



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Nine new correctional jobs aim to reduce reoffending in Goulburn**

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A newly operating Custodial Case Management Unit at Goulburn Correctional Centre has created nine jobs as part of a Corrective Services NSW plan to reduce reoffending.

Inmates with a risk of reoffending are being targeted under the new case management model, which includes tailor-made plans for offenders while they are in custody, as well as support for their release.

CSNSW Commissioner Peter Severin said the units would employ about 150 experienced staff across NSW, tailoring high-quality case plans to specific needs of individual offenders.

"We are committed to driving down the rate of reoffending and these new positions form part of a clear plan to address that," Mr Severin said.

"The improved model provides a more consistent approach to case managing offenders throughout their contact with the correctional system, particularly in cases where they cycle between community supervision and custody. Most importantly, every contact with an offender will be focused on reducing their reoffending risk."

Case management units are being rolled out to all correctional centres across the state, as part of a \$330 million NSW Government strategy to reduce the rate of reoffending.

Almost 20,000 inmates are expected to benefit from the new case management approach over the next three years, which will support a reduction in the state's reoffending rate.

Goulburn Correctional Centre's Senior Case Management Officer John Salway said the therapeutic environment and interaction with inmates proved to be rewarding work.

"I've been with CSNSW for 25 years. I took a career break in 2017 and realised I needed a change of direction and a new challenge," Mr Salway said.

"When I was told about the new case management model I was impressed with both the concept and the positive impact it will have on recidivism. I knew it was the next step for me in my career and I feel the work my team and I are doing is making a difference."

Case Management Officer James Kinred, also from Goulburn Correctional Centre, said his role allows him to help people improve their lives through education.

"The new model gives me the time to work more in-depth with offenders," Mr Kinred said.

"I am using an evidence-based model to work directly with inmates to address their offending behaviour and this job has exceeded my expectations."