Business Information Technology

Justice Services Support

Justice Services Support provides information technology services to the Queensland Wide Interlinked Courts (QWIC) and State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) database systems. This includes data extraction and reporting, systems analysis, software development and application support services. The Director is Ron Huisman.

During the past year, Justice Services Support enhanced the QWIC system to improve data quality, the automation of a number of forms previously produced manually, and to provide additional business functionality.

Changes have been made to the SPER system to support local council amalgamations.

Significant support has been provided to the Integrated Justice Information Strategy (IJIS) program. In the past year, there has been particular focus on this program, especially on the QWIC application. The existing Court List Query program, which allows other agencies to search for relevant court appearances, was improved to provide further information and functionality to pass Bench Charge Sheet information received from the Police Service to appropriate agencies was also completed.

Courts Connectivity Project

The Circuit Court Connectivity Project (the CCC Project) was developed to meet a critical need for circuit magistrates and their support staff to access the department’s data network while on circuit in various locations throughout the State. The particular focus of the project was circuit courts in remote locations. The Project Manager is Sharon Pullar.

The CCC Project has involved a close working relationship between the Magistrates Court and the Information Technology Services branch to provide a technical solution to all circuit magistrates, each court circuit, as well as to the State Coroner and Northern Coroner who conduct inquests in remote locations. The technical solution uses wireless broadband via the 3G network to provide remote users with access to a ‘virtual desktop’ and allows the department to directly improve community access to justice.

The CCC Project is an important means of using cutting edge technology to improve processes in vital operational areas.

Future Courts Program

The Future Courts Program was established to deliver relevant, easy-to-use and innovative online services to litigants, their legal representatives and the broader community by improving registry operations through the use of new technology and process innovation.

The program’s principal objectives are to:

- replace older case management systems with a single, common technology framework
- streamline registry case management processes, automating where appropriate
- improve service delivery, particularly through online web channels
- provide greater consistency, quality and sharing of information
- reduce the dependency on paper by establishing electronic file management processes
- establish a culture of continual improvement to processes.

The five-year program will move through several phases culminating in the implementation of a new case management solution for Queensland Courts.

Consultative workshops that involve staff from Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts have commenced and further workshops will be held as the various projects progress.

Although the key objectives of the program will be realised in the years ahead, analysis of potential short-term process improvements in the Magistrates Court have begun.
New internet site

The redeveloped Queensland Courts website was launched in December 2007 and combines information from the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts. The website is designed to help court users, ranging from self-represented litigants to lawyers and other members of the community, to efficiently access the information they need. It includes specific information about areas such as the Murri Court and other specialist court programs, the Small Claims Tribunal and the Childrens Court of Queensland. Topics include frequently-asked-questions, guides to criminal and civil court procedures, court technology and useful legal terms.

The information on the site is continually reviewed to ensure it is correct and up-to-date. Because the site provides accurate information about court activities and procedures, it is likely that a better knowledge and understanding of the courts and our justice system will result.

Staff development

Courts Capability and Development Unit (CCDU)

The Courts Capability and Development Unit (CCDU) primarily conducts training for staff of the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts and provides courses for external clients and community groups involved in the justice system. The CCDU also administers the Training Support Unit (TSU), which helps Queensland court staff update criminal or civil databases.

In April 2008, Paul Ramage was permanently appointed as Manager, Courts Capability and Development Unit. Paul acted in the position for three years prior to his appointment and has been with the Department for 17 years.

The major achievement of the CCDU has been the introduction of the Certificate IV and Diploma in Government (Court Services) which are now offered to court staff throughout Queensland. The courses are nationally accredited and will include both face-to-face workshops and the Evolve training program.

The Evolve training platform is another significant initiative that enables staff to complete training courses online and participate from their home or workplace computer.

A related achievement was having a CCDU staff member, Susan Gava, telecommuting on Evolve course content. Not only does Evolve allow users to complete their training virtually anywhere at any time, it also allows for much of the development and administration of the courses and the system to be done off-site as well. Susan, who is the primary developer and administrator of the Evolve courses for courts, took advantage of the opportunity to tap into the flexible learning system and the content of courses, such as the QWIC Financials course, were compiled whilst working part time from home.

The CCDU/TSU has also used the department’s opportunity of flexible work arrangements by setting up an office in the Maroochydore Court to house one of its members, Malcolm Ace, to operate from a regional location. This demonstrated that the TSU can operate from a location other than Brisbane and provides the opportunity for regional staff to relieve in the position when needed.
Maryborough Courthouse celebration: 1877 – 2007

By Kelly Hunt, Office of the Director-General.

The grand Maryborough Courthouse – after 130 years of grace, dignity and dedication to duty – is a significant feature in Maryborough, and a significant aspect of Queensland history.

An anniversary afternoon tea was held on 21 September 2007 at the Maryborough Courthouse to celebrate 130 years of service. Attendees included the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice the Honourable Kerry Shine, District Court Chief Judge Patsy Wolfe, Queensland Chief Magistrate Judge Marshall Irwin, Director-General Julie Grantham, District Court Judge Hugh Botting, current and former magistrates, and current and former registry staff of the Maryborough Court.

The event began with Mary Heritage greeting guests and the Town Crier firing the cannon. Judge Irwin was the Master of Ceremonies and speeches were given by the Attorney-General and the Chief Judge and the Queensland Flag was presented to the then Registrar, Kelly Hunt, by the local member, Chris Foley. After the formalities, guests were invited into the historical courtroom for afternoon tea.

How far we have come. In 1851, there was no formal courthouse and sittings were held in local hotels. The position of magistrate was filled on a voluntary basis by local residents. In 1859, the first resident law officer, Richard Bingham Sheridan, was appointed as Water Police Magistrate.

In 1861, the first courthouse in Maryborough, on the corner of Kent and Adelaide Streets, was completed. Due to significant structural problems, a decision was made to construct a new building on Wharf Street which was completed in 1877.
Magistrates’ Honour Boards were commissioned in (2007) and were produced by long standing local timber joinery, JF White & Son. The red cedar honour boards, were designed to replicate the facade of the building.

They list the names of all identified magistrates who held the position at Maryborough, commencing with the first Water Police Magistrate through to the last magistrate appointed in Maryborough. This is proudly displayed in the front foyer of the registry office for visitors to reflect on the history of this town and the long and continuous use of the courthouse as a public building.

The anniversary celebration included the presentation of the Honour Board, historical photographs depicting the courthouse, framed and displayed around the building and the production of a commemorative booklet and bookmark.

A great afternoon was had by all, particularly by former magistrates who reflected on old times whilst walking around the building and posing for photos in front of the Honour Board.
Murri Court Stories
Murri Courts established at Caloundra, Cairns and St George

Caloundra’s Youth Murri Court was opened on 11 July 2007. The Attorney-General, the Honourable Kerry Shine joined Chief Magistrate Judge Irwin in praising the initiative of the local community, elders and Magistrate Fingleton in establishing the Court. A traditional fire ceremony was performed by the Gubbi Gubbi Dance group at the beginning of a traditional Indigenous ceremony.

An Adult Murri Court also began operating at the Caloundra Courthouse in January 2008.

