

Arrangements for Magistrates Court at Southport Wednesday 12 March 2025 to and including Friday 14 March 2025

1. The Magistrates Court at Southport will be closed on Wednesday 12 March 2025 to and including Friday 14 March 2025 in accordance with Practice Direction No. 9 of 2025. All matters will be administratively adjourned, and a Notice of Adjournment will be sent to parties.
2. **Urgent Domestic and Family Violence:** Given the closure of the registry, parties will be unable to file any Applications for Protection Orders, including via electronic means. Any person seeking to apply for an *urgent Domestic Violence Order* under the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act (Qld) 2012* will be able to do so by attending a Queensland Police Station. Details of the nearest 24-hour police station can be obtained by calling 131 444. If you are in immediate danger or require urgent assistance, please contact Queensland Police Service on Triple Zero (000). Alternatively, applicants can file urgent applications at Beenleigh or Coolangatta Magistrates Court.
3. Fresh arrests of adults and children will be heard in the Brisbane Arrest Court by video from the Watchhouse/s.
4. Those wishing to appear or be present in these matters should contact the Brisbane Arrest Court or Brisbane Magistrates Court for contact details. Subject to specific direction from the presiding magistrate all parties have leave to appear by telephone/video for the closure period.
5. For the closure period media representatives or others entitled to be present (for example, a victim of crime) are permitted to report on the Southport Court by telephone or video link when the Court is open, or the appearance is permitted under law.
6. **Details of telephone numbers and email addresses** for all registries across Queensland can be found on the Queensland Courts Website – Magistrates Court <https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/courthouses>.



Judge Janelle Brassington
Chief Magistrate

11 March 2025