

Annual Local Court Judges Conference and mid year recess 2026

Stakeholder information

LOCAL COURT ARRANGEMENTS – Local Court Judicial Conference and Judge’s mid-year recess.

The normal rostered sittings of the Local Court are suspended on and from Wednesday 1 July 2026 until Friday 10 July 2026.

Local Court Registry

Registry Services will be available at all Court Registries across the state during this period.

Local Court - Persons in custody

Statewide arrangements

Judges will be rostered at the **Bail Division (Sydney CBD)** to determine bail for adult persons, who remain in custody. One Judge will be rostered at the **Downing Centre Local Court** to support the Bail Division and to consider any urgent applications for Apprehended Violence Orders or Bail Reviews that are lodged state-wide.

All adults remanded in custody are to be dealt with via Audio Visual Link (AVL) facilities at the Bail Division or Downing Centre Local Court.

There will be no appearances in person. Appearances will be in accordance with the agreed standard operating procedures for the Bail Division. Court room allocations are as below.

The telephone contact number for the Bail Division is **(02) 9287 7222**.

Region Court room allocations – Bail Division

Courtroom	Primary allocation (region/service stream)
Courtroom 1	Mid North Coast & Northern Rivers
Courtroom 2	Newcastle & Greater Hunter
Courtroom 3	Southern Highlands & South Coast
Courtroom 4	Western NSW
Courtroom 5	Riverina & New England
Courtroom 6	Central Coast and Amber Laurel (remainder)
Courtroom 7	Surry Hills Correctional Centre
Courtroom 8	Amber Laurel (Blacktown, Penrith, Mt Druitt, Windsor)

Domestic and Personal Violence – Police Informants

Police may apply for urgent orders during business hours to the Central Justice Panel by forwarding a prepared ‘Provisional (Ex Parte) Apprehended Violence Order’ to the court.

Police may also apply for urgent orders 24 hours per day through the ‘electronic transfer inbox’, AHJP@justice.nsw.gov.au. Please note Central Justice Panel operates from 8am to 3pm, the Extended Registry from 3pm to 11pm and Authorised Justices on the ‘After Hours’ roster between 11pm and 8am.

Urgent AVO’s – Private Informants

AVO applications are to be lodged at their nearest Local Court. If an application needs an urgent listing, a Judge will be available at the Downing Centre Local Court to determine urgent applications only during Court sitting hours.

For further information regarding listing and appearance arrangements, please contact dclc@justice.nsw.gov.au.

LEPRA Applications

Applications may be made in line with usual practice and procedures at relevant court registries.

CHILDRENS COURT ARRANGEMENTS

Children's Court

A Judge will be rostered at **Parramatta Children's Court** to determine bail proceedings, including urgent bail variation applications, urgent applications for Apprehended Violence Orders and urgent applications for care and protection orders from across the state.

Bail proceedings

First appearance bail applications from across the state will be dealt with by AVL at **Parramatta Children's Court** each day in accordance with Children's Court Practice Note 20 and the interagency Standard Operating Procedures for Centralised Bail Courts.

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 during the court vacation period.

Standard Operating Procedures for the listing of urgent Care and Protection applications during this period have been developed with local stakeholders.

Domestic and Personal Violence applications

In the ordinary course provisional orders are to be listed after 12 January 2026.

However, urgent applications for interim domestic and personal violence orders or urgent interim variations of domestic and personal violence orders may be listed at **Parramatta Children's Court** on a weekday during the court vacation period but only following consultation with the registrar of Parramatta Children's Court.

General enquires: Parramatta Children's Court: ph: 8688 1888, fax: 8688 1999 or by email childrens.court@justice.nsw.gov.au.

Any **urgent enquiries** during the court vacation period should be directed to:

Weekdays: James Hogan Registrar, Parramatta Children's Court on 8688 1420 or 0412 197 313 (after hours)

Weekends and Public Holidays: Deputy Registrar, Parramatta Children's Court on 8688 1442.

GENERAL INFORMATION – BAIL VARIATIONS

Should a person attend a Police station anywhere in NSW during this period regarding applications to vary a bail condition they should be asked to call the New South Wales Courts Service Centre (NSWCSC) on 1300 679 272. Upon receiving a call, the NSWCSC will provide assistance and if necessary, directly transfer the person to a senior staff member at Downing Centre Local Court or, in appropriate circumstances, Parramatta Children's Court.

For Children's Court bail variations, the young person should contact either the Children's Legal Service on 1800 101 810 or the Aboriginal Legal Service on 1800 765 767 for advice and representation.

CORONIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The normal rostered sittings of the Coroners Court are suspended on and from Wednesday 1 July 2026 until Friday 10 July 2026.

There is no change to Police procedure for reporting deaths to the coroner, and no change to the triage process for reported deaths during this period.

The State Coroners Court Registry will be open on all days during the mid-year conference and vacation period.

Local Court Registries will be open, and any coronial enquiries received by the NSW Court Service Centre will be transferred to the relevant Court for response.

DISTRICT COURT ARRANGEMENTS

District Court Registries will remain open, and court proceedings will continue as normal throughout this period.

DRUG COURT ARRANGEMENTS

Drug Court Registries will remain open, and court proceedings will continue as normal throughout this period.

Drug Testing and urinalysis services will remain open at Drug Court Registries.