

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MURRI COURT

JUDGE IRWIN, Chief Magistrate MR T BLACK, Magistrate MR J PINDER, Magistrate

IN THE MATTER OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING

OF THE MURRI COURT AT CAIRNS

CAIRNS

..DATE 11/01/2008

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Also present
Mr R Colless.
Ms Julie Grantham, Acting Director General,
Department of Justice and Attorney-General;
On behalf of the Gumba Gumba Cairns Community Justice Group:
Mr T Brown.
On behalf of the Queensland Police Service Prosecution Corp:
Sgt G Wynne-Jones.
On behalf of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal 20
Service in North Queensland:

Mr M McElhinney.

Magistrate BLACK: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. There is to be an opening prayer. Thank you.

Colin LEFTWICH (Gumba Gumba Elder): Lord Jesus, please watch over us and guide us today as we seek to assist our clients in making the right decisions for the future. We ask that you shine your graces upon them and help them to discover the better path in life. Show them your mercy as they strive to change their lives for the betterment of themselves as well as their families and the community. We ask this of you, Lord. Amen.

Magistrate BLACK: If you will open the Court please, Jolene. 50

HIS HONOUR: Thank you and good morning and welcome to this special celebration. I would like to firstly acknowledge the

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traditional owners on the land on which we meet this morning, Magistrate Trevor Black, my other colleagues of the Bench of Magistrates in Cairns who are able to be with us today, including Magistrate Joe Pinder; Mr Bob Colless and the Gumba Gumba Cairns Community Justice Group; Ms Julie Grantham the Acting Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General; Sergeant Grant Wynne-Jones of the Queensland Police Service Prosecution Corp and Mr Michael McElhinney, the principal legal advisor of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Legal Service in North Queensland, and I welcome all of you, our distinguished guests.

I am told that the Queensland Minister for Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, the Honourable Ms Desley Boyle, is intending to be with us this morning. She, as you would know, is the local member for Cairns and I understand that Ms Boyle is here and I welcome her, and also Mr Jim Turnour, the Member for the Federal Seat of Leichhardt. It is pleasing to have both of you with us today as well. I offer my warmest welcome to you on this significant occasion, the official opening of the Cairns Murri Court.

I would like to thank Mr Gerald Fourmile for the Welcome to Country, Mr Seth Fourmile for the traditional smoking ceremony and the Indinji Dancers for the welcome dance this morning.

Unfortunately the Honourable Kerry Shine MP, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and the Minister assisting the Premier in Western Queensland is unable to be with us. 10

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11012008 D.1 T1/MT(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) However, he has asked that I pass on his best wishes for the success of this Murri Court and he has sent a message which I will refer to later.

Murri Courts have been operating in Queensland since August of 2002. I am proud to say that, as the Attorney-General has previously recognised that they have been an important initiative of Queensland Magistrates, and they have played a significant role in addressing indigenous justice issues that come before our Magistrates Court.

My predecessor as Chief Magistrate, Diane Fingleton, and the Deputy Chief Magistrate, Brian Hine, were driving forces behind this important initiative. I am pleased that I can sit here today with Magistrate Black to launch this new Murri Court and to sit on the Bench as well with Mr Tom Brown representing the Community Justice Group as well.

This is an initiative of the Cairns Community Justice Group in consultation with Magistrate Black and other magistrates in Cairns. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Group whose goodwill in addressing local issues has been instrumental in reaching this significant milestone.

The Murri Court developed because of the Magistrates who sat in Court every day and believed that there was a better way to approach issues that came before the Court for indigenous people with a view to reducing their over-representation in the criminal justice system and in the prison population.

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Everyone knows that this is not an easy task, but it is an important step in addressing the issues that indigenous people encounter every day in their interaction with the criminal justice system.

To achieve this the Court has used a principle that has existed for some time in our sentencing legislation which requires it to consider relevant submissions from community justice groups including elders and respected persons when sentencing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders.

Therefore, by applying the law of Queensland it has been possible to give Magistrates more culturally appropriate sentencing options with a view to the rehabilitation of offenders and the reduction of recidivism. It is ultimately to the benefit of the whole community that this can be achieved.

