



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 1 of 2015

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 a 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 28 August 2015 unless otherwise directed.

Extension of previous Practice Direction

This Practice Direction extends Practice Direction 4 of 2014.

This Practice Direction commences on 2 March 2015.

Judge Peter Couzens
President
Children's Court of Victoria

2 March 2015