

Bayside Community Justice Group consisting of Local and Community Elders, and Respected Community Members

There are many government and non-government agencies that support The Bayside Community Justice Group and Murri Court,

including the *Redlands Indigenous Service Provider*

Networks which also include:

- QYAC
- ATSILS
- DJAG
- Youth Justice
- Queensland Police Service
- QLD Corrective Services—Capalaba & Wynnum
- Youth Justice Services
- COOEE Indigenous Family and Community Education Centre
- Yulu -Burri -Ba
- DATSIP
- Office of ICEPP Griffith University
- Griffith University Council of Elders
- Bayside Community Legal Service
- Department of Human Services—Centrelink
- Plus many other Government and Non-Government Agencies and Rehabilitation Centre's



Auspecting Body for BCJG
COOEE Indigenous Family and
Community Education Centre
partnering with ATSILS



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PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The BCJG along with the auspecting body is obligated to protecting the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of each client that accesses this service.

Bayside Community Justice Group



Taking action to be part of the solution

Servicing Cleveland and Wynnum Murri Courts

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians, the Quandamooka people.

We also acknowledge and pay our respects to all Elders past and present, as they hold the memories, knowledge, wisdom and lore of our ancient culture and heritage.

The Bayside Community Justice Group

What do we do?

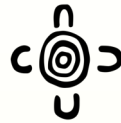
The Bayside Community Justice Group (BCJG) forms an important part of the QLD Government's response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

The Bayside Community Justice Group supports Magistrate Courts by providing submissions to the Court on behalf of Indigenous Defendants. The BCJG may make recommendations to the Court from a community perspective in relation to Indigenous defendants.

The Bayside Community Justice Group has a role in supporting Murri Court by engaging with services such as ATSILS about bail applications and bail programs; as well as other government or non-government service providers, who can provide referrals to culturally appropriate programs that may assist the defendants to address the underlying causes of their offending behavior/s.

The Bayside Community Justice Group provides support and encouragement to defendants through the referral process within the local community.

The Elders and Respected Persons



Elders and Respected Persons play a pivotal role in Murri Court and the Bayside Community Justice Group. They provide cultural insight to the Magistrate and Stakeholders by advising on cultural practices, customs & behaviours.

Elders and Respected Persons are required in the course of their advisory role to:

- (1) Advise on the content of pre-sentence reports
- (2) Make recommendations to the magistrate during bail applications and on sentencing
- (3) The Elders and Respected Persons facilitate programs conducted by the Bayside Community Justice Group.
- (4) The Elders and Respected Person's recommend suitable programs and services to the Court which would:
 - (a) Be suitable for a defendant to engage in;
 - (b) Demonstrate the ability to make life changes in the defendant;
 - (c) Address offending behavior/s.

Who Can Be Referred?

Eligibility criteria for referral to a Murri Court varies depending on the location of the Murri Court, input of the Elders and the requirements of each Magistrate Court.

As a general guide, to be eligible for referral to Murri Court, a defendant must:

Identify as being of Aboriginal of Torres Strait Islander descent;

Appear before a Magistrates Court or Children's Court where Murri Court is operating;

Either: Plead guilty to the offences for which they are appearing; or Indicate an intention to plead guilty to the offence.

Be eligible for bail & be suitable for release into the Murri Court;

Be charged with an offence that is able to be dealt with summarily

Be charged with an offence that may attract a penalty of imprisonment

Charges & criminal history must be of such a nature that the Magistrate considers it appropriate for the defendant to participate in Murri Court. A defendant may not be eligible for Murri Court where he/she has been convicted of or is currently charged with an offence of a particular nature. Confirmation of eligibility can be sought from your solicitor or the Murri Court (BCJG) Coordinator.