The first Murri Court was established in Brisbane. The Murri Court in Cairns is the eleventh to be opened in Queensland with other Courts operating at Mount Isa, Townsville, Rockhampton, Caboolture, Cherbourg, Cleveland, Caloundra, Ipswich and in the Cape community of Coen, I expect that with the enthusiasm and support of local communities and Magistrates more will follow. 50

One of our inaugural Brisbane elders, Uncle Albert Holt, has said and I quote, "It has been a watershed achievement to

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structure our Queensland Murri Court process on a spiritual or 1
emotional level generating dignity and respect."

A review of the Murri Court was initiated by the previous Attorney-General, the Honourable Ms Linda Lavarch, and it resulted in a \$5.2 million commitment by the Queensland Government to the Court over three years.

I am delighted that not only will this result in a careful evaluation of the Court, but also it has already resulted in the creation of six Murri Court co-ordinators and a State-wide program manager to support the Court in its operations.

I am pleased that our Townsville co-ordinator, Ms Sallyanne Buttigieg, is able to be with us today, and also the State Manager, Mr Greg Wyman, and Mr Peter Kent who is the director of the Courts innovation program of the Magistrates Court of which the Murri Court is an integral part.

This funding for the Murri Court will also go towards community education and training for indigenous elders and respected persons who participate in the Court throughout Queensland. In relation to this, the Attorney-General has sent a message in the following terms, which I quote:

"The Queensland Government is committed to the expansion of the Murri Court and supports the excellent work done by the elders and members of the community justice groups in the advice that they give in developing innovative and productive sentencing options through the Murri Courts. This initiative is one of the steps that we have taken as a Government in addressing the over-representation of indigenous people in our justice system,"

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From my own perspective an important aspect of the Murri Court is the involvement of indigenous elders and respected persons in the Court process; advising the Magistrate about cultural issues, assisting the offender to better understand the Court process, assisting the Magistrate to decide on a sentence that is most appropriate, and I emphasise that it remains for the Magistrate to decide what the appropriate sentence will be with that assistance, and also those persons act as a connection between the Court and local indigenous communities.

Feedback received by the Court is that the involvement of elders and respected persons in the Court processes helps the offenders to develop trust in the Court. The Courts' problem solving focus helps offenders to undertake rehabilitation and stop their offending conduct and, importantly, the Court is not regarded as lenient in its sentencing practices. The penalties are onerous. They often involve treatment and close supervision.

The Murri Court is also regarded as an effective mechanism for increasing participation and ownership by indigenous community members in the criminal justice process. I am therefore confident that the Cairns Murri Court will help establish a link from this Court to the local indigenous community.

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11012008 D.1 T2/KLW(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) It is a positive initiative which will present this community with an opportunity to work cooperatively with the Court for the betterment of indigenous people in the area, and importantly for the benefit of all people who live in this area. An event such as this is of course always the result of the contribution of many people. It is difficult to single out individuals, so I would simply like to thank and congratulate all of those who have been involved in this effort which has culminated in this opening today.

I can assure all of you that the Queensland Magistracy will continue to work hard at making the legal system assessable for indigenous people in Queensland. I look forward to the Cairns Magistrates Court strengthening its partnership with the indigenous community in the coming months and in the years ahead, and that would be consistent with the theme of last year's 50th anniversary NAIDOC week, which also coincided with the 40th anniversary of the referendum that changed the Australian constitution to give recognition to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The theme of that week was "Looking forward, looking back". NAIDOC week celebrates the history, the culture and the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and I am sure that this event will allow us all to look forward with optimism and for confidence for the future.

I therefore have much pleasure in declaring open the Cairns Murri Court which has, as I am sure many of you know, been operating now for about three months, but it seemed

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11012008 D.1 T2/KLW(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) appropriate to start a new year with an official launch of an important initiative such as this.

Magistrate Trevor Black is the regional coordinating Magistrate for Far North Queensland. He is sitting next to me on the Bench this morning. Magistrate Black has had an abiding interest in indigenous issues over a period of almost two decades in North Queensland. I therefore have much pleasure in inviting Magistrate Black to speak this morning.

