

# Magistrates Courts

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## Practice Direction No. 5 of 2023

Issued: 24 October 2023

### Beaudesert Court closure and registry arrangements 6 – 24 November 2023

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#### Introduction

1. This Practice Direction applies to the period 6 November 2023 to and including 24 November 2023. It will cease effect on 25 November 2023.

#### Purpose

2. The purpose of this Practice Direction is to facilitate court and registry arrangements at Beaudesert Court during the period of 6 November to 24 November 2023, inclusive.

#### Court closure

3. Beaudesert Courthouse will be temporarily closed for the period 6 November 2023 to and including 24 November 2023.
4. It will reopen on Monday 27 November 2023 at new premises, 8 William Street, Beaudesert.
5. During the period of the temporary closure, the arrangements set out below and summarised in Annexure A apply.

#### Registry arrangements

6. The Beaudesert Registry will continue to operate at its current location, 29 William Street Beaudesert until close of business Thursday 16 November 2023.
7. The Beaudesart Registry will then be closed from 17 November to 24 November, inclusive.
8. During the period of closure, parties may contact the registry by telephoning the Beenleigh registry on 07 3081 2100 or emailing [courthouse.beaudesert@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:courthouse.beaudesert@justice.qld.gov.au)

## **Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Applications**

9. All DFV matters currently listed before Beaudesert Court, in the week commencing 6 November 2023, will be bought forward and adjourned to a date after the temporary court closure.
10. New or urgent DFV applications will remain listed each Wednesday during the closure as follows:
  - a. Beenleigh Court 4 will deal with matters the week commencing 6 November 2023 during Beaudesert Court Closure.
  - b. Beaudesert Court matters will be conducted out of the Beenleigh Courthouse in for the remaining two weeks in a Courtroom to be notified.
11. Parties may either attend the Beenleigh Court in person, or request to appear by telephone, or seek an online/email adjournment.
12. Beenleigh DFV safe room facilities will be available for use for Beaudesert DFV matters during this period.

## **All other matters currently listed for Beaudesert Court for the week commencing 6 November 2023**

13. All other matters that are currently listed for Beaudesert Court for the week commencing 6 November 2023 will be bought forward and adjourned in accordance with paragraphs [14] and [15]
14. Defendants with surnames A-K:
  - a. listed for Tuesday 7 November will be adjourned to Beenleigh Court 7 to be dealt with on Tuesday 14 November 2023.
  - b. listed for Wednesday 8 November will be adjourned to Beenleigh Court 7 to be dealt with on Wednesday 15 November 2023.
15. Defendants with surnames L-Z:
  - a. listed for Tuesday 7 November will be adjourned to Beenleigh Court 7 to be dealt with on Tuesday 21 November 2023.
  - b. listed for Wednesday 8 November will be adjourned to Beenleigh Court 7 to be dealt with on Wednesday 22 November 2023 at Beenleigh.
16. Parties to matters adjourned to these days will receive a Notice of Adjournment advising the date and location.
17. Parties will also be advised that they may appear in person, or request to appear by telephone, or seek an online/email adjournment.

## **Arrangements for the weeks commencing 13 and 20 November 2023**

18. The Criminal Callover will be conducted by Beenleigh Court 7 on Tuesdays (14 and 21 November 2023).

19. Adult sentences will be heard in Beenleigh Court 7 on Wednesdays (15 and 22 November 2023). These will only be listed by consent of all parties.
20. Adult sentences and hearings (which includes any listed DFV hearings) will be heard in Beenleigh Court 7 on Thursdays (16 and 23 November 2023). These will only be listed by consent of all parties.
21. Parties to matters adjourned to these days will receive a Notice of Adjournment advising the date and Courtroom.
22. Except for hearings or where a party has been advised that a personal appearance is required, parties will also be advised that they may appear in person, or request to appear by telephone, or seek an online/email adjournment.

#### **QCAT**

23. There are no QCAT matters listed during the period of temporary court closure.

#### **CHILDRENS COURT**

24. There are no Child Protection or Youth Justice matters listed during the period of temporary court closure.
25. Urgent Childrens Court matters will be dealt with in accordance with current arrangements.

  
Judge Janelle Brassington  
Chief Magistrate  
24 October 2023

**ANNEXURE A to Practice Direction 5 of 2023**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
6	7	8 New/urgent DFV  <i>Court 4 Beenleigh</i>	9	10
13	14 Beaudesert A-K adjourned from 7 Nov  Criminal Callover  <i>Court 7 Beenleigh</i>	15 Beaudesert A-K adjourned from 8 Nov  New/urgent DFV & Sentences  <i>Court 7 Beenleigh</i>	16 Sentences & hearings   <i>Court 7 Beenleigh</i>	17
20	21 Beaudesert L-Z adjourned from 7 Nov  Criminal Callover  <i>Court 7 Beenleigh</i>	22 Beaudesert L-Z adjourned from 8 Nov  New/urgent DFV & Sentences  <i>Court 7 Beenleigh</i>	23 Sentences & hearing   <i>Court 7 Beenleigh</i>	24
27 Courthouse and Registry reopen	28	29	30	