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A FINE TIME TO PAY ONLINE AND OTHER COURT TECH UPGRADES

NSW courts are introducing new look websites that will make it faster and easier for the community to access important information and pay fines.

Attorney General Mark Speakman said approximately 2.5 million people visit NSW courts and tribunals websites each year, including many vulnerable court users.

"The user-friendly websites will help take the stress out of navigating the justice system and make transactions including paying court-issued penalties fast and simple," Mr Speakman said

Full or part payment of penalty debts can be made through the new Pay Your Penalty portal.

The redesigned websites are easier to read and improve compatibility on a range of devices including mobile phones.

Among the upgraded websites are Courts and Tribunal Services (including Jury Services), Local Court, District Court, Children's Court, Coroners Court, Drug Court, Dust Diseases Tribunal, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) and Uniform Civil Procedures Rules (UCPR).

Website upgrades for the Supreme Court, Land and Environment Court and NSW Industrial Relations Commission are also nearing completion.

"The websites have an advanced search function to speed up the process of finding key information, while improved access to online forms will increase efficiency for court users and staff," Mr Speakman said.

To assist people find their way around courthouses in Sydney's CBD, Surry Hills, Liverpool and Parramatta, existing digital signage at courthouses has also been upgraded.

"The new signage is tailored to the individual court location and provides visitors with up-todate information, helping people find where they need to be more easily," Mr Speakman said.

To pay a court ordered penalty visit the 'Pay Your Penalty' portal.

List of upgraded websites:

- Courts and Tribunals: <u>www.courts.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Local Court: <u>www.localcourt.nsw.gov.au</u>
- District Court: <u>www.districtcourt.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Children's Court: <u>www.childrenscourt.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Drug Court: <u>www.drugcourt.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Dust Diseases Tribunal: <u>www.dustdiseasestribunal.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Coroners Court: <u>www.coroners.nsw.gov.au</u>
- NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT): <u>www.ncat.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Uniform Civil Procedures Rules (UCPR): <u>www.ucprforms.nsw.gov.au</u>