Magistrate BLACK: Thank you. Judge Irwin, Chief Magistrate; our distinguished Bench elder, Mr Tom Brown; other elders who join with us today in this important ceremony; Ms Boyle, Member for Cairns; Mr Turnour, Federal Member for Leichhardt; Mr Colless, Manager of the Cairns community justice group, and all of you, our very distinguished guests, I wish to join with the Chief Magistrate in acknowledging formally the traditional owners of the land on which this Court stands. I would also formally acknowledge the elders of each of the clans and the indigenous groups from whom this Court will seek to draw wisdom and knowledge during the course of its sittings.

The Cairns Murri Court will inevitably deal with people from the communities of the Cape, Aurukun, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Coen and Napranum. However, the Murri Court will also have interaction with the people from the islands of the Torres Straits, so I trust that you all will recognise the breadth and depth of the undertaking. As an example of people's commitment to this Court I would like to draw 20

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11012008 D.1 T2/KLW(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) everyone's attention to the fine collection of paintings and artefacts displayed in this tiny courtroom; this courtroom that holds high expectations for such a wide geographical area. All the items in the Court have been made by local traditional artists using traditional materials and local designs. The beads displayed on the rear wall are the work of a Jiddabul artist from the Tablelands. The magnificent Rainbow Warrior with the headdress is by a Djabaguy artist, Mr Enoch Tranby. An equally magnificent painting of this warrior is by the Kuku Yalanji artist, Mr David Daffey. The Torres Strait is represented by the Dhari, also the work of Mr Daffey. We have the Rainbow Serpent by Mr Hegerty and Freedom fish designs by Mr James Billy. I am told that each of these artists were very proud to be asked to contribute to the Court artwork, and I am also told that there are others who are anxious to contribute in due course. This has been a great example of how the Court has been, and I hope will continue to be, received in this community.

Of course it would be wrong for me not to mention the other significant symbols present in the Court. The Australian flag, the Aboriginal flag, and the flag of the Torres Strait Islanders. In addition, we have behind the Bench the symbol of the State, under whose authority the Court is constituted, the Coat of Arms. These symbols will have meaning to each of the defendants who appear before the Murri Court. **50**

This Court has not come lightly into existence. There was some reluctance at first because there was a significant fear

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11012008 D.1 T2/KLW(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) that expectations will be raised unduly and the edifice will come crashing down. The Gumba Gumba, through the agency of Mr Bob Colless, worked tirelessly to establish protocols that would ensure the effective and efficient working of the Court. I would be remiss if I did not also mention the significant work of Senior Sergeant Wynne-Jones who was instrumental in the drafting of a practice and procedures manual. I must also acknowledge the commitment that Ms Quaid of Youth Justice; Ms Thelma Schwartz of ATSILS; and the great help provided to me and to Mr Colless, of our Magistrates assistants, Amber Roberts and Jessica Brophy.

We have also drawn widely from the experience of our colleagues elsewhere, particularly in Rockhampton and Townsville, and we thank them formally for their support and advice. We recognise that at an early time that the Cairns Murri Court would need to be unique because of the varieties of peoples that will come within its ambit. And we will be unique, but always acting in accordance with the laws that bind all Queenslanders. At the request of the elders it was always proposed that this Court would be low key, but today's turnout certainly exceeded my expectations.

I must record how enormously proud I am of the Cairns community justice group in the way that they have approached their obligations with respect to this Court. One sometimes hears of indigenous groups not being sufficiently motivated, that is certainly not the case here. The justice group and Mr Colless in particular have been the driving force in the

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11012008 D.1 T2/KLW(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) establishment of this Court and I am proud to have played a small part. I started out today with a view that it is not my day to talk; this is an indigenous day, a day when indigenous people can take pride in an advance with reconciliation. I'll say it again, that I am proud and honoured to be able to take part.

I have received a fax or an e-mail from Mr Steven Wettenhall, the local Member for Barron River, and he asked me to read this:

"I am very sorry that I am unable to be with you today. I am very supportive of the concept of Murri Courts. In my first speech to the Parliament I expressed the hope that a Murri Court would be officially constituted in Cairns. I am delighted that this has now happened.

