

SPECIAL SITTING ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE LOCAL COURT FIXED VACATION PERIOD 2024-2025

Normal rostered sittings of the Local Court, Children's Court and Coronial Jurisdiction will be suspended on and from Monday 23 December 2024 and will recommence on Monday 6 January 2025. Friday 20 December 2024 will be a statewide Chambers Day. Special sitting arrangements will apply throughout this period.

LOCAL COURT ARRANGEMENTS

Acting Magistrates will be rostered at Parramatta to determine bail for adults who remain in custody and to consider any urgent applications for Apprehended Violence Orders as follows:

- Weekends and public holidays: Five Acting Magistrates will be rostered at Parramatta Children's Court
- Weekdays that are not public holidays: Six Acting Magistrates will be rostered at Parramatta Local Court

All adults remanded in custody are to be dealt with via Audio Visual Link (AVL) facilities in accordance with the Local Court Standard Operating Procedures for Centralised Bail Courts

CHILDREN'S COURT ARRANGEMENTS

Acting Magistrates will be rostered at Parramatta Children's Court to determine bail applications, urgent applications for Apprehended Violence Orders and urgent applications for care and protection orders from across the state.

- Weekends and public holidays: One Acting Magistrate will be rostered at Parramatta Children's Court
- Weekdays that are not public holidays: Two Acting Magistrates will be rostered at Parramatta Children's Court

All young people remanded in custody are to be dealt with via Audio Visual Link (AVL) facilities in accordance with the Children's Court Standard Operating Procedures for Centralised Bail Courts. Legal practitioners are to appear in person unless leave is granted to appear by AVL.

Care and protection applications

Applications for an emergency care and protection order under s46 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act* or an application for an interim order where a care application is made following the removal or assumption into care of a child or young person under s45 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act* are to be listed at Parramatta Children's Court on a weekday that is not a public holiday during the court vacation period.

CORONIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Coroners Court Registry will be open on all days except the Public Holidays (Christmas Day Public Holiday, Wednesday 25 December 2024, Boxing Day Public Holiday, Thursday 26 December 2024, and New Year's Day Wednesday 1 January 2025).

During the two-week Christmas - New Year period, a duty Senior Coroner will be available during normal business hours at the State Coroner's Court for all deaths reported in NSW. The duty Senior Coroner is also available 24 hours on call for urgent issues arising out of hours.

Christmas and New Year Coronial Reporting Arrangements for the Coroner's Court are being developed and will be distributed by the Coroner's Court to impacted stakeholders.

Further information regarding arrangements for the Coroners Court can be provided by Alex Jobe, Manager, Coronial Operations via email to: Lidcome.coroners@justice.nsw.gov.au