of accused persons who have a mental illness and/or a cognitive impairment.</i>		
Program Manager Clinical Advisors Case Advisor	Melbourne Magistrates Court 4/233 William Street, (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 (DX 350080)	Ph: 9628 7975 or 9628 7936 Fax: 9628 7976

Corrections Victoria, Community Correctional Services - Court Services Unit <i>To provide timely court advice, conduct assessments and prosecute breaches.</i>		
Officer in Charge	Melbourne Magistrates Court 4/233 William Street, (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 [DX 210087] <i>(Court advice for matters at other courts can be obtained from regional CCS offices)</i>	Ph: 9628 7740 Mob: 0447 533 234

Court Network <i>Court Network offers support information and referral for people attending court statewide</i>		
Executive Director Deborah Di Natle		Ph: 9603 7433 Toll Free: 1800 681 614



Court Integrated Services Program (CISP)

To provide a coordinated, team based approach to the assessment and treatment of the accused

Melbourne Magistrates' Court

Program Manager Jo Beckett	Ph: 9628 7936 or 9628 7975 Mob: 0408 480 714 Fax: 9628 7976 Email jo.beckett@justice.vic.gov.au
Team Leaders	Ph: 9628 7975 or 9628 7936 Fax: 9628 7976 Mobiles: 0419 517 991 or 0407 521 264
Case Managers ✧ Disability ✧ Drug and Alcohol ✧ Generalist ✧ Mental Health ✧ ABI	Ph: 9628 7975 or 9628 7936 Fax: 9628 7976
Koori Liaison Officer Program Coordinator	Ph: 9628 7975 or 9628 7936 Fax: 9628 7976
Koori Liaison Officer	Ph: 9628 7975 or 9628 7936 Fax: 9628 7976
Housing - Initial Assessment and Planning Workers	Ph: 8615 3854 Fax: 9628 7976
Administration Supervisor	Ph: 9628 7975 Fax: 9628 7976
Administration Assistant	Ph: 9628 7936 Fax: 9628 7976

Sunshine Magistrates' Court

Team Leader	Ph: 9300 6212 Mob: 0438 286 955 Fax: 9300 6289
Case Managers ✧ Drug and Alcohol ✧ Generalist ✧ Mental Health ✧ ABI	Ph: 9300 6212 Fax: 9300 6289
Housing - Initial Assessment and Planning Workers	Ph: 9300 6212 Fax: 9300 6289
Administration Assistant	Ph: 9300 6212 Fax: 9300 6289

Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court

Team Leader	Ph: 5116 5302 Mob: 0412 182 111 Fax: 5116 5235
Case Managers ✧ Drug and Alcohol ✧ ABI	Ph: 5116 5247 & 5116 5250 Fax: 5116 5235 Ph: 5116 5249 Fax: 5116 5235



CREDIT/Bail Support Program (CBSP)

To facilitate bail for accused persons in custody, who, but for homelessness, poverty etc. would be suitable candidates for bail, thereby reducing demand for remand beds.

Court Location

Contact details

Program Manager Jo Beckett Melbourne	Ph: 9628 7936 or 9628 7975 Fax: 9628 7976 Mob: 0408 480 714 Email jo.beckett@justice.vic.gov.au
Regional Team Leader Melbourne	Ph: 9628 7975 Fax: 9628 7976 Mob: 0408 177 117
Ballarat	Ph: 5336 6387 Fax: 5336 6388 Mob: 0408 323 739
Broadmeadows	Ph: 9221 8950 Fax: 9221 8951 Mob: 0437121 536
Dandenong	Ph: 9767 1361 Fax: 9767 1399 Mob: 0408 056 110
Frankston	Ph: 9784 5788 Fax: 9784 5770 Mob: 0408 590 791
Geelong	Ph: 5225 3385 Fax: 5225 3334 Mob: 0438 286 965
Heidelberg	Ph: 8458 2060 Fax: 8458 2063 Mob: Not available
Moorabbin	Ph: 9090 8096 Fax: 9090 8075 Mob: 0418 347976
Ringwood	Ph: 9871 4479 Fax: 9871 4466 Mob: 0409 563 926



Criminal Justice Diversion Program (Diversion)