We are fortunate in Far North Queensland to have members of the judiciary who have over the years sought ways to involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the business of the Courts, and I pay tribute to them today. The Parliament has also made laws that require the Court to recognise cultural factors and consult with justice groups. Today we take one step further towards achieving justice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Murri Court will assist the Court to understand the complex family, community and cultural issues, to provide the proper context for sentencing offenders, and respecting and protecting the rights of victims. I am sure we all hope that the Murri Court can achieve better justice.

I want to thank those members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, particularly the elders among them that have given, and will continue to give, generously of their time to the Court and share their wisdom, knowledge and understanding of their community. I wish the new Murri Court every success and I look forward to meeting with you on the 25th of January when I return from Brisbane." Thank you.

HIS HONOUR: Thank you, Magistrate Black. And can I also formally express my appreciation for the support that this Court has received through the Department of Justice and its

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officers, and the Acting Director-General has made the effort to travel from Brisbane to be with us today. And hearing the words of Mr Wettenhall reminded me that it had always been a vision of the Department's most recent Director-General, Mr Jim McGowan, that as we escalated and evolved Murri Courts throughout the State that it was important to have a Murri Court here in Cairns, and I am sure that he would be very appreciative this morning that that vision has been realised.

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11012008 D.1 T3/KSJ(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) As Magistrate Black has said, these innovations cannot come into existence without the support of all of the Court partners who were involved in the criminal justice process. One of those is the Queensland Police Service through its prosecution corp. I've personally been involved in meetings and seen the role that Sergeant Grant Wynne-Jones has played in the development of the Murri Court and I now have much pleasure in inviting you to address the Court, Sergeant Wynne-Jones.

SGT WYNNE-JONES: Thank you. I may just set up so I'm not putting my back towards anybody, I'm going to have to crowd in on you, Uncle Colin and Aunty Esther, I'll just come over there and that way I'll at least be able to see everybody.

I'd also like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land in which this Court sits and thank them again for the ceremony this morning.

Chief Magistrate Irwin, Magistrate Black, distinguished guests, I just want to talk today about the Murri Court from the police prosecution's perspective. I want to emphasise, firstly, because it's the first question that gets asked when a new program in Court comes in, I want to emphasise that it's not about providing a soft sentencing option to indigenous 50 defendants, it's about effective sentencing.

Murri Court essentially involves having elders and members of the Cairns Gumba Gumba Community Justice Group participating

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in the usual sentencing practises of the Court and that's to help ensure that any sentence takes into account a defendant's personal, family, cultural and community circumstances. The sentencing legislation is the same that is used for all other defendants that is currently in place. The community justice group is also there to provide support and encouragement to the defendants who are willing to make an effort to address their offending. This is in accordance with the State Government aim of reducing indigenous over representation in the criminal justice system.

The Cairns Murri Court recognises that a clear way to meet the Government's aim is to enhance its existing sentencing practises to give rehabilitating aspects of a sentence the best chance of success and that is by the involvement of the community justice group. Rather than being an easy sentence it will involve a defendant being required to meet regularly with community justice group elders and respective members to discuss their offending, the effect it has on the community and the victims of crime, and they must discuss ways they can address their offending behaviour.

A defendant participating in a Murri Court sentence may also be required to participate in specific programs that will assist, address and reduce their offending behaviour and increase the awareness of their culture. They cannot enter the program unless they actually first acknowledge this. 10

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11012008 D.1 T3/KSJ(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) In Court they will be encouraged to speak openly about their offending, to acknowledge the effect it has on victims of crime, rather than just sitting back and letting the solicitors speak on their behalf, and listen to the Prosecutor and Magistrate speak.

You notice the setup of the Court; it's as close as you can get within this courtroom environment to a sentencing circle. We have the community justice group in this position with an elder on the bench, the defendant is involved in the middle of the sentencing circle and they are encouraged to speak about and to address their offending behaviour.

