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**Law and Justice** in your Community



# Magistrates Court Open Day Presentations

363 George Street, Level 7, Brisbane –  
Saturday 21 May 10am-2:30pm

Come along to the Brisbane Magistrates Court open day and hear from an expert in law and justice. Presentations will include:

- privacy
- changes to Neighbourhood dispute legislation
- consumer rights
- wills
- history of the Supreme Court and it's library
- pro bono legal advice
- property and family law
- knowing your renting rights
- history of Crown Law
- planning for life
- studying law at uni

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# State Reporting Bureau

## Recording court events for now, and the future

The State Reporting Bureau (SRB) provides recording and transcription (written records) services for proceedings in the Supreme Court and District Court, the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission, Court of Appeal and Magistrates Court.

The SRB was established in 1926 with five shorthand reporters. Time and technology advancements saw audio cassette recordings and Computer Assisted Transcripts (CAT shorthand reporters) introduced. More recently, technology improvements have led to analogue methods being replaced with digital recording devices.

## Why court proceedings are recorded

Proceedings must be recorded by the SRB to comply with the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*.

A transcript provides a written record of court proceedings, while the audio recording is recognised as the official record. It is essential that a transcript is accurate, timely and is handled with confidentiality. Transcripts provide not only an archival record, but are also used by people involved in the court case, for example:

- Judges: to check the facts
- Lawyers: to review evidence and facts
- Juries: to be read to them as required
- Some government departments, such as Corrective Services.

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