



THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF THE LOCAL COURT

28 September 2021

Re: Sitting arrangements: Christmas New Year Period 2021/2022

In accordance Rule 8.2A of the *Local Court Rules* 2009 (the fixed leave period for the Local Court) normal rostered sittings of the Local Court are suspended on and from Saturday 25 December 2021, and conclude on Sunday 9 January 2022. Please note that I have determined that magistrates will be provided a chamber day on Friday 24 December 2021 and as such I have extended the centralised bail court arrangements to that date.

Local Court – Adult Person's in Custody on weekdays that are not public holidays.

The following sitting arrangements are to occur from **Friday 24 December 2021, and conclude on Sunday 9 January 2022:**

Metropolitan area

On weekdays, that are not public holidays, two Acting Magistrates will be rostered at Parramatta Local Court to determine bail for adult persons who remain in custody in the metropolitan area and will consider any urgent applications for Apprehended Violence Orders that are lodged statewide. All adults, remanded in custody within the Sydney Metropolitan area, are to be dealt with via Audio Visual Link facilities at Parramatta Local Court from Correctional facilities. In the event the nominated corrective facilities are unable to accept all the fresh custody matter in the usual way, consideration may be given by the court those appearances to come from NSW police stations, should time and facilities allow.

Regional areas

Registrars of the Court will conduct bail hearings when required at regional locations.

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General instructions for Authorised Justices, conducting adult bail courts

Authorised Justices and Magistrates are to adjourn matters involving persons in custody to the next sitting day of the Court (or circuit if applicable) from which that matter arises on or after 10 January 2022 wherever possible. Should an accused person be refused bail and not consent to the adjournment beyond the statutory period the matter should not be adjourned to Parramatta Local Court, unless arrangements have been made with the relevant registrar for the listing of the matter before an available magistrate.

Children’s Court – Juveniles in Custody on weekdays that are not public holidays.

The following sitting arrangements are to occur from **Friday 24 December 2021, and conclude on Sunday 9 January 2022:**

On weekdays, that are not public holidays, two Acting Magistrates with experience in the operation of the Children’s Court will be rostered at Parramatta Children’s Court to determine bail applications, urgent applications for Apprehended Violence Orders and urgent applications for care and protection orders from across the state.

Specific details in relation to the operation of the children’s court during this period will be published separately by the Children’s Court.

Apprehended Violence Orders

Magistrates will be available at Parramatta Children’s Court and Local Court on weekdays that are not public holidays to determine urgent applications only during court sittings hours.

Weekends and Public Holidays

Bail Courts will operate in accordance with normal arrangements.

This table reflects the arrangements for the **Metropolitan** area:

Day	Date	Location of Sittings
Friday	24 Dec 2021	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children’s Court
Saturday (Public Holiday)	25 Dec 2021	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children’s Court to conduct both Local and Children’s Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)
Sunday (Public Holiday)	26 Dec 2021	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children’s Court to conduct both Local and Children’s Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)
Monday (Public Holiday)	27 Dec 2021	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children’s Court to conduct both Local and Children’s Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)

Tuesday (Public Holiday)	28 Dec 2021	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court to conduct both Local and Children's Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)
Wednesday	29 Dec 2021	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court
Thursday	30 Dec 2021	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court
Friday	31 Dec 2021	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court
Saturday (Public Holiday)	1 Jan 2022	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court to conduct both Local and Children's Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)
Sunday	2 Jan 2022	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court to conduct both Local and Children's Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)
Monday (Public Holiday)	3 Jan 2022	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court to conduct both Local and Children's Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)
Tuesday	4 Jan 2022	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court
Wednesday	5 Jan 2022	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court
Thursday	6 Jan 2022	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court
Friday	7 Jan 2022	2 Magistrates at Parramatta Local Court 2 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court
Saturday	8 Jan 2022	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court to conduct both Local and Children's Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)
Sunday	9 Jan 2022	3 Magistrates at Parramatta Children's Court to conduct both Local and Children's Court matters (as per usual weekend bail arrangements)

Yours sincerely,



Judge Peter Johnstone
Chief Magistrate