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\$1 MILLION GOSFORD COURT RENOVATION COMPLETE

Attorney General John Hatzistergos and the Member for Gosford Marie Andrews today opened the \$1 million renovation of the Gosford Courthouse.

Mr Hatzistergos said that jurors, people with a disability and victims of crime will be among the court-users to benefit from the completion of the renovation.

“These new facilities will help ensure that the community has faster and easier access to court services in a user-friendly environment,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

He said the new-look registry featured a public computer and printer, allowing court users to access legal information online.

“Court users can also browse the registry’s new information boards, which contain useful material about court processes and support services. “

Mr Hatzistergos said other court facilities have been modified to ensure people with a disability are able to serve on jury trials.

“The registry also has a split-level counter, with the lower level providing easy access for people using a wheelchair.”

Member for Gosford Marie Andrews welcomed the completion of the courthouse renovation, particularly facilities for victims of domestic violence.

“Victims will have access to their own waiting room, equipped with a kitchenette and bathroom facilities, as well as an interview room next door,” Ms Andrews said.

“The layout of the jury assembly area and deliberation room has also been improved to minimise juror contact with the general public.”

Ms Andrews said the renovations recognised Gosford as an important urban centre in the region that required modern court facilities.

“Court services have been provided in Gosford since the Central Coast’s first court facilities were constructed in the early to mid-1800s.”

“It is encouraging to see that Gosford’s court facilities are continuing to improve and keep pace with the city’s growth,” Ms Andrews said.