



SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

14 June 2016

Supreme Court on the move – 11 July 2016

The General Division of the Supreme Court of Western Australia is moving to the new David Malcolm Justice Centre at 28 Barrack Street, Perth, on 11 July.

The Court of Appeal will remain in the 1903 building in Stirling Gardens, and all criminal hearings will continue to be heard in either the 1903 building or the District Court building, Hay Street, Perth.

All registry functions, other than Court of Appeal matters, will be located in the new building, as will all civil hearings and mediations. The Central Office, Probate Office and Criminal Registry will be combined into one central registry on the 11th floor in the new building.

The move is taking place during the winter recess so when sittings resume on 18 July, the new arrangements will be in place. However, the Court opens its doors at 28 Barrack Street from 11 July. All contact telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

The new building has eight trial courts, 12 multi-purpose hearing rooms and eight mediation suites. Meeting rooms are available on all floors where trial courts or multi-purpose hearing rooms are located.

These rooms can be allocated to parties on request, and used as trial support rooms, so parties can leave materials during trials.

As the courtrooms are on different floors, and given the significant number of meeting rooms on each court floor, counsel will be encouraged to robe in a meeting room. No separate robing room has been provided.

The Law Library in the 1903 building will be closed permanently from 30 June. Library facilities for use by the Court, legal practitioners and other occupants of the new building will be located on the second floor. The library will not be open to the general public.

Everybody entering the building other than judicial officers and the staff of organisations occupying the building will enter the building via security screening on the ground floor.

Other occupants of the building will include the departments of Treasury and the Attorney General, and the State Solicitors Office.

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