The Cairns Murri Court was officially opened on 11 January 2008 by Chief Magistrate Judge Irwin. The ceremony, which included a traditional smoking ceremony and a performance by young Indinji dancers to mark the occasion, was attended by local dignitaries and a large public audience.

Murri Court Magistrate Black indicated how extraordinarily proud he was of the Gumba Gumba Justice Group who had been instrumental in the establishment of the court. In its first six months of operation, the Cairns Murri Court has dealt with 13 adult and 11 juvenile defendants.

Since early 2008, Dalby based Magistrate Cornack has been consulting with respected Indigenous community members of the St George district and court support agencies to establish a Murri Court in St George. A local Community Justice Group has been formed to assist the magistracy in dealing with Indigenous offenders and supporting them in undertaking rehabilitative programs in an endeavour to take positive steps to leading better lives. This collaborative approach by Court and Community culminated in the opening of the St George Murri Court on 18 June 2008.

Local Indigenous artist, Adrian Combarngo and Members of St George’s Community Justice Group presented a painting to the Court upon the occasion of the official opening of the St George Murri Court.
(L-R: Margaret Weribone, Iris Troutman, Pam Turnbull, Adrian Combarngo (local artist) Kevin Poddy Waters, Jim Troutman and Mary Stanton)
AIJA Indigenous Courts Conference

The Indigenous Courts Conference of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) which was held in Mildura, Victoria from 4 to 7 September 2007 was attended by 41 delegates from Queensland’s Murri Courts.

The sharing of knowledge and experiences in delivering access to justice for Indigenous people was the conference’s objective. Over 600 people, including Australian judges, magistrates, elders, Indigenous community group leaders, court officers and court services providers, as well as international guests from Fiji and Canada attended the conference.

The information gathered and relationships forged over the four-day program generated clearer pathways for all concerned and has resulted in those involved in the Queensland Murri Court program determined to make it the best practice model in Australia.

As of June 2008, 12 Murri Courts operate in Queensland – the most in any state in Australia.

Caloundra Magistrate Fingleton catches up with Townsville Murri Court Elder Elsie Kennedy at the Mildura Conference.
Townsville’s Murri Courtroom Officially named – Kevin Ngan Woo Court

Our Court’s 2006 – 07 Annual Report reported the unexpected death of Mr Kevin Ngan Woo on 12 June 2006. At the time of his death he was a young family man who worked as a security officer at Townsville’s Jupiters Casino. He was also the coordinator of the Townsville Thuringowa Community Justice Group and he spent a great deal of his own time building positive pathways for Indigenous youth and for the establishment of the Youth and Adult Murri Courts in Townsville. Both those Courts are now firmly established in Townsville.

In an emotional ceremony at Townsville Courthouse on 15 November 2007, the courtroom where the Murri Court is held was officially named in Kevin’s honour in recognition of his contribution to Indigenous justice in Townsville. It is the first time a courtroom in Queensland has been named in honour of a community member.

The hung tapestry in the Kevin Ngan Woo courtroom.
Murri Court Magistrate earns Law Society Award

In November 2007, Ms Megan Mahon, President of the Queensland Law Society, awarded Magistrate Hennessy with the Agnes McWhinney Award for outstanding contributions to the law and the community, in particular for her work in the Rockhampton Murri Court.

The award which commemorates 100 years of women in the law in our state was named in honour of the first female solicitor in Queensland, Agnes McWhinney. Prior recipients include Ms Leneen Forde (a previous Governor of Queensland) and Justice Margaret McMurdo (current President, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland).

Ms Mahon said that Magistrate Hennessy’s work in developing and sustaining the Murri Court in Rockhampton over the past five years has provided a beacon of hope for Indigenous people everywhere.

“It takes significant legal skills, blended with compassion, persistence and vision, to bring this innovative project alive. Magistrate Hennessy’s commitment remains as strong as it ever was,” said Ms Mahon.

Face of Murri Court Art

At the Brisbane Magistrates Court on 6th February 2008, Indigenous artist David Williams was presented with an award by the Honourable Kerry Shine MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice for his artwork representing “Face of Murri Court”. The painting was one of many received from Indigenous artists from across Queensland as part of a JAG initiative to acquire art work that was culturally appropriate to use in Murri Courtrooms and Murri Court publications. Awards were also made to Dennis Muckan at Caboolture Courthouse and Dale Manns at Caloundra.

Regional entries depicting “Face of Murri Court” are featured on the back cover of this report.
Elders passed... but strong footprints left...

The people who make up our Queensland Magistrates Court wish to express our deep sorrow at the loss of highly respected Indigenous people involved with our Murri Court who have died over the past 12 months. Each of these people was a highly respected member of their community. Their presence in the Murri Court gave it cultural relevance and initiated many positive changes to the lives of those who wandered off the path.

We will miss their strong values and wise counsel and extend our sympathy to their families and people.

Brisbane Murri Court

Uncle Paddy (Djerripi) Jerome – a Wakka Wakka man spent who spent most of his life in Cherbourg and Brisbane. After retiring from the Australian Army, he undertook a role in Borallon Prison where he ministered to Indigenous people for 15 years. He was also a founding member of the 139 Club in Fortitude Valley which provides facilities and meals for homeless people.

In his retirement year, Uncle Paddy was a regular participating elder at Brisbane’s Murri Court from 2003 until late 2006 and, until his death, the Court regularly consulted him to gain an Indigenous perspective on justice issues.

Caboolture Murri Court

Aunty Ann Martin was a highly respected Undumbi woman and a senior Gubbi Gubbi elder who lived with her husband in the North Brisbane suburb of Redcliffe. She was a founding member of the Caloundra Murri Court and later joined the ranks of the Caboolture Murri Court elders and the Buranga Widjung Community Justice Group (also based in Caboolture).

Aunty Ann adopted a “no nonsense” approach to life and was highly regarded for her grace and integrity. Undaunted by her deteriorating health, she actively participated in the inaugural two-day Queensland Murri Court conference at Bardon in late May 2008 and two days later, she travelled to Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast to participate in a Welcome to Country ceremony at the 2008 State Magistrates Conference with her sister Aunty Merle Tilbrook.

Aunty Ann was a vital contributor to the development of the Murri Court in her districts and will be remembered for the determined efforts she made in promoting the dignity of her people.

Caloundra Murri Court

Aunty Kathleen (Kath) Hicks was a Kamilaroi and Yuaallai woman whose country stretched from Collarenebri to Dirranbandi. The mother of seven children, she was born and raised in south-west Queensland. She worked for 16 years as a cleaner at the Dalby courthouse and served on a number of committees in the Murri community on the Darling Downs. She was Chief Executive Officer of the Kabi Kabi housing organisation for over 18 years.

After moving to the Sunshine Coast she worked actively to address Indigenous health issues in the Maroochydore area. She was a member of the committee which was formed to establish a Murri Court in Caloundra and was one of the original Elders who regularly participated in court proceedings with the Magistrate.

Aunty Kath believed wholeheartedly in her people and dedicated her life to assisting and supporting them. The on-going success of Caloundra’s Murri Court is just one of the many legacies Aunty Kath has left with us to nurture.

