



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 1 of 2016

CRIMINAL DIVISION – SUNSHINE CUSTODY LISTINGS

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

Preamble

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to address custody management issues that are currently occurring at Sunshine Court, where children in custody are not able to be presented at Court due to lack of holding cell space.

This Practice Direction applies to all Children's Court custody matters where Sunshine Children's Court is the proper venue.

Directions

1. Young persons arrested and held in custody on matters where Sunshine is the proper venue are to be remanded to appear at the Melbourne Children's Court.
2. The Melbourne Children's Court will maintain carriage of such matters, if and until the matter is to be adjourned for contested hearing. If the matter is to be adjourned for a contested hearing the matter will be listed back at the proper venue.
3. This Practice Direction will operate until 30 December 2016 unless otherwise directed.

Extension of previous Practice Direction

This Practice Direction extends Practice Direction 5 of 2015.

This Practice Direction commences on 29 February 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Chambers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judge Amanda Chambers
President
Children's Court of Victoria

11 February 2016