

## **Update on Downing Centre flooding incident**

Flooding at the Downing Centre on Tuesday 17 June caused extensive damage to the infrastructure of the building, including electricity, IT systems and other equipment. As a result, the Downing Centre will be closed for at least four weeks.

Assessment of the damage is ongoing, however it is clear that extensive repairs will be required which will take a lengthy period of time.

The Department of Communities and Justice will issue further updates over the coming weeks as work is carried out to repair the damaged systems and to ensure the building is safe and fully operational prior to its reopening.

Judicial officers and court staff are making every effort to ensure matters are able to proceed wherever possible.

### **Local Court**

People with matters scheduled in the Downing Centre Local Court are advised to check the Online Court at <https://onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au> or the Local Court website at <https://localcourt.nsw.gov.au/cl-2/court-locations-d.html>.

If further information is required, in criminal matters please email the Downing Centre Local Court ([dclc@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dclc@justice.nsw.gov.au)). If further information is required in civil matters please contact the Civil Registry at JMT ([sydneycivilregistry@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneycivilregistry@justice.nsw.gov.au)) for advice on the location, or new date allocated, for your matter.

### **District Court**

People with matters scheduled in the Sydney District Court are advised to check the Online Court at <https://onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au> or the following website at <https://localcourt.nsw.gov.au/cl-2/court-locations-d.html> which provides information about District Court listings.

If further information is required for District Court criminal matters please email the District Court Criminal Registry ([ag-sdc-crime@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ag-sdc-crime@dcj.nsw.gov.au)). If further information is required in District Court civil matters email the Civil Registry ([sydneycivilregistry@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneycivilregistry@justice.nsw.gov.au)) for information on the location, or new date allocated, for your matter.

Jurors currently empanelled in criminal trials in the Downing Centre will be contacted by the NSW Sheriff's Office with further updates. Jurors who have been advised to report to the Downing Centre for a jury panel should log on to the juror portal for further updates (<https://www.juror.nsw.gov.au/home>).

### **Drug Court**

People with matters scheduled in the Drug Court are advised to contact the registry by email at [DrugCourtSydney@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DrugCourtSydney@justice.nsw.gov.au) or by phone on + 61 (02) 8688 4525 or contact your Community Corrections Officer.

For all jurisdictions and court locations you may wish to contact the Court Service Centre on 1300 679 272 for information or advice (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday).

Further updates will be provided as they become available.