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### **HISTORIC COURTHOUSE MODERNISED FOR THE 21 CENTURY**

Refurbishments at the Manly Courthouse have made the court more easily accessible to the community, particularly to people with a disability, Attorney General Greg Smith SC and Member for Manly Mike Baird announced today.

“At the official start of the law term I want to acknowledge the great job done to get the renovations completed on time and on budget. These renovated facilities have made it easier for the community to attend court since it resumed sittings a few weeks ago,” Mr Smith said.

“The renovations , which \$2.4m budget, include new ramps to assist people who are less mobile and parents with prams, and an upgrade to the registry counters, making them accessible to people in wheelchairs,” he said.

Mr Baird said Manly now has one of the most modern courts in the state.

“Manly Courthouse is a landmark building in our community, which was long overdue for an upgrade,” he said.

“This renovation has rejuvenated not only the internal workings, but has also revitalised the outside of the building.”

Mr Baird said office space and the public toilets had been upgraded during the renovations.

“The court has also received improved security features, including a new safe room and a secure dock as well as improved security monitoring.

“Court reporting facilities are now fully digital and the telephone system has also been upgraded. The new high definition Audio Visual Link facilities will also increase efficiency, enabling the court to hear bail applications made from jails and to receive testimony from witnesses in locations across Australia.”