

## Our Values

Murri Watch is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation which was established in 1991 in response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

The traditional Indigenous values of Care, Share and Respect form the foundation of our organization.

We Care deeply for our clients and remain wholly committed to improving their physical, cultural, spiritual and economic well being.

We Share a detailed knowledge and understanding of the historical, through to contemporary, problems and issues and remain wholly committed to providing culturally proficient, community sensitive and highly productive services.

We Respect the personal circumstances and cultural backgrounds of our clients and are wholly committed to restoring their cultural integrity, dignity and pride.

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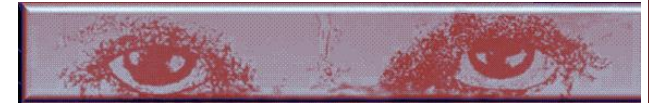
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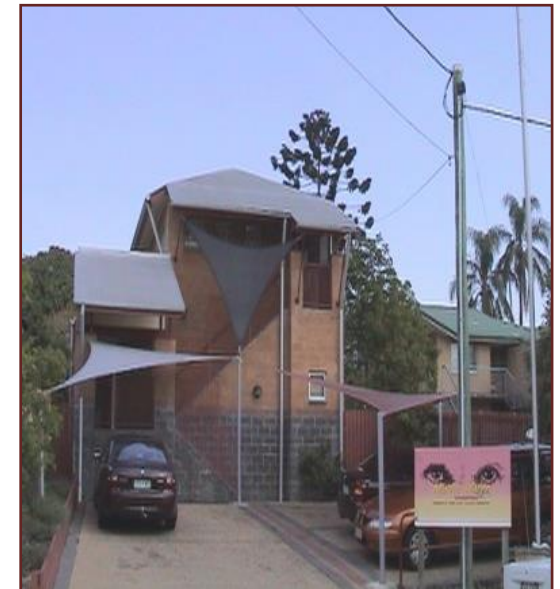
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MURRI WATCH ABORIGINAL AND  
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CORPORATION

## *Diversionary Centre*

WOOLLOONGABBA



## *Cell Visitor Services*

BRISBANE, IPSWICH, RICHLANDS, BEENLEIGH,

CLEVELAND, STRATHPINE, REDCLIFFE

AND CABOOLTURE

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## DIVERSIONARY CENTRE

The Diversionary Program is aimed at reducing the potential risk/s to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults being held in police watchhouse custody for public intoxication related offences.

The Diversionary Centre is a 14 bed facility located at 15 Hubert Street Woolloongabba, and provides:

- A short term sobering up support service in a safe and monitored environment for adult clients who are recovering from intoxication; and
- related support and referral services (health, legal, accommodation)

Client amenities at the Diversionary Centre include:

- Meals, Tea/Coffee
- Showers
- Clean Clothing
- Laundry

### ABOUT OUR CLIENTS

Clients are referred to the centre by the Queensland Police Service, other agencies and self-referrals.

The centre accommodates both male and female clients over 18 years of age who are prepared to admit themselves voluntarily.

The Diversionary Centre program and Cell Visitor service operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## CELL VISITOR SERVICES

Our Cell Visitors program aims to stop deaths in custody and reduce the risk of self harming of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are detained in watchhouses.

The program operates in Brisbane, Richlands, Ipswich, Beenleigh, Cleveland, Strathpine, Redcliffe and Caboolture.

Murri Watch Cell Visitors will –

- respond to referrals and calls from families, the community, watchhouses, police cells and other organisations regarding concerns about people in watchhouse custody;
- visit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people incarcerated in police watchhouses and police holding cells as required;
- help to observe the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in custody and help to work out their needs and problems;
- help the communication and understanding between detainees, watchhouse staff, other agencies and persons;
- offer company, support and assistance to people in custody;
- help to prevent suicide and self-injury of persons in custody;
- help to identify physical and emotional or mental symptoms which require medical attention or support;
- liaise with families, friends and communities of persons in custody; and
- give information and referral to support services to persons in custody.

## DIVERSIONARY & CELL VISITOR SERVICES CLIENT GROUPS

The primary client group is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (both male and female) over the age of 18, who are:

- diverted to a safe place as an alternative to being taken into police custody for public intoxication offences; or
- detained in Police watchhouses or holding cells.

There is a specific focus on people who are in need of special support, care, observation or attention.

Families, friends and communities of those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are also part of the client groups.

*Diversionary and Cell Visitor Services are also provided to Non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 18.*

## OTHER MURRI WATCH SERVICES IN QUEENSLAND

Murri Watch also operates Cell Visitor Services in Mackay, Townsville and on Palm Island, a Community Patrol Service in Townsville, Youth Bail Support Program in Townsville, the Bowman Johnson Hostel Supported Accommodation Program at South Brisbane, and the Men's Shed in Brisbane.