



What is it?

Restorative Justice Mediation is an internationally recognised evidence-based model that provides a neutral setting for those affected by crime to talk directly to each other and develop a deeper understanding of their circumstances. The process is structured, voluntary and confidential.

A safe space is created by a Nationally Accredited Mediator who facilitates the mediation. The Appointed Mediator will hold confidential intake sessions with everyone before any proposed mediation in order to assess the suitability of the matter.

At mediation the Mediator will control the process. You can ask questions about what happened, share emotions and impacts and explain/explore your needs. Accountability, remorse and compassion can be demonstrated.

Do I have to do this?

No, you have the right to information about this service and how you can take part. Clark & Associates can explain how the mediation would be handled before you make up your mind. If you don't want to be involved in a Restorative Justice Mediation you can decline the offer at any stage.

Where and when would it take place?

Discuss this with Clark & Associates. We will work with you to organise a suitable location and time.

What about safety?

Safety is Clark & Associates priority. A risk assessment is carried out in every matter and if required a safety plan put into place.

Who pays for it?

The defendant usually pays for the entire cost of the service unless others wish to contribute or pay.

What is the point of it?

Research has shown it can help reduce fear of crime, post-traumatic symptoms and may even stop it happening again to someone else. For most people it gives a sense of closure and helps reduce the negative effects of crime. Restorative Justice Mediation can restore a sense of control through a better understanding of what happened and why.



Restorative Justice Mediation: Information Sheet

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Potential benefits for a complainant or affected person/people:

Restorative Justice Mediation might provide a complainant or affected person/people with a forum to:

- Participate, tell their story;
- Ask questions, obtain understanding;
- Be validated, acknowledged;
- Obtain respect, feel empowered;
- Be restored;
- To heal; and
- Achieve closure.

Potential benefits for a defendant/s:

- Promote participation;
- Increase awareness of their offending;
- Assist in their rehabilitation; and
- Assist in their reintegration into their community

Potential benefits for the State:

- Resolve the matter in a final way; and
- Avoid the costs associated with litigating the matter

Mediator Information:

Clark & Associates Mediation Services Pty Ltd is an Incorporated Legal Practice providing accredited mediation services throughout South East Queensland.

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