



# Justice in the Hood?: The Potential of the Community Justice Centre Model for Western Australia”

DATE: 14 October 2020  
 TIME: 5 to 7 pm (WST)  
 PLACE: Online (therefore it is necessary to register for the event—see below)

A Community Justice Centre co-locates a court with key support services which partner with a community to redesign the justice experience by addressing the underlying causes of crime. The model provides an opportunity to empower neighbourhoods to co-design bespoke and place-based justice solutions that address the unique needs of their community and which support individuals entangled with the criminal justice system. Community Justice Centres seek to improve social cohesion and connection, reduce social disadvantage, crime and recidivism as well as create culturally safer justice experiences. While there are many exemplars overseas, Australia’s only Community Justice Centre, the Neighbourhood Justice Centre, has serviced the City of Yarra since 2007. This presentation and panel discussion will explore the potential of the Community Justice Centre model for Western Australia and the grassroots buy-in and process of co-design it would necessitate.

## Presenter

**Professor Sarah Murray**  
 University of Western Australia



## Chair

**The Hon Chief Justice Peter Quinlan**  
 Chief Justice of Western Australia



## Panellists

**Dr Sue Gordon**  
 Retired Magistrate of the Children's Court of Western Australia who has worked with Aboriginal people and in community affairs.



**Magistrate Felicity Zempilas**  
 Of the Start Court, which addresses the over-representation of people with mental illness in the WA criminal justice system.



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