Aunty Loraine Harvey, affectionately known to all as Billy-Boy, was born in Richmond in North West Queensland and was a proud Kulilli woman. She also regarded the Glasshouse Mountains as her country where she spent the later years of her life. Right from her school days, she was known as a hard worker with much initiative. She studied and trained as a nurse at the Gympie Hospital and later worked with children at Indigenous preschools. She was an active member of many boards and organisations to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and one of the founding elders assisting the Murri Court at Caloundra. Her spirit is dancing around us.
Ipswich Murri Court

Uncle Vern Yasso was a Yiman man with Aboriginal and South Sea Islander heritage from Central South West Queensland. He worked with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service and as an ATSIC regional councillor. He also worked as a ranger at the Dreamtime Cultural Centre at Carnarvon Gorge and served as a member of the Circle of Elders at Ipswich.

Uncle Vern was an excellent role model for his people. He assisted in the establishment of Ipswich's Murri Court and, as a supporting elder to that Court, he challenged many Indigenous offenders to take better pathways in life and did much to support people in taking positive steps to live better lives. His time in the Ipswich Murri Court was cut short by his unexpected death, but his strong values as a father, grandfather and citizen will long remain.

Mount Isa Murri Court

Uncle Henry Kitchener aka Catchinda was a Waanyi and Budtlanja man.

His country was at Headingly Station. He spent much of his life around Camooweal where he worked as a stockman on many cattle properties. He also worked for Ansett Airlines and the Postmaster General's Office – the precursor to Telecom. He will be remembered for his founding role in the Mount Isa Murri Court, his dedication to his community at Yallambie Reserve, and to his people through his work as a member of the Mount Isa District Justice Association. Despite his advancing years, Uncle Henry continued to maintain a busy schedule up until the day of his passing.

St George Murri Court

Founding member of the St George Murri Court, Uncle Joe Turnbull was a proud Bigumbul man. He lived around the Goondiwindi area for many years before moving to Dirranbandi where he raised his family. In his younger years, Uncle Joe was recognised for his outstanding sporting abilities – particularly at cricket and rugby league.

Once his family grew up, Uncle Joe and his wife Pam moved to St George and became very active members in that community. Uncle Joe became a board member of both the Kamaroi Employment Aboriginal Corporation and the St George Housing Corporation where he was a life long member.

Uncle Joe's leadership and sense of community responsibility caused him to be a most respected member of the St George community and he was a driving force within the St George Justice Group. It was a great sadness that he did not live to witness the opening of the St George Murri Court however one of the many pathways he sought to forge for Indigenous members of his local community has been fulfilled and his efforts will long be remembered.

Townsville Murri Court

Elder, Uncle Tonky (Ronald) Logan was a Hughenden man. He was well known for his music, which he often played on visits to Correctional Centres and at Cultural Festivals. He also had a programme on Indigenous radio station 4K1G. His words of wisdom to participants in Murri Court often gave them something to think about and, although sometimes brief and direct, what he said would be understood by all participants. Regardless of health, Uncle Tonky dedicated his services to the Court and publicly acknowledged the importance of Murri Court in making a more effective justice system for Indigenous Australians.
Queensland Murri Court Community Link Up

Queensland’s Murri Court has grown from one court established in 2002, to 13 courts operating throughout the state. Its successful operation has been attributed to strong collaboration between Magistrates, Elders, Indigenous Justice Groups and justice support service providers. In May 2008, DJAG convened at state-wide conference at the Bardon Conference Centre which was attended by over 120 people who support Murri Courts. The energy, strength and sense of ownership that was present throughout the two day conference was electrifying and left all participants committed to continue to promote greater understanding, respect and access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait and South Sea Islander people who come into contact with the criminal justice system.
The Court’s History Project

By Gordon Dean

Retired Magistrate and Honorary Archivist of the Queensland Magistrates Court

The Queensland Magistrates Court History Project was initiated by the Chief Magistrate, Judge Marshall Irwin. In late 2006, he invited magistrates to join with him in pursuing it. I volunteered and, after my retirement in June 2007, perhaps not wanting to lose his committee of one, the CM accepted my offer to continue with the project.

The history project includes the collection and recording of relevant memorabilia, information and materials suitable to develop into historical displays as well as to produce a written record of the people and events that have contributed to the evolution of the Magistrates Court throughout Queensland.

Two historical displays have now been installed at the Brisbane Magistrates Court Building.

The first display centres on the recording of evidence in our courts. Items from the earliest hand-written Court Record Books to the latest computerised keyboards and screens are on display. It is a memorial to the late John Marsland who died suddenly in February 2007. John was the Departmental Officer who ensured that our new building and, progressively, all magistrates courts throughout the State, received the latest in digital recording and communications facilities.

It is an important display in that it shows our court is a leader in the use of the latest technology to administer justice throughout Queensland in the most efficient, cost-effective and comprehensive ways available.

The second display shows an historical timeline from about 1920 to the present, with the work of our courts and the legislation and laws they administer, outlined against the historic events of those decades, with illustrative and textual detail. It also tells the story of the Brisbane court, leading to the development of the new building, which is sited at what was a spring around which Indigenous groups would gather.

Fittingly, the displays were officially opened by the Honourable Kerry Shine, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice on Queensland Day, 6 June 2008.

Apart from recognising the inspiration for the idea of the history displays and the History Project, we also thank all the retired magistrates who have contributed their time and their stories, as well as Ms Carli Pearson, Ms Justine Martini and Mr Denis Revell, of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General and all those with whom they worked who were instrumental in establishing the displays.

The History Project is ongoing. I have prepared a monograph, to be published in September, giving an overview of the magistracy in Queensland; its ‘going bush’ to serve in more remote, pioneering and developing regions; and its evolution from the ancient office of Justice of the Peace to the vital and independent judicial office it is today. We are continuing to collect detail and memorabilia from round the State and we welcome whatever can be provided to us.

It is my hope that the project will continue after Chief Magistrate Judge Irwin and I may have departed the scene and, for the first time, ensure the continued recording of the story of the magistracy in Queensland.

The two historical displays can be seen on level 7 and level 1 at the Brisbane Magistrates Court, 363 George Street, Brisbane City.
Reconnecting with the Torres Strait Islanders

*By Magistrate Trevor Black, Cairns*

The Torres Strait is a body of water that stretches for 150km between the northern most tip of Australia and the coast of Papua New Guinea. The Strait is littered with over 100 islands, coral cays, reefs and sandbanks, many only visible at low tide. The region bears the name of Luis Vaez de Torres who sailed through the region in 1606.

Almost 300 years later, it was John Douglas, a former Premier of Queensland who, as Police Magistrate and designated ‘Government Resident’, encouraged pearlers to the area. It was also Douglas who first attempted to introduce a system of justice throughout the scattered islands. He understood the importance of island custom and tradition; however, he enunciated on more than one occasion that “(islanders) deserve and are entitled to all their privileges as Queensland subjects”.

Under Douglas’s system of governance, the mamoose or chief of each island was installed as chief magistrate, invested with insignia of office and given authority over native police to suppress crime and disorder. Court proceedings were recorded and monetary fines were remitted to Thursday Island. With the passage of time, each island’s secular Court came under the supervision of a white teacher who occupied the position of magistrate.

Douglas travelled frequently to the various islands to oversee the workings of the Courts. It seems that these magisterial visits ceased with his death in 1904. From the end of World War II until 2001, the inhabited islands of the Torres Strait were left much to their own devises in the administration of law and order.

