

SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA
CIRCULAR TO PRACTITIONERS

No. 8 of 2021

17 June 2021

CRIMINAL SITTINGS IN BURNIE

With effect from 19 July 2021, on the first scheduled day of each criminal sittings in Burnie the list will be arranged as follows:

- 11.30am: First appearances and miscellaneous applications
- 2.00 pm: Custody matters (video links – first appearances and subsequent directions hearings)
- 2.30 pm: Directions hearings
- 3.30 pm Youth matters

With effect from July 2021, miscellaneous criminal business, including directions hearings and possibly pleas of guilty, will be dealt with on the second Wednesday of each Burnie sittings, subject to any other arrangement being directed by the circuit judge. Directions hearings, pleas of guilty, and lower court appeals may also be listed at other times, at the discretion of the circuit judge.

Each Burnie sittings will be scheduled to last for four weeks. In order to reduce the backlog of criminal business in Burnie, ad hoc arrangements will be made for some sittings to start earlier or continue later than originally scheduled. If an arrangement is made for a sittings to start earlier than originally scheduled, the "first day" and "Miscellaneous Criminal Business Day" lists referred to above will be dealt with on the first day of the sittings as originally scheduled, and the second Wednesday of the sittings as originally scheduled, and not brought forward.

Some defendants have already been remanded to appear at 2.15pm on 19 July 2021. They will not be required to attend at 11.30am on that day. However, from now on, magistrates should remand defendants to appear at 11.30am instead of 2.15pm on the first day of a Burnie sittings.

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