An unexpected career in criminal law in the North

I acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners

nrm.nqdrytropics.com.au/people-connections/traditional-owners/

https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/north-coast/forster-and-taree-area/forster/attractions/tuncurry-rock-pool

Magistrates Court

Annual Reports 2021-2021

- Magistrates Courts had 170,965 defendants (adults and children) – new lodgements
- District Courts had 7349 defendants – new lodgements
- Supreme Courts had 2201 defendants – new lodgements

- https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/annual-report-magistrates-court/resource/54979563-0a65-41bc-ad60-888ed4c7ecc9
- https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/714461/dc-ar-2020-2021.pdf
- https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/ckan-publications-attachments-prod/resources/9189044f-9592-4c1e-a753-4c26fc7f2c23/sc-ar-2021-2022.pdf?ETag=3c234364434ce320354b0f3f846b2aa5

What does a police prosecutor do?

- Arrest Court/Court One/Callovers
- Long pleas (more complex sentences)
- Summary Trials
- Committals
- Case conferencing
- Civil Domestic Violence Protection Applications

Legislation

- Drugs Misuse Act 1986
- Weapons Act 1990
- Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act (now 2012)
- Evidence Act 1977
- Casino Control Act 1982
- Juvenile Justice Act (now Youth Justice Act 1992)
- Criminal Proceeds and Confiscation Act 2002
- Criminal Law (Sexual Offences Act) 1978

Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

Explosives Act 1999

Liquor Act 1992

Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011

Regulatory Offences Act 1985

Regulations

- Drugs Misuse Regulation 1987
- Criminal Practice Rules 1999
- Penalties and Sentences Regulation 2005
- Police Powers and Responsibilities Regulation 2000

Headlines

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Elementising: A wounding charge

- Time
- Date
- Place
- Identity – what admissible evidence proves identity of defendant
- Wound (break true skin) = medical/expert or other evidence
- Defences (ie what evidence negates defences) = self defence, consent (provocation does not apply as assault is not an element of the charge)
- PPRA considerations

Circuit Courts

Palm Island
Ingham
Ayr
Charters Towers
Bowen
The Western Circuit (Hughenden and Richmond)