The population of the Torres Strait is now estimated at approximately 9000. The majority of the population resides in the inner cluster of islands surrounding the main centre of Thursday Island. The balance is dispersed through 19 remote small island communities. The population of each community varies from 32 at Stephen Island in the Eastern cluster group to about 1500 on Badu Island, approximately 40 kilometres from Thursday Island.

In the early 1980s, agitation began for the recommencement of visits by magistrates to the “outer” islands. As in Douglas’s day, the islands had become rather lawless places, visited irregularly by police (usually only in the event of a major crime). People facing charges were required to either deliver themselves into poverty by paying exorbitant air fares or place their lives at very real risk by undertaking the often perilous sea journey, usually in open dinghies, between their island and Thursday Island where Court was held. As a consequence, many defendants failed to appear and warrants of arrest were issued.

However, it was not until September 2001 that a Magistrates Court was convened on Badu Island, the first Court conducted by a regularly appointed Magistrate since the days of John Douglas. It was an immediate success in reducing the number of defendants who failed to appear at Thursday Island. It also became common for many defendants on other islands to by-pass the Court on Thursday Island to have their matters dealt with in a traditional community.

The opening of the Badu Island Court caused some angst in the communities much more remote than Badu Island. Pressure mounted, particularly from the peoples of Mer Island, for the reinstatement of the Courts on the outer islands.
The Regional Justice Agreement between the residents of the Torres Strait and the Queensland Government identified the need for the Torres Strait Islander people to have increased participation in the administration of justice, including the development of their own solutions for local justice issues. In late 2007, an additional magistrate was appointed to the Cairns bench to allow circuits to the islands of the Torres Straits and also to provide for an enhanced Cape circuit.

The legacy of John Douglas has been revived.

Since January 2008, Magistrates Courts have been convened for the first time in the communities of Saibai Island and Boigu Island, within sight of the coast line of Papua New Guinea. The Court has also sat at Kubin Village on Moa Island, a community with a history and attachment to the Pacific Islanders who came to the Straits either as missionaries or to work in the pearlling and beche-de-mer fishery. The Court was very warmly received when it visited the Central cluster islands of Yam (Iama), Yorke (Masig) and Warraber. Mer (Murray Island) people were vindicated when the Court attended that centre in January and again in April of this year. There has also been a sitting of the Court on Darnley (Erub) Island; however, the Court has not been officially opened due to a tragic death on the eve of the scheduled opening date in April. The only populated islands not currently circuited are Mabuiag, Duaun and Stephen. This is because of difficulties with aircraft access; although the inhabitants of these islands have access to a Court in the immediate cluster group.

Presiding magistrates have been presented with symbols of justice and peace, including a law stone or Watticula on Masig, a bu shell on Iama and a Seuri Seuri on Mer. Sim leaves are a cultural representation of peace and they accompany the other icons. The Court opening on Warraber was accompanied by the haunting tones of the warup or war drum which accompanied the singing of a traditional island hymn. The opening ceremonies have been warm and welcoming with the island leaders expressing their sincere thanks on behalf of their people for the extension of the Court’s processes. Each island is developing its own distinct Justice Group.

Many challenges face the judicial officer undertaking the circuit, apart from the personal discomfort of hot humid days spent in small aircraft and village halls that the modern miracle of air-conditioning has not yet reached.

The culture of the Torres Strait is Melanesian and has strong links to Papua New Guinea rather than to mainland Australia. The Torres Strait Islander is a person Indigenous

Holding Court on Yam (Iama) Island
to Australia but whose culture and history has been, in the past, overshadowed by that of Aboriginal Australia. There is extreme diversity of culture between the various regions of the Torres Strait; the people of the western islands were traditionally hunter/gatherers because of their reliance on the land, whereas the inhabitants of the central and eastern islands, including Mer (Murray), relied on the sea and trade with other islands. The north western islands of Boigu and Saibai identify strongly with Papua New Guinea, clearly within sight of the hall where Court is now held. The Torres Strait Islands Treaty signed by Australia and PNG allows free movement (without passports or visas) between the two countries for traditional purposes. This traditional lifestyle has influenced contemporary life and culture and no two islands are the same.

English is not the Torres Strait Islander’s first language. There are two traditional languages spoken in the Torres Strait:

Kalaw Lagaw Ya, which is similar to Aboriginal languages, is spoken on western, central and northern islands.

Meriam Mir is the language of the eastern islands (including Mer) and is derived from Papuan languages. Individual dialects are also found on each of the islands.

A third language has also developed over time. This is Torres Strait creole which is a mixture of the two traditional languages and English. Justice Group representatives play an important role in ensuring that defendants, victims and the orders of the Court are clearly understood.

In effect, it is the local Island Justice Group that is the link between the mainstream Court and the emerging circuit. This relationship is in its infancy and needs to be nurtured. It will only be through cooperation between the Justice Groups and the Courts that the sought-after ‘access to justice’ will be achieved for these deserving people of Queensland’s remote Torres Strait Islands.
Doomadgee art reaches out

By Magistrate Howard Osborne, Mount Isa

Doomadgee – 15 May 2008

At the end of proceedings in the Doomadgee Court on Friday 18 April 2008, I was greatly honoured to be presented – as representative of the Magistrates Court – with a work of art entitled ‘Moonlight’ which was painted in watercolour by Steve Yongala, a member of the Doomadgee community.

Steve tells me that the painting, which now hangs in the Doomadgee courtroom, represents the desire and hope of the community to return to country and to its values.

This painting was presented by Steve Yongala and Tony Chong on behalf of the Doomadgee community, its elders and the Justice Group. The presentation was in recognition of the partnership between the Court and the community in our joint endeavour to help people who appear before the Court to return to, and preserve, a way of life consistent with the core values of the Indigenous community.

Although the Chief Magistrate, Judge Marshall Irwin was unable to attend the hanging of the painting, he expressed his sincere appreciation for the gift and what it represents to the community and the elders.

Our Court recognises that the value of the involvement of elders and respected persons will be lost, or greatly reduced, if the Court does not have the time to earnestly listen to and consider what they have to say. For this reason, the circuit to Doomadgee has been increased to two days a month and, as a result, the waiting list for matters to be dealt with has been reduced. More importantly, there are now fewer warrants being issued for defendants who have failed to appear in court. The community, the victims and the offenders rightly expect that matters will be dealt with quickly and fairly, after appropriate and thoughtful consideration of all the relevant information available.

Our Court supports the initiatives planned for Doomadgee which the community hopes will reduce the rate of offending and the rate of imprisonment. We welcome any endeavour that will help adults and children who appear in this court on their journey to return to country and to embrace traditional values.

‘Moonlight’ is a symbol of the hope and expectations of this community for its people. We all hope it will serve as a reminder to those who appear before the Court that the spirit of country is alive and is reaching out to them.

The Story of Moonlight

By Steve Yongala, Doomadgee

Although I am a member of the Arunta tribe, which belongs east of Alice Springs, for the past 26 years I have lived in Doomadgee with my wife, children and grandchildren who are members of the Gangalida tribe. The Gangalida, Waanyi, Gadawa and Kalkadoon people are all traditional owners of the Doomadgee area.