It doesn't mean sentences of imprisonment are not imposed, and they have been imposed by the Cairns Murri Court, but the door is left open for an offender post prison release to, again, maintain contact with the community justice group. Community justice group elders are also available after sentence to assist in ensuring that the defendant fully understands his sentence and the requirement of any community based orders.

I'd like to acknowledge the motivation and dedication of Bob Colless and the Cairns community justice group. They have been involved in setting up the Murri Court and they're a group of people who care about the community, they're freely giving of their own time to attend the many meetings and training sessions involved in setting up the Murri Court. In many respects it's been a case of the members of Government agencies trying to keep up with the community justice group, 20

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11012008 D.1 T3/KSJ(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) as opposed to us driving the process, and that's been roundly appreciated by everybody.

As Chief Magistrate Irwin will remember, there was a meeting held at the Gumba Gumba Group which was a massive roll out and that's a whole group of people who care about the community and want to see a better Court process and the Court processes work more effectively in their community, and that's roundly appreciated by everyone involved.

In some [indistinct] role [indistinct] Government agencies, obviously this program has not been specifically funded, there has been no specific position provided, and members of the Government agencies involved have also given freely of their own time in the setting up of the program. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the contributions of, obviously, Magistrate Trevor Black, principal Registrar Kerry McFadden, Court's clerk Amber Roberts, Laurie Cohen, who's a [Indistinct] Court coordinator, he's also helped coordinate the Murri Court, Michael McElhinney and Thelma Schwartz from **40** the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, Susan Quaid, from the Department of Communities, and Bill Jeffery [indistinct] of Community Corrections.

It's important to say that each person who's been involved in 50 the process are committed to the Murri Court and they've devoted their time and resources to the program because they believe that existing sentencing practises can be enhanced through the involvement of community justice group elders and

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11012008 D.1 T3/KSJ(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) I thank them all for their support and wish the Murri Court continued success, thank you.

HIS HONOUR: Thank you, Sergeant Wynne-Jones. Another important aspect of the fabric of the Murri Court, of course, is the representation on behalf of the defendants who appear before the Court, that will normally be undertaken by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, I therefore invite Mr McElhinney, the principal legal advisor from that service, to address the Court. Mr McElhinney. 20

MR MCELHINNEY: Thank you, your Honour. Honourable members, Desley Boyle and Jim Turnour, it's a long time since I've felt nervous in a courtroom situation. Your Honour Judge Irwin, your Honour Mr Black, all other distinguished guests, the elders of the Gumba Gumba Community Justice Group, Mr Bob Colless, ladies and gentlemen. Firstly, I wish to thank the traditional owners of this part of the country for welcoming us here today.

We at ATSILS have had a long association with not just this justice group but justice groups in all areas of North Queensland from Townsville to Bamaga, and now also in the Torres Straits. We've seen over the years the increasing importance placed on input from justice groups into the Court process in regard to sentencing of indigenous offenders. We have a firsthand view of the beneficial influence that this process has had in terms of assisting the Courts and the judicial officers to appropriately deal with sentences, taking

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We at ATSILS have always been committed to fair and equitable representation for all indigenous people who are brought before the Courts, no matter their personal and social disadvantages, no matter their remoteness or social or financial circumstances.

We also acknowledge and support the excellent input and assistance given by justice groups generally and by the Cairns Group specifically through this Murri Court. The relationship between the elders of a community and the youth of the community is a vital link in the chain that binds a people to their past, to their culture and, in doing so, it reinforces the importance of respect for family and community and helps juvenile offenders to better appreciate the need for values and behaviour that don't bring shame on the community, but bring pride to their mob and pride in themselves. It is through bringing this pride and purpose into the lives of the young indigenous offenders that their chances of rehabilitation and reform can be at their highest and their own roles can be positive and beneficial and an example to others.

Present here today is Ms Thelma Schwartz, who you may know is the solicitor responsible for the Murri Court. Her experience has been, so far, through the pilot program, but especially

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11012008 D.1 T3/KSJ(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) with juveniles, especially with children, the influence from the elders with their compassion and respect is far more effective than a penalty being handed down by a Magistrate alone. Her experience is that the elders speak to a sense of ingrained spirituality and sense of community, a standard western Court systems cannot match on their own.

