OUR VISION Innovative Reintegration. Inclusive Community.

Honesty Focus Value Integrity Respect Believe Courage

## **OUR MISSION**

The Bridge Centre aims to reduce recidivism through a continuum of care approach. Through providing advocacy and tailored support, we aim to positively change the lives of those affected by the criminal justice system.



## LOCATION

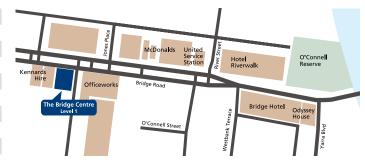
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Operating Hours: Mon to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm



The Centre is often in need of donations (such as food, toiletries or clothing), access to employment opportunities and services that may assist with increasing positive outcomes for clients returning to our community.

If you think you could help or would like to come and see what we do at The Bridge Centre, please contact us.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of Australia and we welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to our service.



# The Bridge Centre



#### **ABOUT US**

GEO's Bridge Centre is a Community Reintegration Centre that supports clients with transitioning back into the community by utilising the GEO Continuum of Care Model. All support provided is tailored to the client's specific needs.

We have a highly skilled team of Post-Release Case Workers who are based at The Bridge Centre full-time. Clients who were engaging with a Clinician and/ or community agency whilst at Ravenhall Correctional Centre ("Ravenhall") can continue to receive support at The Bridge Centre post-release.

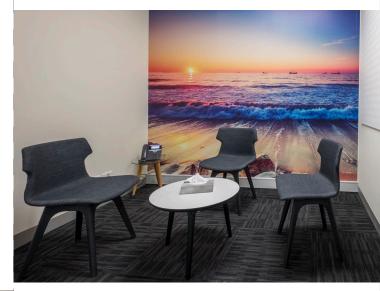
Our Centre is safe, inclusive, welcoming and culturally sensitive. The Bridge Centre can support not only the clients released from Ravenhall, but the people that are important in their life, such as children, family members and partners.

## SUPPORT OFFERED

- Case management and advocacy support
- Information on obtaining basic care needs, e.g. food, clothing, etc.
- Referrals to services including counselling, family agencies, drug and alcohol support, education providers and area mental health
- Information on housing access points
- Assistance obtaining identification
- Support for relapse prevention
- Family information sessions
- Links to employment agencies, including job active providers
- Support with job readiness
- Access to a computer for housing/job searches and Centrelink/MyGov

## **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The Bridge Centre offers a variety of programs and services that are targeted to support clients to feel connected to their families and the broader community. The support offered allows clients to set and work towards achievable goals and increase positive community connectedness.





#### ACCESS TO THE CENTRE

- Anyone released from Ravenhall
- Accessible up to two years post-release even after prolonged periods of nonattendance
- Engagement with The Bridge Centre is voluntary; therefore clients are not required to be subject to community supervision (i.e. parole or a community based order)