This painting is my story of Moonlight which has been handed down by the elders of the Gangalida tribe. Moonlight is seen by our people as being a place of happiness… the Brolgas dance to celebrate their joy… it is a place where there is plenty of fresh water… men are hunting for goanna, going fishing and finding bush honey… women and children are together, cooking on open fires.

The sunsets and sunrises colour the land in bright colours which bring smiles to all the people. There is no confusion. People return to their traditional ways and everyone plays their roles.

Moonlight is a symbol of happiness, peace and togetherness which is my dream for all my young people to promote reconciliation of all nations.

Artist Steve Yongala presents the Moonlight artwork to Magistrate Osborne.
Farwell and thankyou to 
Major Bruce Buckmaster

In December 2007, the Chief Magistrate, Deputy Chief Magistrate and Brisbane Magistrates gathered to honour Major Bruce Buckmaster on the eve of his retirement after 40 years service as a member of The Salvation Army. Magistrates presiding in courts in the Brisbane metropolitan area have had contact with Major Buckmaster during the last 13 years in his role as Brisbane’s Court & Prison Chaplain.

In this role, his daily routine would commence with a visit to the watchouse prior to Court commencing to see if people in custody needed his assistance. Often watchouse staff would ask him to see a particular person who may be distressed in their situation. This contact with those in custody often led to further contact being made with the prisoner’s family and friends.

Major Buckmaster’s next daily task would be to attend the courthouse entrance to greet defendants arriving at court and assisting them in linking up with the Duty Lawyer or their legal representatives. This would also be a time when he would link up with the family and friends of defendants he had earlier encountered in the watchouse.

In recent years, the Court has provided The Salvation Army with a dedicated room in the public space area where distressed visitors to the court can be afforded privacy and share their concerns.

Once court proceedings commenced Major Buckmaster would ensure that people were directed to the correct courtroom and be afforded his personal support if required. Often if the Court identified that a defendant required assistance with personal issues, it would refer the person to Major Buckmaster for practical support and assistance.

Another major part of the Court and Prison Chaplin’s role is to regularly visit Queensland’s Corrective Services Centres to offer spiritual support to prisoners seeking contact with the Chaplin. Often prisoners may seek the
assistance of the Prison Chaplin to seek practical and emotional support for family members to better cope with new family circumstances. Another occasion when the assistance of the Chaplain is needed is just prior to the prisoner’s release when assistance in re-entering the community can make all the difference to the person concerned.

The Chief Magistrate, Judge Marshall Irwin and the Deputy Chief Magistrate, Brian Hine were invited by the Salvation Army to attend Major Buckmaster’s formal retirement ceremony on 31 January 2008. Major Buckmaster pioneered the Salvation Army’s court and prison outreach in Queensland and will long be remembered for his tireless dedication to those in need who came before the court as well as members of the Brisbane magistracy.

Major Buckmaster’s role is now undertaken by a team of Salvation Army officers at Brisbane’s central court in George Street and the busy Roma Street court complex. Other court centres which benefit from the support of a Salvation Army Court and Prison Chaplin are Ipswich, Southport, Rockhampton, Murgon and Cairns.
In the name and on behalf of the Queen, I assent to this Bill.

Government House,
Brisbane.

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No. 41 of 1985

A Bill to provide for the grant of leases in perpetuity, or other title in land to members of communities of Aborigines or Torres Strait Islanders for cinemal, cultural, or other purposes and to amend the Land Act (Aboriginal Islander Land Code).
Appendix 1:
Magistrates committees

Case Management and Comparative Sentencing Committee
To discuss initiatives in the introduction of new systems into civil and criminal court procedures (including the development of Practice Directions) and to suggest possible parity in sentencing in some areas.

Conference Planning Committee
To plan annual and regional conferences.

Ethics Committee
To review and develop ethical standards for the magistracy.

Forms Committee
To review and make recommendations concerning approved forms and court bench forms.

Indigenous Issues Committee
To review and make recommendations on issues involving Indigenous people within the criminal justice system and, in particular, the Magistrates Courts.

Information Technology Committee
To advise on the introduction of technology into the magistracy and to oversee the introduction of any training of the magistracy in connection with this.

Judicial Professional Development Committee
To develop an orientation program for new magistrates and ongoing professional judicial development (including maintaining and updating the Bench Book).

Legislation Committee
To review proposed legislation as it affects the jurisdiction of the magistracy and to respond to government on same, and to pro actively develop submissions to government to enhance current legislation.

Resources and Budget Overview
To assess the need for resources for magistrates and to plan submissions for the annual budget.

Salaries and Allowances Committee
To consult with the Chief Magistrate on the annual submission to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal and to the Attorney-General on conditions and entitlements.
Appendix 2:  
Practice directions

(see our website www.courts.qld.gov.au)

Practice Direction No. 6 of 2007  
Costs assessment: interim arrangements

Practice Direction No. 7 of 2007  
Committals and ex officio sentences: Ipswich Magistrates Court

Practice Direction No. 8 of 2007  
Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999

Practice Direction No. 9 of 2007  
Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999

Practice Direction No. 10 of 2007  
Approval of Registrar to assess costs

Practice Direction No. 11 of 2007  
Summary hearings case management at Brisbane Central Magistrates Courts

Practice Direction No. 1 of 2008  
Judicial Registrars – Power concerning prescribed applications and matters

Practice Direction No. 2 of 2008  
Queensland Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (QMERIT) program

Practice Direction No. 3 of 2008  
Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999
Appendix 3:
Legislation commonly used in the Magistrates Court

**Commonwealth legislation**

- Aged Care Act 1997
- Air Navigation Regulation 1947
- Airport (Court On-Airport Activities) Regulation 1997
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006
- Australian Crime Commission Act 2002
- Australian Federal Police Act 1979
- Australian Passports Act 2005
- Aviation Transport Security Act 2004
- Aviation Transport Security Regulation 2005
- Bankruptcy Act 1966
- Census and Statistics Act 1905
- Civil Aviation Act 1988
- Civil Aviation Regulations 1947
- Corporations Act 2001
- Copyright Act 1968
- Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991
- Crimes Act 1914
- Customs Act 1901
- Defence Act 1903
- Excise Act 1901
- Extradition Act 1901
- Family Law Act 1975
- Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997
- Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988
- Fisheries Management Act 1991
- Foreign Passports Act 2005
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983
- Health Insurance Act 1973
- Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976
- Income Tax Assessment Act 1936
- Migration Act 1958
- Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989
- National Health Act 1953
- Navigation Act 1912
- Passport Act 1938
- Proceeds Of Crime Act 1987
- Public Order (Protection of Persons and Property) Act 1971
- Quarantine Act 1908
- Service and Execution of Process Act 1992
- Social Security (Administration) Act 1999
- Social Security Act 1991
- Statutory Declaration Act 1959
- Taxation Administration Act 1953
- Therapeutic Goods Act 1989
- Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1991
- Trade Marks Act 1995
- Workplace Relations Act 1996

**Queensland State legislation**

- Acts Interpretation Act 1954
- Adoption of Children Act 1964
- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Queensland) Act 1994
- Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Act 1966
- Agricultural Standards Act 1994
- Air Navigation Act 1937
- Ambulance Services Act 1991
- Animal Care and Protection Act 2001
- Architects Act 2002
- Associations Incorporation Act 1981
- Bail Act 1980
- Beach Protection Act 1968
- Bills of Sale and Other Instruments Act 1955
- Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003
- Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997
- Brands Act 1915
- Building Act 1975
- Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004
Building and Construction Industry
   (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 1991
Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980
Business Names Act 1962

