

Executive Summary to Inspection Report Cleveland Youth Detention Centre June quarter 2016

The Inspection of the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) occurred from 23 to 27 May 2016. The primary inspection focus areas were Cultural and Religious Beliefs, Education and Training and Recreational Time. The monitored areas were Behaviour Management and Facilities and Environment.

In relation to the area of Cultural and Religious Beliefs it was identified that at CYDC a Cultural Unit has been established, a number of culturally appropriate programs are in place and pastoral care is provided for the young people.

Inspectors found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 20% of the detention youth workers, and are represented in most other functions within the centre and are committed to positive involvement in the management of young people.

Inspectors found that the Assistant Director General Youth Justice Services had commissioned a comprehensive review and evaluation of the Cultural Unit and Cultural Programs at the centre.

In relation to the area of Education and Training it was identified that Education Queensland, through the school at CYDC, have in place well-structured systems and programs that are successful in achieving positive outcomes for the young people in detention.

Additionally Inspectors found in relation to Recreation Time that there is a range of recreational programs and activities available for the young people at CYDC.

In relation to the monitored area of Facilities and Environment it was found that the centre presented as well maintained and an acceptable standard.

Additionally the in relation to the monitored area of Behaviour Management it was identified that the Behavioural Development model is currently under review at CYDC.

In total the Inspectors made a total of four recommendations, which will be monitored by the Inspectors during 2016-2017.

The next statutory inspection of CYDC will occur on the 15 to 19 August 2016. The inspection focus areas are, Family Contact and Reintegration and the monitored areas are Pre-Court Procedures and Unclothed Searches.