



DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SUSPENSION OF DERBY AND ESPERANCE CIRCUITS

Further to the Heads of Jurisdiction Public Notice “[Criminal Sittings in Remote and Regional Western Australia](#)” dated 15 May 2026, District Court circuit sittings in Esperance and Derby will be suspended for a period of three months from 1 June 2026 to 28 August 2026 (inclusive).

The Court will undertake an assessment of each matter currently listed for circuit in Esperance and Derby over this period. Where possible, every effort will be made to relocate matters as follows:

- Esperance matters to be heard in Kalgoorlie.
- Derby matters to be heard in Broome.

The Court will contact the parties in all impacted matters to canvass the option of transferring proceedings to another location. Where it is not possible to accommodate a matter at an alternative location or by video link, the hearing will be vacated and relisted at the earliest possible date.

Trial Listing Hearings and Sentence Mention Lists for both Derby and Esperance will continue to operate from the District Court Building in Perth during the suspension period.

The suspension is subject to change, dependent upon the availability of security and custodial services.

Dated 15 May 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Wager'.

Her Honour Judge Julie Wager

Chief Judge of District Court of Western Australia