

AIJA Indigenous Youth Justice Conference

Session Chair

Day 1 - Session 4: Culturally appropriate diversionary programs



Her Honour Magistrate Sandra Pearson

Cairns Magistrates' Court

Sandra Pearson is a Magistrate who has been based in Cairns, Queensland for over 13 years – specialising in Childrens Court and Murri Court work, most recently involved in the implementation of the Youth Murri Court in Cairns.

Sandra has conducted court in areas as far north as the Torres Strait and the remote Cape York indigenous communities – and really does not like flying in small planes in the summer months! Prior to this, Sandra worked as a Barrister for 20 years, travelling to all parts of Queensland, as both Crown Prosecutor and defence counsel, spending many years representing indigenous clients.