

Marngoneet Correctional Centre: clinical services

Introduction

The Marngoneet Correctional Centre is a 300-bed medium security correctional programs centre located near Lara, approximately 70 kilometres west of Melbourne.

The Centre provides an intensive level of treatment and offender management activity, including sex offender treatment programs, drug and alcohol treatment programs, violent offender treatment programs, and vocational services programs for prisoners in Victoria.

Corrections Victoria operates the facility and is responsible for the delivery of services, such as custodial staffing, prisoner programs and training.

Design and security

The prison is a secure facility relying on a range of technologically advanced perimeter security measures including biometric identification safeguards, a whole of site mobile duress system and CCTV strengthened site security and highly trained custodial staff.

The physical design of Marngoneet maximises normal living conditions and minimises institutionalisation, shapes social interaction, provides small living units and promotes significant levels of personal and social responsibility.

The design includes industry, education, recreation and program facilities that provide service providers and prisoners with a setting that supports security, safety, learning and behaviour change.

Prisoner eligibility

Prisoners classified to Marngoneet are at moderate to high risk of re-offending. They have a minimum of six months of their sentence left to serve at the time of transfer to Marngoneet.

Most Marngoneet prisoners are there to address their violence or sex offences or significant drug and alcohol issues that are related to their offending.

What does Marngoneet provide?

Marngoneet Correctional Centre provides services in three key areas: clinical services, vocational services and custodial services.

This brochure provides information about clinical services at Marngoneet Correctional Centre.

“Quality, targeted clinical services are integrated into the whole of prison approach to reducing re-offending”

Clinical services at Marngoneet

Clinical services at Marngoneet are delivered by five teams:

- health
- psychological well-being

- sex offender program and protection
- drug and alcohol intervention
- violence intervention

“Treatment and skills for positive futures”

The clinical services team at Marngoneet is comprised of 30 health professionals. The team includes psychologists, social workers, nurses and medical staff in an integrated model of service delivery.

Clinical services are delivered in a therapeutic community environment, where prisoners are encouraged to take responsibility for their health and clinical needs.

Clinical services at Marngoneet provides:

- sex offender treatment programs
- violent offender treatment programs
- drug and alcohol treatment programs
- cognitive skills programs
- psychological well-being programs
- health services and programs.

In order to be responsive to the risks and needs of prisoners, programs are available in moderate and intensive treatment formats.

Many Marngoneet programs are modular, with modules purpose-selected for the individual prisoner.

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The duration of each prisoner's Marngoneet program is formalised during the orientation and assessment phase at the prison.

Clinical facilities at Marngoneet

Clinicians and health care professionals work across multiple locations at Marngoneet. Some work in the neighbourhoods, in purpose built programs rooms and individual counselling spaces.

The Health Centre at Marngoneet has been named the Bellin bellin Health Centre. Bellin bellin is an Aboriginal word meaning "butterfly". It is a metaphor for the clinical services and treatment provided to prisoners at Marngoneet in aid of transformation and renewal.

The Centre consists of specialist medical consulting and treatment rooms, including dental and triage facilities, as well as program and counselling space.

Clinical services at Marngoneet are integrated into the broader correctional environment through their work locations within the Centre.

Student placements and researchers have the opportunity to be situated in close proximity to these clinical teams.

All clinical staff work in supported and supervised teams.

Research, evaluation and quality assurance (REQA)

Marngoneet has a strong emphasis on delivering quality services in line with world's best-practice.

As well as a strong internal focus on REQA processes, Marngoneet actively creates partnerships with academic institutions to study and share our clinical and criminological learnings.

More information

Several other brochures are available each focussing on a different aspect of the prison.

Marngoneet Correctional Centre – the name

The name "Marngoneet" is taken from the local Wathaurong community language and means: "to make new". The new name reflects the prison's focus on rehabilitation and offers a respectful gesture to the local Wathaurong people. It is supported by the Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative.

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