



MURRI COURT

Murri Court operates in Brisbane, Caboolture, Cairns, Cherbourg, Cleveland, Mackay, Mount Isa, Richlands, Rockhampton, St George, Toowoomba, Townsville, Wynnum and Maroochydore

Evaluating the Murri Court

We are pleased to announce that Ipsos Public Affairs Pty Ltd – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Unit (ATSIRU) has been awarded the contract to conduct the evaluation.

Who is Ipsos?

Ipsos ATSIRU has conducted several evaluations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs for Commonwealth and State governments in the contexts of community development, child safety, domestic violence, remote school attendance, family decision making and youth offending. Ms Sharon Barnes is an Nggunawal woman and as Director of Ipsos's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Unit is an experienced evaluator and she will lead a team that includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff involved in all components of the evaluation.



Ipsos team L-R: Zabowie Nona (Argun woman), Kylie Brosnan, Michael Barnes (Nggunawal man), Sharon Barnes (Nggunawal woman)

Consultation

The evaluation team will work closely with Murri Court Elders and Respected Persons, Magistrates, Community Justice Group staff, participants, service providers and other court stakeholders. The main consultation phase will take place from August 2018 to November 2018. They will visit at least four locations to find out how Murri Court works in different places in detail. They will also have a lot of in-depth phone interviews and obtain feedback from across the State. They want to understand what aspects of Murri Court are most important in getting good outcomes.

The evaluation team will set up a cultural reference group to make sure that the evaluation is carried out in a cultural way. Their approach is to work “with” and “as” Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to do research the “right way”. The reference group will be invited to participate in developing the evaluation plan which will include the schedule for consultations.

Final Report

The final evaluation report will be completed by the end of February 2019 and information will be provided back to communities through the Community Justice Groups.

Can I be involved?

The evaluation will provide an opportunity for people to have their say about Murri Court. In the meantime, you are always welcome to share your thoughts about Murri Court by emailing your comments and suggestions to murricourt@justice.qld.gov.au. This will help us to continually improve the way Murri Court operates.

