

NEIGHBOURHOOD justice centre



Welcome to the
Neighbourhood Justice Centre

DOING JUSTICE LOCALLY



Services at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre provides a range of on-site services that aim to benefit the community and help individuals in the City of Yarra to solve justice problems at an early stage. Services are primarily offered to users of the centre's court. In addition, the centre has close links with off-site services in the City of Yarra area and can provide referrals.

Services and programs at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre include:

- Court hearings
- Mediation and Dispute Settlement
- Crime and Violence Prevention
- Material and Personal Support
- Legal Aid
- Victims' Support
- Housing and Homelessness Support
- Financial Counselling
- Community Corrections
- Juvenile Justice
- Drug and Alcohol Counselling and Support
- Mental Health
- Interpreting.

Message from the Magistrate

I am delighted to welcome you to the Neighbourhood Justice Centre. As Australia's first community justice centre, the involvement of local residents, traders and agencies in the City of Yarra is vital to our operations. Input from the local community is shaping the way the centre runs and helping us to meet the vision of "doing justice locally".

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre serves the City of Yarra. It brings together a court with on-site support services for defendants, victims, witnesses and residents, including mediation and crime prevention. These services are designed to address the underlying causes of offending and prevent further crime.

As magistrate at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre, I adopt a problem solving approach and work closely with service providers at the centre to change offenders' behaviour. This in turn enhances the safety of victims and the quality of life for people in the City of Yarra.

During my term as magistrate, I want the Neighbourhood Justice Centre to make a real contribution to improving access to justice and dealing with crime and safety in the City of Yarra. I look forward to working with you on this exciting justice initiative.



David Fanning

Neighbourhood Justice Centre Magistrate

Message from the Community Liaison Committee

As members of the Neighbourhood Justice Centre Community Liaison Committee we reflect the diversity of the people who live and work in the City of Yarra. We are public and private tenants, home owners, Kooris, interest groups, service providers, traders and council officers based in the City of Yarra. An important part of our role is to talk with our community about local experiences of the justice system and raise issues of local crime and safety with the centre and its staff.

By becoming members of the committee, we knew we had the opportunity to make a difference. This has included sitting on the selection panel for the magistrate and other centre staff, speaking at community forums and contributing to the design of the building.

The Attorney-General's vision for the Neighbourhood Justice Centre "draws its strength and authority from the participation of a ready, able and willing community". We look forward to making this vision a reality.



Magistrate David Fanning



Attorney-General, Rob Hulls MP (second from right) at the inaugural meeting of the Community Liaison Committee in April 2006.

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre Court

At the Neighbourhood Justice Centre Court, Magistrate David Fanning hears a variety of civil and criminal cases that would usually be handled by a number of courts and tribunals. The court sits as a Magistrates' Court, a Children's Court (Criminal Division), a Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal and hears some matters from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Typical cases at the court include theft, tenancy, assault, fencing disputes, family law and victims' compensation.

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre magistrate has the same sentencing options available to him as any other magistrate, including jail.

Catchment Area

The magistrate will hear criminal matters where the defendant lives in the City of Yarra. Civil matters will be heard in a range of circumstances, including where the subject matter arose in the City of Yarra. Homeless people and indigenous people with a strong connection to the City of Yarra may also have their cases heard at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre Court. This focus on one local area allows the magistrate to gain an in-depth understanding of justice issues in the City of Yarra.



The Neighbourhood Justice Centre court room (artist's impression).

Community Facilities

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre has a range of meetings rooms available for use by City of Yarra residents, traders and local groups. The rooms have capacity for up to 20 people and are suitable for:

- training workshops
- presentations
- meetings of community groups.

For more information and to book a room contact the Information Officer on (03) 9948 8777.

Community Events

The centre holds a range of free events that are open to the City of Yarra community. For details of the latest events, call the centre on (03) 9948 8777 or visit the website at www.justice.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodjustice

Community Art

The building has been designed to display artwork from community groups in the City of Yarra and the centre hosts a range of changing exhibits.

Volunteering

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre is developing a volunteer program and volunteers will be central to the operation of the centre. For information about volunteer opportunities contact the Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator on (03) 9948 8777.



Neighbourhood Justice Centre entrance (artist's impression).

To contact us or find out more about the centre, visit us at the following address:

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD JUSTICE CENTRE

241 Wellington Street
Collingwood VIC 3066
Call us on (03) 9948 8777
Email us at njc@justice.vic.gov.au

Visit our website at
[www.justice.vic.gov.au/
neighbourhoodjustice](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodjustice)



How to find us

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre is located on the corner of Wellington and Perry streets, with the main entrance on Wellington Street. The Melways reference is Map 44, C4.

BY TRAIN

Take the Hurstbridge-Epping line to the Victoria Park train station. The station is a ten-minute walk from the centre.

BY TRAM

The number 86 tram travels along Smith Street. The centre is a five-minute walk from the stop on the corner of Johnston and Smith streets.

BY BUS

The following bus routes travel along Johnston Street: 200, 201, 203, 205 and 207. The centre is a one-minute walk from the stop on the corner of Wellington and Johnston streets.

For more information about public transport to the centre, call Metlink on 131 638.

Cycling and parking

The centre has bicycle racks outside the Wellington Street entrance.

Limited two-hour metered parking bays are available on Wellington and Perry streets.

Parking for people with a disability is also available on Wellington Street.

Opening hours

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. The centre is also open outside of these times for particular court and community purposes. See our website for further information.

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