The outcomes for defendants can, at best, be achieving a full and genuine sense of responsibilities for one's own actions instead of just paying lip service to the system.

Thelma also specifically asked me to congratulate the hard work and dedication of the police prosecution staff, in particular, Sergeant Wynne-Jones, in the implementation of a pilot program.

Justice groups and defence lawyers do not always approach matters in the same direction. As defence lawyers, we are ethically bound, first to the Court and then to act in the best interests of our clients. The justice group, however, has to have a wider perspective, they also represent the values of their community. However, if we acknowledge and respect our differing roles and we all act with appropriate professional courtesy and dignity, we have all contributed to a fair and proper outcome in assisting to minimise the over representation of indigenous persons in the Queensland criminal Justice system.

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11012008 D.1 T3/KSJ(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) So, I then take this opportunity to congratulate the Gumba Gumba Justice Group and the Courts and police for all the hard work already put in to the pilot program and we hope for all success with regard to the ongoing operations of the Cairns Murri Court. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

HIS HONOUR: Thank you, Mr McElhinney. As you have heard and as has just been emphasised by Mr McElhinney's words, a vital role in this Court is the role of the elders and the community justice group.

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11012008 D.1 T4/LVT(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) It is that that brings home the consequences of criminal conduct to the people who appear before the Court, and the words that the elders use have an often overpowering effect on the individuals who appear before this Court.

I, too, remember the meeting that Sergeant Wynne-Jones refers to. Robust might have been a good title for it. But out of that robust exchange of views this Court has developed and I have much pleasure also now in inviting Mr Bob Colless to speak on behalf of the Gumba Gumba Community Justice Group and the elders. Mr Colless.

MR COLLESS: I'd like to thank the Bench, Judge Marshall Irwin, Mr Black and Tom Brown. I'd like to make special mention to Jim Turnour our Federal Member, Desley Boyle our local Member, and in Desley Boyle's words when she walked in and she said, "At last, Bob, we've done it." Desley, thank you, because we have. I'd like to thank my elders for this Court, without which we wouldn't have got anywhere.

Three people I'd like to single out: Mr Black. What a Magistrate. He's put up with me and my tantrums, my breaches of protocol, and he made a bad mistake in giving me his mobile number and never once did he falter in providing good, solid advice and support. Thank you, Mr Black.

Grant Wynne-Jones. As one of the defendants who appeared before us said, "Bob, he's actually human." And I said, "What do you mean? Don't you recognise a boy when you know" - Grant

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11012008 D.1 T4/LVT(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) Wynne-Jones, you put the human face on the Police Prosecution Service; your support to the justice group, and thank you so much.

Sue Quaid. Thank you for being my friend. Sue has been there 10 constantly, so thank you.

I guess I must thank my mother who's here, the justice group elders and the Cairns Corporation of Indigenous Elders as well. They are not justice group elders, but without their support and the umbrella of the elders' council, this Murri Court would not be happening either.

And I guess I must thank ATSILS, Corrections, and my wife. Thank you, everyone. We've done it. Thank you.

HIS HONOUR: Well, thank you, Bob, and you and the group truly have done it in association with the other people that you've mentioned. I hope that you agree that this has been a quite wonderful occasion this morning. I certainly have enjoyed sitting in a Court that has been decorated in the artistic and spiritual manner that this Court has been decked out today. There should be more of it, I think.

I'd like to thank you all for joining the circle this morning, 50 to celebrate this launch, and to learn more about how the Murri Court operates. I think that if these proceedings were transcribed and distributed, they would provide a very good

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11012008 D.1 T4/LVT(CNS) M/T CAIR08 (Irwin, Judge) ready reference to anybody who wants to understand more about how the Murri Court operates.

I would like to invite those of you who are able to spare the time before the Murri Court commences to sit this morning, to join us for morning tea in the Magistrates' conference room on level 2.

I direct these proceedings be recorded by Jolene Napier and I adjourn the proceedings and again thank you for your attendance and participation today.

MR BLACK: Thank you. HIS HONOUR: Thank you. Good morning.

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