Provides an alternative to traditional court outcomes in criminal cases involving first time offenders to keep them out of the criminal justice system and to preserve 'offence free' status

LOCATION	PHONE – FAX
<p>Senior Diversion Co-ordinator: Melbourne Magistrates' Court Level 2 / 233 William Street (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 [DX350080]</p>	<p>Ph: 9628 7862 Fax: 9628 7977</p>
<p>Ballarat Magistrates' Court 100 Grenville Street South (PO Box 604) Ballarat 3350 [DX 214276]</p>	<p>Ph: 5336 6295 Fax: 5336 6213</p>
<p>Bendigo Magistrates' Court 71 Pall Mall (PO Box 930) Bendigo 3550 [DX 214508]</p>	<p>Ph: 5440 4115 Fax: 5440 4173</p>
<p>Broadmeadows Magistrates' Court Cnr Pearcedale Pde & Dimboola Rd (PO Box 3235) Broadmeadows 3047 [DX 211268]</p>	<p>Ph: 9221 8900 Fax: 9221 8901</p>
<p>Dandenong Magistrates' Court Cnr Foster & Pultney Streets (PO Box 392) Dandenong 3175 [DX 211577]</p>	<p>Ph: 9767 1310 Fax: 9767 1399</p>
<p>Frankston Magistrates' Court Fletcher Road (PO Box 316) Frankston 3199 [DX 211788]</p>	<p>Ph: 9784 5711 Fax: 9784 5757</p>
<p>Geelong Magistrates' Court Railway Terrace (PO Box 428) Geelong 3220 [DX 216046]</p>	<p>Ph: 5225 3386 Fax: 5225 3392</p>
<p>Heidelberg Magistrates' Court Jika Street (PO Box 105) Heidelberg 3084 [DX 211906]</p>	<p>Ph: 8458 2034 Fax: 8458 2001</p>
<p>Melbourne Magistrates' Court Level 2 / 233 William Street (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 [DX 350080]</p>	<p>Ph: 9628 7982 / 9628 7998 Fax: 9628 7977</p>
<p>Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court 134 Commercial Road (PO Box 687) Morwell 3840 [DX 217729]</p>	<p>Ph: 5116 5205 Fax: 5116 5200</p>
<p>Ringwood Magistrates' Court Ringwood Street (PO Box 333) Ringwood 3134 [DX 212456]</p>	<p>Ph: 9871 4476 Fax: 9847 0954</p>
<p>Shepparton Magistrates' Court High Street (PO Box 607) Shepparton 3630 [DX 218731]</p>	<p>Ph: 5821 4633 Fax: 5821 2374</p>
<p>Sunshine Magistrates' Court 10 Foundry Road (PO Box 435) Sunshine 3020 [DX 212686]</p>	<p>Ph: 9300 6231 Fax: 9300 6269</p>
<p>Werribee Magistrates' Court Cnr Duncans Road & Salisbury Street (PO Box 196) Werribee 3030 [DX 212868]</p>	<p>Ph: 9974 9300 Fax: 9974 9301</p>



Drug Court of Victoria

Provides an alternative to imprisonment by using a rehabilitative 'therapeutic jurisprudence' approach for serious drug dependant offenders.

CONTACT	LOCATION	PHONE
Program Manager	Dandenong Magistrates' Court 35 Pultney Street (PO Box 392) Dandenong 3175 [DX 211577]	Ph: 9767 1384
Deputy Registrar		Ph: 9767 1344
Victoria Police Representative		Ph: 9767 7460
Legal Aid	Drug Court House 153 Foster St Dandenong 3175	Ph: 9767 1389 Mob: 0407 327 923
Clinical Advisors		Ph: 9767 1387 Mob: 0417 345 644
		Ph: 9767 1388 Mob: 0417 364 051
Community Corrections Senior Case Manager		Ph: 9767 1386 Mob: 0458 973 491
Community Corrections Case Managers		Ph: 9767 1382 Mob: 0407 312 054
	Ph: 9767 1381 Mob: 0407 312 582	
	Ph: 9767 1379 Mob: 0439 326 354	
	Ph: 9767 1309 Mob: 0438 095 654	