Casino Control Act 1982
Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999
Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Act 1988
Child Care Act 2002
Child Protection Act 1999
Chiropractors Registration Act 2001
City of Brisbane Act 1924
Civil Liability Act 2003
Child Protection (Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2008
Classification of Computer Games and Images Act 1995
Classification of Films Act 1991
Classification of Publications Act 1991
Clean Energy Act 2008
Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995
Collections Act 1966
Commercial and Consumer Tribunal Act 2003
Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000
Commonwealth Place (Administration of Laws) Act 1970
Constitution Act 1867
Constitution of Queensland 2001
Consumer Credit (Queensland) Act 1994
Coroners Act 1958
Coroners Act 2003
Corporations (Queensland) Act 1990
Corrective Services Act 2000
Credit Act 1987
Crime and Misconduct Act 2001
Crimes at Sea Act 2001
Criminal Code Act 1899
Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986
Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 1978
Criminal Law Amendment Act 1945
Criminal Offence Victims Act 1995
Criminal Proceeds Confiscation Act 2002
Crown Proceedings Act 1980
Defamation Act 2005
Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003
Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001
Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Act 1991
Disposal of Uncollected Goods Act 1967
Dispute Resolution Centres Act 1990
Dividing Fences Act 1953
Domestic Building Contracts Act 2000
Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 1989
Drug Court Act 2000
Drugs Misuse Act 1986
Education (General Provisions) Act 1989
Electoral Act 1992
Electrical Safety Act 2002
Electricity Act 1994
Environmental Protections Act 1994
Evidence Act 1977
Evidence on Commission Act 1988
Exotic Diseases in Animals Act 1981
Explosives Act 1999
Fair Trading Act 1989
Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008
Financial Transaction Report Act 1992
Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990
First Home Owner Grant Act 2000
Fisheries Act 1994
Food Act 1981
Food Production (Safety) Act 2000
Forestry Act 1957
Fuel Subsidy Act 1997
Gaming Machine Act 1991
Gas (Residual Provisions) Act 1965
Gas Supply Act 2003
Gold Coast Motor Racing Events Act 1990
Government Owned Corporations Act 1993
Griffith University Act 1998
Guardianship and Administration Act 2000

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Appendix 3: continued

Health Act 1937
Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999
Health Services Act 1991
Higher Education (General Provisions) Act 2008
Hire Purchase Act 1959
Industrial Relations Act 1999
Integrated Planning Act 1997
Introduction Agents Act 2001
Invasion of Privacy Act 1971
James Cook University Act 1997
Judicial Remuneration Act 2007
Jury Act 1995
Justices Act 1886
Justice and Other Information Disclosure Act 2008
Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Declarations Act 1991
Juvenile Justice Act 1992
Keno Act 1996
Land Act 1994
Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002
Legal Aid Queensland Act 1977
Legal Profession Act 2004
Limitation of Actions Act 1974
Liquor Act 1992
Local Government (Aboriginal Lands) Act 1978
Local Government Act 1993
Local Government (Chinatown and the Valley Malls) Act 1984
Local Government (Queen Street Mall) Act 1981
Lotteries Act 1997
Magistrates Court Act 1921
Maintenance Act 1965
Major Sports Facilities Act 2001
Manufacture of Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003
Maritime Safety Queensland Act 2002
Marine Parks Act 1982
Marine Parks Act 2004
Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001
Medical Radiation Technologist Registration Act 2001
Mental Health Act 2000
Mineral Resources Act 1989
Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999
Misconduct Tribunals Act 1997
Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994
National Crime Authority (State Provisions) Act 1985
Nature Conservation Act 1992
Nursing Act 1992
Oaths Act 1867
Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001
Optometrist Registration Act 2001
Osteopaths Registration Act 2001
Partnership Act 1891
Partnership (Limited Liability) Act 1988
Pawbrokers Act 1984
Pay-roll Tax Act 1971
Peace and Good Behaviour Act 1982
Peaceful Assembly Act 1992
Penalties and Sentences Act 1992
Physiotherapists Registration Act 2001
Plant Protection Act 1989
Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000
Police Service Administration Act 1990
Power of Attorney Act 1998
Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Act 1982
Private Employment Agents Act 2005
Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000
Property Law Act 1974
Prostitution Act 1999
Psychologists Registration Act 2001
Public Health Act 2005
Public Safety Preservation Act 1986
Public Service Act 2008
Public Trustee Act 1978
Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991
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Appendix 4: 
Magistrates’ participation on external bodies

Association of Australian Magistrates
W Ehrich

Council of Chief Magistrates
M Irwin (Chief Magistrate)

Defence for Children International, Australian Chapter Queensland Representative
T Previtera

Disaster Relief Committee for the Gold Coast
R Kilner

Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth
R Kilner

Griffith University – Law School Visiting Committee
M Irwin (Chief Magistrate)

International Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law – Board Member
M Irwin (Chief Magistrate)

National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council (NADRAC)
J Hodgins

Queensland University of Technology – Law Faculty Advisory Committee
M Irwin (Chief Magistrate)

Supreme Court of Queensland – Library Committee
M Irwin (Chief Magistrate)

Supreme Court of Queensland – Uniform Civil Procedure Rules committee
T Morgan
E Wessling

Zonta, Vice-President
T Previtera

QPILCH Self-Representation Civil Law Service Steering Committee – Magistrates Court member
T Morgan
Appendix 5:
Professional development for magistrates and judicial registrars

# Not funded by Magistrates Court
+ Partly funded by Magistrates Court
*Delivered paper/participated in presentation

**Annual Conference**
New South Wales Local Courts
1 – 3 August 2007, Sydney NSW
G Tatnell

**Equality and the Courts: Exploring the Commonwealth Experience**
Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association Conference
19 – 23 August 2007, Bermuda, West Indies
T Black#

**Queensland Mining Health & Safety Conference**
5 – 8 August 2007, Townsville QLD
L Verra#

**Discovery Seminar 2007**
Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration Incorporated
24 August 2007, Melbourne VIC
B Gribbin

**Phoenix Magistrates Program**
National Judicial College of Australia
6 – 10 August 2007, Broadbeach QLD
A Comans
J Hodgins
B Kilmartin
G Lee
K McGinness
H Osborne
Z Sarra

**National Indigenous Courts Conference**
Australian Institute of Judicial Administration
4 – 7 September 2007, Mildura VIC
D Fingleton#
S Guttridge#
A Hennessy#
J Herlihy#
B Hine#
M McLaughlin#
B Manthey#
H Osborne#
R Risson#

**Annual Conference**
Central Queensland Law Association Conference
10 – 12 August 2007, Yeppoon QLD
A Hennessy
M Irwin#
B Springer#

**Annual Conference**
Northern Territory Magistrates Court
9 – 12 September 2007, Yulara NT
L O’Shea

**Biennial Conference: Changing Communities, Changing Needs**
Australasian Residential Tenancies Conference, Melbourne, VIC
12 – 14 September 2007
W Randall

**25th Annual Conference – Cultures and the Law**
Australian Institute of Judicial Administration
12 – 14 October 2007, Melbourne VIC
M Irwin#
S Tonkin
Appendix 5: continued

