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The new courts are adjacent to the Werribee Police Station and will feature 13 courtrooms, four hearing rooms, three mediation suites and 26 holding cells.





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Location: Wyndham Law Court, 15 Basalt Rd, Werribee VIC 3030



NEW CHILDREN'S COURT

The Wyndham Law Courts includes a dedicated specialist Children's Court to improve access to justice and outcomes for children, young people and their families in Melbourne's west.

The Wyndham Children's Court will hear child protection, intervention order and criminal cases, including custody cases.

Specialist Courts including the Children's Koori Court and Marram-Ngala Ganbu (Koori Family Hearing Day) will also be available.

The Children's Koori Court ensures that sentencing outcomes imposed on young people are culturally appropriate and facilitated through the presence and cultural advice of Elders and Respected Persons.

Marram-Ngala Ganbu (MNG) – meaning “we are one” in Woiwurrung language – is a Koori Family Hearing Day that provides a more effective, culturally appropriate, and just response for Koori children and families engaged in Victoria's child protection system. MNG aims to improve outcomes for Koori children and families involved in child protection proceedings through provision of culturally safe support before, during and after the court process. The program also actively assists Aboriginal families with referrals to a range of Aboriginal-controlled support services for ongoing assistance.



Courtrooms specifically designed for Children's Court cases which includes dedicated spaces for the Children's Koori Court and Marram-Ngala Ganbu (Koori Family Hearing Day).



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FEATURES

The new Children's Court provides a state-of-the-art, fit-for-purpose facility with a range of innovative features:

- Three courtrooms, specifically designed for Children's Court cases, including young people in custody and a Children's Koori Court.
- Cubby House, which is a secure, purpose-built waiting space for vulnerable children in the protective care of the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).
- Custody Centre, that includes holding cells designed to separate young people in custody from adult holding cells.
- Dedicated space for legal and support services including DFFH, Victoria Legal Aid, Victoria Police, Youth Justice, and private legal practitioners.
- Dedicated spaces for Aboriginal legal and support services to provide a culturally safe user experience.
- Carefully designed public waiting areas, enabling privacy and security, as well as wayfinding to services and amenities.
- Separate entrance, waiting area and remote hearing facilities for vulnerable court users, including those who are victims of family violence.



BENEFITS

This initiative will strengthen access to local justice services in Melbourne's west and improve outcomes for children, families and young people. The new facility has been designed to:

- provide a child focused and family friendly environment for users
- emphasise security and accessibility for all court users, especially those who are vulnerable victims
- dedicated space to accommodate private conversations and engagement of families and young people
- support collaborative practice with registry and multi-disciplinary teams
- integrate services and agencies to support children and young families
- greater access to justice with increased efficiency and accountability.

These new facilities will also reflect contemporary applications of courthouse design, information technology, and changing justice delivery models to accommodate the future service demands in the western metropolitan region.



Natural light, access to fresh air and greenery creates a calm environment for court users.



Digital interactive artwork wall reflects a more therapeutic approach to justice services.