Enforcement Review Program

*To identify and assist fine defaulters with special needs.
Statewide Service located at Melbourne Magistrates' Court*

Enforcement Review Co-ordinator	Melbourne Magistrates' Court 2/233 William Street, (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 [DX 350080]	Ph: 9628 7902 Fax: 9628 7977
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NAME	LOCATION	PHONE – FAX - EMAIL
<p>Koori Community Engagement Officer (KCEO) <i>To assist in the management of Koori direct contacts that come before the courts</i></p>		
Koori Community Engagement Officers	<p>Dandenong Magistrates' Court Cnr Foster & Pultney Streets (PO Box 392) Dandenong 3175 [DX 211577]</p> <p>Geelong Magistrates' Court Railway Terrace (PO Box 428) Geelong 3220 [DX 216046]</p>	<p>Tel: (03) 9767 1325 or (03) 9767 1399</p> <p>Tel: (03) 5225 3391 or (03) 5225 3333</p>
<p>Koori Liaison Officer Program <i>To fill gaps in the knowledge about Koori persons in the Court system and to liaise with Koori specific organisations</i></p>		
Program Co-ordinator	Melbourne Magistrates Court 4/233 William Street, (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 (DX 350080)	Ph: 9628 7975 or 9628 7936 Fax: 9628 7976
<p>Koori Court <i>Create sentencing orders that are more culturally appropriate to Koori offenders, thereby reducing the rate of re-offending</i></p>		
Koori Courts Unit	Koori Courts Unit Level 7/436 Lonsdale St Melbourne, 3001	Koori Courts Unit: Manager, Koori Courts Unit Ph: 9603 9415 Team Leader, Koori Court Ph: 9603 9416 Project Officer, Koori Court Ph: 9603 9356
<p>Koori Court reports to Senior Registrar at Court where located.</p> <p>Koori Court Officers are located at each of the following courts</p>	Broadmeadows Magistrates' Court Cnr Pearcedale Pde & Dimboola Rd (PO Box 3235) Broadmeadows 3047 [DX 211268]	Koori Court Officer Ph: 9221 8952
	Mildura Magistrates' Court Deakin Avenue, (P.O. Box 5014) Mildura, 3500 [DX217506]	Koori Court Officer Ph: 5021 6007 5021 6005
	Latrobe Valley Law Court 134 Commercial Rd (Po Box 687) Morwell, 3840	Koori Court Officer Ph: 5116 5213
	Shepparton Magistrates' Court High Street (PO Box 607) Shepparton 3630 [DX 218731]	Koori Court Officer Ph: 5821 4633
	Warrnambool Magistrates' Court 218 Koroit Street, (P.O. Box 244), Warrnambool, 3280 [DX 219592]	Koori Court Officer Ph: 5564 1111 Mob: 0400 810 289
	Bairnsdale Magistrates' Court Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale, 3875	Koori Court Officer Ph: 5153 1000
	Melbourne Children's Court 477 Lonsdale Street Melbourne 3000 [DX 212561]	Koori Court Officer Ph: 8601 6700
	Swan Hill Magistrates' Court Curlewis Street (PO Box 512) Swan Hill 3585 [DX 218991]	Koori Court Officer Ph: 5032 1342



Mental Health Court Liaison Service

To provide immediate assessment of persons displaying symptoms of psychiatric illness and to provide information and advice in relation to persons with a psychiatric history.

NAME	LOCATION	PHONE – FAX - EMAIL
Dr Paula Verity	Melbourne Magistrates Court 233 William Street, (GPO Box 882G) Melbourne 3001 [DX 350080]	Ph: 9602 3293 / 9628 7909 Pager :9483 4444 Quote 157999 Fax:: 9602 3251
Vivienne Miller	Broadmeadows	Ph: 9309 7030 Mob: 0419 007 990 Fax:: 9309 7135 (Mon Tues alternate Weds)
Elizabeth McLaughlin	Dandenong/Frankston	Ph: 9767 1327 Mob: 0407 092 953 Fax:: 9767 1385
Graham Riley	Heidelberg/Ringwood	Ph: 9876 0235 Mob: 0407 339 083 Fax:: 9876 0364
Thea Kingett	Sunshine	Ph: 9311 5023 Mob: 0437077328 Fax: 9311 4923