Annual Conference

National Indigenous Legal Conference
New South Wales Bar Association
14 – 15 September 2007, Brisbane QLD
M Irwin
J Payne*
Z Sarra*

Improving community safety: lessons from the country and the city
Australian Institute of Criminology and Australian Crime Prevention Council
18 – 19 October 2007, Townsville QLD
D Glasgow*

Judgment Writing Program
National Judicial College of Australia
16 – 18 September 2007, Glenelg SA
W Cull
B Kilmartin#

Annual Conference
Asia-Pacific Coroners Society Inc.
30 October – 2 November 2007, Hobart, TAS
M Barnes
C Clements

Colloquium 2007
Judicial Conference of Australia
5 – 7 October 2007, Sydney NSW
W Ehrich

Communication in the Court Room
National Judicial College of Australia
10 November 2007, Sydney NSW
M Barnes
J Costello
J Batts#

Queensland Drug Court Workshop
Queensland Drug Court
14 – 15 November 2007, Brisbane QLD
A Comans#
J Costanzo#
E Hall#
G Lee#
K McGinness#
M McLaughlin#
R Spencer#
A Thacker#
S Tonkin#
B Tynan#
L Verra#

Equal Justice for All
Ninth Biennial Conference International Association of Women Judges
25 – 28 March 2008, Panama City, Republic of Panama
W Cull#
T Previtera#

Cultural Healing in Criminal Justice Service Delivery: an identification of best practice and innovation to inform future service design
Commonwealth Department of Justice and Attorney-General
21 – 22 November, 2007 Brisbane QLD
H Osborne*#

Judging in Remote Localities Program
National Judicial College of Australia
1 – 3 April 2008, Alice Springs NT
D Dwyer
H Osborne
O Rinaudo

Sentencing 2008 Conference
National Judicial College of Australia
8 – 10 February 2008, Canberra ACT
D Fingleton+
B Kilmartin+
R Kilner+
C Wadley+
L O'Shea+

Koori Court Annual Conference
Department of Justice, Victoria
7 – 8 April 2008, Melbourne VIC
B Manthey*#

Judicial Orientation Programme
Judicial College of Victoria
13 – 15 February 2008, Melbourne VIC
M O'Driscoll
P Smid
Queensland Murri Court Conference
Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Queensland
22 – 23 May 2008, Brisbane QLD
T Allingham#
T Black#
C Cornack#
P Dowse#
W Ehrich#
D Fingleton#
A Hennessy#
B Hine#
M Irwin*#
B Manthey#
M McLaughlin#
R Risson#
L Verra#

NSW Magistrates’ Orientation Programme
Judicial Commission of New South Wales
1 – 6 June 2008, Terrigal NSW
D Carroll
M Hogan

Queensland Drug Court Conference
Department of Justice and Attorney General, Queensland
29 May 2008, Brisbane QLD
A Comans#
J Costanzo#
D Dwyer#
G Lee#
K McGinness#
M McLaughlin#
R Spencer#
A Thacker#
B Tynan#
C Wadley #

Biennial Conference
The Changing Face of Justice
Australian Association of Magistrates
6 – 9 June 2008, Sydney NSW
P Dowse+
S Cornack+
W Cull+*
E Wessling+

Annual Conference Hot Topics in the Tropics
North Queensland District Law Association – Queensland Law Society
30 – 31 May 2008, Mackay QLD
M Irwin*
R Risson
R Spencer+

Creating Justice
Second National Conference
Australian Women Lawyers
12 – 14 June 2008, Melbourne VIC
W Cull#
T Previtera#

Mediation Skills Course
JAG Dispute Resolution Centre
16 – 20 June 2008, Brisbane
R Carmody#

Law and Technology Conference
Australian Institute of Judicial Administration
25 – 27 June 2008, Sydney NSW
B Hine
T Morgan

Mediation Skills Course
JAG Dispute Resolution Centre
23 – 27 June 2008, Cairns QLD
J Pinder
R Lehmann#
Appendix 6:
Magistrates involvement in legal education

July 2007 to June 2008
James Cook University law students and legal studies students – Group visits to Magistrates Court, Townsville: addresses by Townsville Magistrates

25 July 2007
Launch of the OZCASE Queensland Historical Legal Collection, Brisbane Magistrates Court: address by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

27 July 2007
Forensic Mental Health Forum (South and Central Brisbane Districts), Jindalee: participation by Magistrate Hall

3 August 2007
Forensic Mental Health Forum (North Brisbane Districts), Redcliffe: participation by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

9 August 2007
National Judicial College of Australia, Phoenix Magistrates Conference, Broadbeach: presentation by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

10 – 12 August 2007
Central Queensland Law Association Conference, Yeppoon: presentation by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

Central Queensland Law Association Annual Conference, Yeppoon: presentation by Magistrate Hennessy

15 August 2007
Rockhampton Magistrates Court staff training session – Organ Transplant Issues for Coroners Court: presentation by Magistrate Hennessy

17 August 2007
Medico Legal Society of Queensland Annual Conference, The coroner’s role in referring the conduct of medical practitioners to the Medical Board: presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

24 August 2007
Refresher Training for Solicitors, Rockhampton: panel members, Magistrates Hennessy and Springer

28 August 2007
Cairns Secondary Schools and Colleges 2007 Annual Moot Competition: adjudicated by Magistrates Cassidy, Comans and McGinness

3 September 2007
AIJA Indigenous Courts Conference, Mildura: presentation by Magistrate Hennessy

6 September 2007
Queensland Health Medical Superintendent’s Forum, Operational issues that ease the interaction with the coroner: presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

12 September 2007
The Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane: Coronial investigation of adverse events, presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

21 September 2007
Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital, Brisbane: Working with the coroner to improve patient safety, presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

28 September 2007
QEII Hospital Ground Rounds, Brisbane: The role of the state coroner in investigating adverse events resulting in death, presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

14 September 2007
National Indigenous Legal Conference, Brisbane: presentation and discussion by Magistrates Payne and Sarra
19 September 2007
Police Recruits Occupational Vocational Education Program – Queensland Police Service, Oxley, presentation by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine

18 October 2007
Australian Institute of Criminology Conference, Townsville: Overlap between the Juvenile Justice System and Child Protection Issues, joint presentation by Magistrates Hennessy and Previtera

1 November 2007
Asia Pacific Coroners Society Annual Conference, Hobart: Developments in Queensland Police Service pursuit driving policy, presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

9 November 2007
Beach Safety and the Law National Summit, Surfers Paradise: The role of the coroner in beach safety, presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

14 November 2007
Queensland Drug Courts takeholders’ Workshop, Brisbane: address by the Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate and participation by eleven Magistrates

15 November 2007
Child Protection Seminar, Rockhampton Magistrates Court: presentations by Magistrates Hennessy and Springer

22 – 23 November 2007
Third National Indigenous Justice CEO Forum, Brisbane: Presentation by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate – Sentencing Options: Can They Incorporate Cultural Healing

Presentation by Magistrate Osborne – A magistrate’s insight into the Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program

23 January 2008
University of Queensland Medical School, Why are coroners autopsies unique? presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes

16 January 2008
Police Recruits Occupational Vocational Education Program – Queensland Police Service, Oxley, presentation by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine

17 January 2008
Bar Practice Course – Civil Trial Moots: Presided over by Judge Irwin, Magistrates Callaghan and Dowse and retired Magistrate W McKay

18 January 2008
QUT Jessup Moot Competition, Banco Court, presided over by the Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin

24 January 2008
Bar Practice Course – Civil Trial Moots: presided over by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine, Magistrates Cull and O’Shea and Judicial Registrar Beutel

1 February 2008
Northside Community Corrections Seminar, Redcliffe, Brisbane: presentation to Community Corrections supervisors by Magistrate Chilcott

14 February 2008
New Farm Neighbourhood Centre Community Workshop – address by Magistrate Randall

18 February 2008
Dept Emergency Services, Command and Control seminar: The role of the State Coroner in a mass disaster, presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes
Appendix 6: continued

18 February 2008
QUT School of Law Internship Program – 13 weeks: Weekly Supervision and Mentoring program – Magistrates Kliner, MacCallum, O’Shea, Payne, Previtera, Tynan

20 February 2008
Police Recruits Occupational Vocational Education Program – Queensland Police Service, Oxley, presentation by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine

21 February 2008
QIADP Launch, Rockhampton – address by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

29 February 2008
Seminar for Practical Advocacy Skills for Young Practitioners, Stamford Plaza and Brisbane: Worrying never did anyone any good: be familiar with court room decorum and establish your confidence delivered by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine address by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

4 March 2008
Legal Aid Queensland, Brisbane: Advocacy in the Magistrates Courts Speech delivered by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

Central Queensland Forum for Murri Court Elders and Community Justice Group Members, Rockhampton: presentation by Magistrate Hennessy

6 March 2008
Queensland Law Society Symposium – participation on criminal law panel: Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

8 March 2008
Yeppoon Community Group Sentencing Principles, presentation by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

10 March 2008
Cairns Base Hospital Staff Forum, Cairns: presentation, The work of the Coroner’s Court by Magistrate Lock, Brisbane Coroner

13 March 2008
Yarrabah Hospital Staff Forum, Yarrabah: presentation – The work of the Coroner’s Court by Magistrate Lock, Brisbane Coroner

18 March 2008
Townsville Hospital Staff Forum, Townsville – presentation: The work of the Coroner’s Court by Magistrate Lock, Brisbane Coroner

27 March 2008
Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program (QIADP) Team Leaders Workshop, Brisbane Magistrates Court: Speech delivered by Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin

1 April 2008
Queensland University Justice and the Law Society 13 week work experience program: supervision and mentoring by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate, Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine, Magistrates Callaghan (C), O’Shea, Tynan and White.

2 April 2008
Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane: A Vision for the Future of the Magistrates Court: public lecture delivered by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

10 April 2008
The Law Society of Tasmania’s Criminal Law Committee Forum, Hobart Tasmania. Working with Drug Treatment Orders: A Magistrate’s Experience presentation by Magistrate Thacker

19 April 2008
Law and Order in 21st Century Conference, Brisbane, participation by Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate

30 May 2008
Queensland University of Technology – Health Law Faculty. The State’s supervision of death – a post graduate health law seminar presentation by State Coroner, Magistrate Barnes
10 May 2008
Law Week Opening Day Moots, Brisbane Magistrates Court, presided over by Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin, and Magistrates Dowse, Guttridge and Springer

14 May 2008
Queensland Alcohol and Drug Foundation Winter School, Sebel Citigate Hotel, Brisbane: Working Together – An Holistic Approach to Therapeutic Jurisprudence address by Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin delivered by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine

14 May 2008
Australian Winter School, The Sebel and Citigate King George Square Hotel, Brisbane: Working Together: An Holistic Approach to Therapeutic Jurisprudence: speech presented by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine

22 May 2008
Queensland Murri Court Conference, the Bardon Centre, Bardon: Opening Address by the Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin

24 May 2008
Downs and South West Law Association Annual Dinner by the Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin

31 May 2008
North Queensland Law Association Conference, Mackay: Enjoying the Journey: Reflections on five years as Chief Magistrate: Speech delivered by Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin

18 June 2008
Justice Mediation Program Explained, Queensland Law Society, Law Society House, Brisbane chaired by the Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine

19 June 2008
Bar Practice Course Summary Trial Moots – presided by Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine, Magistrate Springer, O’Shea and Callaghan

19 – 20 June 2008
Tasmanian Magistrates' Conference, Hobart, Tasmania: presentation of paper about implementing Drug Court style processes and procedures to manage the Court Mandated Diversion regime established by the Tasmanian Sentencing Act amendments of 2007, presentation by Magistrate Thacker

26 June 2008
Bar Practice Course Moots: presided over by chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin and Magistrate Cull, Lee and Strofield

2007 – 2008 on a regular basis
Question and Answer forums in the courtroom at Warwick for High School students from the local Warwick High Schools by Magistrate Thacker

Delivery of Lectures at University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University and Bond University by Magistrate Kilner

Rotary club presentations about the Magistrates Court and the Project for Homeless Youth by Magistrate Kilner

Lions clubs presentations about the Magistrates Court and the Project for Homeless Youth by Magistrate Kilner

Addresses to the local Aboriginal Group – Children of the Dreaming – issues concerning the Murri Court and elders: programs to be developed to be used by the Murri Court by Magistrate McLaughlin
Appendix 7:  
Community justice groups 2007 – 08

Statutory Groups

1. Aurukun Community Justice Group
2. Bamaga Mina Codomir Community Justice Group
3. Cherbourg Barambah Community Justice Group
4. Doomadgee Ngooderi Mabuntha Community Justice Group
5. Hope Vale Community Justice Group
6. Injinoo Ikama Ikya Community Justice Group
7. Kowanyama Community Justice Group
8. Lockhart River Community Justice Group
9. Mapoon Community Justice Group
10. Mornington Island Jankuri Laka Justice Association
11. Napranum Twal Council of Elders Community Justice Group
12. New Mapoon Manthingu Community Justice Group
13. Palm Island Community Justice Group
14. Pormpuraaw Community Justice Group
15. Seisa Community Justice Group
16. Umagico Community Justice Group
17. Woorabinda Community Justice Group
18. Wujal Wujal Waranga Community Justice Group
19. Yarrabah Community Justice Group
Non-Statutory Groups

20  Caboolture Buranga Widjung Justice Group
21  Cairns Gumba Gumba Elders Justice Group
22  Charters Towers Gudjal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Corporation for Justice
23  Cloncurry Justice Association
24  Coen Justice Group
25  Cunnamulla Community Justice Group
26  Inala Community Justice Group
27  Ingham Hinchinbrook Community Justice Initiatives
28  Innisfail Community Justice Group
29  Ipswich Community Justice Group
30  Kuranda Local Justice Group
31  Logan Community Justice Group
32  Mackay Aboriginal and Islander Justice Alternative Group
33  Maryborough Community Justice Group
34  Mossman Community Justice Group
35  Mount Isa Community Justice Group
36  Normanton Lamberr Wungarch Justice Group
37  Rockhampton Aboriginal and Islander Community Justice Panel
38  St George Community Justice Group
39  Tablelands Justice Group
40  Thursday Island Community Justice Group
41  Toowoomba Community Justice Group
42  Townsville/Thuringowa Community Justice Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation