

Introduction

Community Corrections is a division within Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) that manages and supervises offenders sentenced to various types of community-based orders by the courts, or are released from prison on parole to complete the remainder of their sentence in the community.

Community Corrections supervises offenders in the community by monitoring their compliance with court order or parole conditions, to ensure community safety. Community Corrections develops a case management plan for each offender, which addresses their offending behavior by adopting a Risks-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) principle. RNR helps determine the offender's risk of reoffending, and the plan for addressing the risk.

In 2016, Community Corrections commenced the implementation of major reforms under the Reducing Reoffending strategy, such as the Practice Intervention Guide (PGI). PGI focuses on improving the efficacy of supervision. This includes structured exercises for officers to apply when working with offenders.

Other important ongoing work involves providing advice and reports to courts and the State Parole Authority (SPA). This involves decisions in relation to offender sentencing and release on parole, including responses to breaches of orders.

Community Corrections offices and other facilities

- Fifty-seven Community Corrections.
- Three Parole Units located at correctional centres.
- One Extended Supervision Order Team in Sydney.
- Three Drug Court Teams located in Blacktown, Sydney and Newcastle.
- A Community Offender Support Program centre at Malabar.
- Two community residential facilities at Tabulam and Cessnock.
- Two transitional centres located in Parramatta and Emu Plains.

Key partnerships and community engagement

In order to assist offender reintegration into the community, CSNSW collaborates with a number of key stakeholders to provide support services to offenders, former inmates, and their families. Since 2014, CSNSW provides funding to not-for-profit and non-governmental organisations, under the Funded Partnership Initiative (FPI) in three areas:

- Transitional Support (including accommodation and support services)
- Offenders' Children and Family Support
- Victim Support.

Key Facts and Figures

- **An average of 19,137 offenders on community-based orders were supervised daily. An estimated 84% were men and 16% were women.***
- **About 76% of all community-based orders were completed. Offenders must return to court or SPA for a review of their order, in cases where orders are not completed.**

Daily cost of community-based services per offender

The operating cost of community-based correctional services per offender per day was \$22.38.

Community-based orders by type

Total number of offenders by order type (monthly average)**	19,137
Home Detention	115
Community Service Orders	3,510
Parole Orders	6,187
Bonds (including suspended sentence)	9,663
Intensive Correction Orders	2,161
Extended Supervision Orders	91

** Total offenders is a unique count of persons and does not represent the sum of persons across orders, as some offenders are subject to more than one order.

For further information about community-based orders see Fact Sheet 3.

* All statistics for 2016/17 unless otherwise specified

Reports provided to courts and SPA

Judges and magistrates frequently require reliable offender information to assist with determining sentencing. The State Parole Authority (SPA) is similarly required to consider assessments when deciding suitability for offender release on parole. Community Corrections produce a significant number of reports for courts and SPA:

Total number of reports by type	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
	31,924	30,901	30,757	28,177
Pre-sentence reports	22,939	22,930	22,803	20,464
Intensive Correction Order assessments	4,853	3,835	3,716	3,254
Post-sentence assessments*	478	531	566	535
Pre-release reports	3,654	3,605	3,672	3,924

*Includes Home Detention and Drug Court Reports

Community-based programs to reduce reoffending

CSNSW delivers a range of rehabilitation programs to offenders assessed with a high risk of reoffending. The programs are designed to address offence-related behaviour. Offenders that attend treatment programs in custody, may also be required to continue treatment programs when out in the community to assist in reducing reoffending.

Total number of offenders by categories	4,955
Aggression and Violence	1,271
Alcohol, Drugs and Addictions	1,313
Community Engagements	-
Readiness	-
Sexual Offending	134
General Offending	2,459

The overall program completion rate was 57%.

Since 2014, CSNSW offers a suite of programs, known as EQUIPS. The aims to improve participation rates and targets those offenders assessed as having the highest risk of reoffending.

For further information about offender programs see Fact Sheet 6.

Diversions programs - residential facilities

Community Corrections is responsible for two residential diversionary programs, which provide courts with an alternative to custodial sentencing:

- **Balund-a** is located in Tabulam and accommodates male and female offenders mainly from the Aboriginal Bundjalung Nation. The aim is to reduce reoffending and enhance skills within a cultural and supportive community environment.
- **Miruma Cottage** is located at Cessnock and is for female offenders with mental health disorders or mild intellectual disabilities and alcohol and drug problems.

Community Corrections office locations

Community Corrections has an extensive network of offices and Parole Units in strategic locations, based on the distribution of community-based offenders in NSW. This enables Community Corrections officers to maintain regular contact with offenders both at the local Community Corrections office and at their home.

Albury	Gosford	Orange
Armidale	Goulburn	Parramatta
Bankstown	Grafton	Penrith
Batemans Bay	Griffith	Port Macquarie
Bathurst	Gunnedah	Queanbeyan
Bega	Hornsby	Silverwater (Parole Unit)
Blacktown	Hurstville	Sutherland
Bourke	Inverell	Sydney City
Bowral	Kempsey	Tamworth
Broken Hill	Lake Macquarie	Taree
Burwood	Leichhardt	Tumut
Campbelltown	Lismore	Wagga Wagga
Casino	Lithgow	Wellington
Cessnock (Parole Unit)	Liverpool	Windsor
Coffs Harbour	Long Bay (Parole Unit)	Wollongong
Cooma	Maitland	Wyong
Coonamble	Moree	Young
Dee Why	Mt Druit	
Dubbo	Muswellbrook	
Fairfield	Newcastle	
Forbes	Nowra	
Glen Innes		

Local office street addresses and telephone numbers are available at:

www.service.nsw.gov.au/nswgovdirectory/community-corrections-offices-probation-and-parole