Rural Mental Health Court Liaison Service

Debbie Commons	Ballarat	Ph: 5336 6200 / 5336 6228 Fax: 5336 6213 DX: 214276 (Mon to Thurs 9-2)
Matt Gleisner	Bendigo	Mob: 0418 348 259 DX: 214508 (Mon Tues alternate Thurs)
Paul McFadden	Geelong	Ph: 5225 3352 DX:216046 (Mon Tues alternate Weds)
Paul Jordon	Latrobe Valley	Mob: 0407 825 941 DX: 217629
Gary Said	Shepparton	Mob: 0438 322 854 DX:218731 (Mon Tues Fri)



Salvation Army

To assist persons coming to court with material aid, referrals to services and informal counselling
Statewide service

NAME	LOCATION	PHONE – FAX - EMAIL
Senior Divisional Chaplain/ State Co-ordinator Major Janette Shepherd		Ph: (03) 9329 6022 Fax:: (03) 9329 0533
Major Dennis McMillin Major Thelma McMillin Captain Alison Platt	Melbourne	Ph: (03) 9628 7797 Fax:: 9628 7917 Pager: 9264 1780
Major Vicki McMahon <i>(Criminal Division)</i> Major Margaret Cochrane <i>(Family division)</i>	Children's Court	Ph: (03) 8638 3327 Mob: 0407 529 832 Ph: (03) 8638 3327 Fax:: 8601 6720
Major Kaye Reeves	Ballarat	Ph: (03) 5336 6239
Alan Nightingale	Bendigo	Ph: (03) 5442 7699
Captain Michelle Davies- Kildea	Broadmeadows	Ph: (03) 9221 8908 Mob: 0429 703 287 Fax:: 9351 1591
Major Kylie Kop	Neighbourhood Justice Centre - Collingwood	Ph: (03) 9948 8683 Mob: 0417 033 679 Fax: 9948 9799
Max Orchard	Dandenong	Ph: (03) 9767 1350 Mob: 0407 564 000 Fax:: 9794 0366
Russell Zelley	Frankston	Ph: (03) 9784 5739 Fax:: 9784 5760
Anne Cotsell	Geelong	Ph: (03) 5335 3353 Fax: 5223 2305
Captain Rob Ellis	Heidelberg	Ph: (03) 8458 2021 Fax:: 8458 2001
Rhonda Drewett Bev Reynolds	Latrobe Valley Law Courts	Ph: (03) 5116 5222 (Court)
Graeme Hallett Captain Andrea Elkington	Moorabbin Justice Centre	Ph: (03) 9090 8025 Mob: 0408 335 620
Major Wendy Oliver	Ringwood	Ph: (03) 9871 4470 Fax:: 9871 4473
Victor Hiah	Sunshine	Ph: (03) 9300 6263 Fax:: 9364 8934
	Wimmera Court Circuit	Ph: (03) 5382 1770 Fax: 5382 5589
Paul Lumb	Wodonga	Ph: (02) 6024 2276



Youth Justice Court Advice Service (YJ CAS)

Melbourne Central Courts Unit

- Assessments for Youth Justice Centre Orders
- Bail support/supervision program for young offenders
- Advice to courts, legal practitioners, police and young people etc

<i>Region</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Melbourne Central Courts	Melbourne	Ph: 9600 1885 Stephen Riordan Ph: 9628 7950 Mob: 0412 144654 Gene Bell Ph: 9628 7978 0411 281669
Barwon South Western	Geelong	Ph: 5221 4466
	Colac	Ph: 5221 4466
	Warrnambool, Hamilton & Portland	Ph: 5561 9444
Eastern	Ringwood	Ph: 9843 6480
Gippsland	Sale	Ph: 5144 4166
	Bairnsdale, Orbost, Mallacoota & Omeo	Ph: 5150 4500
	Moe, Wonthaggi & Korumburra	Ph: 5136 2400
Grampians	Ballarat	Ph: 5333 6530
	Horsham, Ararat, Stawell, Edenhope, St Arnaud, Nhill & Hopetoun	Ph: 5381 9777
Hume	Shepparton, Benalla & Cobram	Ph: 5832 1500
	Seymour	Ph: 5793 6400
Loddon Mallee	Wodonga, Corryong, Myrtleford. Wangaratta, Mansfield	Ph: 02 6055 7777 Ph: 5722 0555
	Mildura, Robinvale, Swan Hill & Ouyen	Ph: 5022 3111
North and West	Bendigo, Kyneton, Maryborough, Kerang, Echuca & Castlemaine	Ph: 5434 5555
	Broadmeadows and Heidelberg	Ph: 9479 0379
Southern	Sunshine & Werribee	Ph: 9275 7353
	Frankston	Ph: 9784 3280
	Dandenong	Ph: 8710 2730

Rural Outreach Diversion Workers

Region	Agency	Areas	Worker	Address	Phone	E-mail
BSW	Colac Area Health	Colac		Corangamite Street Colac 3250	5232 5140	
	Western Region Alcohol & Drug Service (WRAD)	Warrnambool	Andrea Edwards	172 Merri Street Warrnambool 3280	1300 009 723	Andreae@wrad.org.au
	Glenelg Southern Grampians Drug Treatment Services	Portland	Jodie Outtram	Bentick Street Portland 3305	5521 0350	jroutram@swarh.vic.gov.au
GRA	Palm Lodge	Horsham	Hilton Mason	25 David Street Horsham 3400	5362 1200	Hilton.m@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au
	Grampians CHS	Stawell	Casey Ross	40-44 Wimmera Street Stawell 3380	5358 7400	Casey.r@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au
LMR	Castlemaine CHS	Castlemaine/ Maryborough	Mick Turner	13 Mostyn Street Castlemaine 3450	5479 1000	mturner@cchc.com.au
	Sunraysia CHS	Mildura	Lisa Carter	Ramsay Court Mildura 3500	5022 5444	lcarter@schs.com.au
	Echuca CHS	Echuca	Wendy Howe	14 Francis Street Echuca 3564	5485 5800	whowe@erh.org.au
	Northern District CHS	Kerang	Cindy Taylor	98 Nolan Street Kerang 3579	5451 0200	
GIPP	Latrobe CHS	Morwell/Sale	Julia Lazaris	251 Princes Drive Morwell 3840	5136 5400	Julia.lazaris@lchs.com.au
	Gippsland Lakes CH	Bairnsdale/Lakes Entrance	Leonie Rodgers	18-26 Jemmeson Street Lakes Entrance 3909	5155 8300	leonier@glch.org.au
	Bass Coast CHS	South Gippsland/ San Remo	Rebecca Egan Deb Guy	1 Backbeach Road San Remo 3925	5671 3521 5671 3506	Rebecca.eagan@bcchs.com.au Deb.guy@bcchs.com.au

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APPENDIX 2
Rural Outreach Diversion Workers and Court Drug Assessor

Region	Agency	Areas	Worker	Address	Phone	E-mail
HUME	Goulburn Valley CHS	Shepparton	Jim West	399 Wyndham Street Shepparton 3630	5823 3200	rodw@gvchs.com.au
	Mitchell CHS	Seymour	Bernie Kenyon	72 Ferguson Street Broadford 3658	5784 5535	berniek@mitchellchs.org.au
	Ovens & King CHS	Wangaratta	Rachel Meadows	86-90 Rowan Street Wangaratta 3677	5723 2039	meadowsr@ovensandking.org.au
			Jane Richard		5723 2040	richardsj@ovensandking.org.au
Gateway CHS	Wodonga	Steven Gibbs	12 Stanley Street Wodonga 3689	(02) 6022 8888		
SMR	PenDAP	Portsea/Rosebud/ Dromana	Laura Denise	8-10 Hastings Street Frankston 3199	9784 8122	
NMR	Youth Projects	Craigieburn/ Broadford/Whittlesea		6 Hartington Street Glenroy 3046	9304 9100	

Court Drug Assessor

Court	Agency	Areas	Worker	Address	Phone	E-mail
BENDIGO	Bendigo CHS	Bendigo Court		171 Hargreaves St, Bendigo, Victoria, 3550	5448 1628	gayewhite@bchs.com.au