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Report 167: 2025 Inspection of Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison

Today the Inspector of Custodial Services, Eamon Ryan, released the report for the 2025 inspection of Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison. The facility was repurposed as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation prison in July 2018 and delivers a therapeutic program for women through a partnership between the Department of Justice and Cyrenian House.

The inspection found the prison continued to provide a safe and supportive environment for women with a history of substance dependence. Despite population pressures across the women's estate, Wandoo maintained its unique and innovative rehabilitation program. This reflects the strength of the ongoing partnership between Cyrenian House and the Department of Justice. Compared with the previous inspection, Wandoo also showed improvements in staff culture and enhanced health services, ensuring residents felt well supported throughout their rehabilitation journey.

Maintaining strong governance, planning for leadership succession to protect recent improvements, and continuing to support First Nations women will help Wandoo sustain its momentum and keep delivering long-term positive outcomes for the women it serves.

Lines attributable to the Deputy Inspector, Ms Jane Higgins:

"Wandoo is an example of what can be achieved through therapeutic and trauma-informed rehabilitation services and care. Residents feel safe and supported in the therapeutic partnership to heal previous trauma and break the cycle of substance use and offending."

"Custodial and Cyrenian House staff are committed to achieving positive outcomes for residents, working collaboratively with women to develop behaviours and skills that will support their rehabilitation and reintegration."

"Wandoo continues to be a success story for women's rehabilitation."

Jane Higgins
Deputy Inspector

For further media information:

The Deputy Inspector, Ms Jane Higgins, will be available for comment from 2pm Wednesday 28 January 2026 and can be contacted on 0435 814 133. The full report will be available on the Inspector's website (www.oics.wa.gov.au).