

# Girrawaa

Creative Work  
Centre





### Who are we.

CSI is a commercial arm of Corrective Services NSW.

### What we do.

CSI provides an extensive range of products and services for the day-to-day operation of NSW Correctional Centres. CSI also manufactures and supplies product and services in partnership with the private sector and Government.

### Why we do it.

CSI work programs provides work readiness capability for people in custody to enhance their opportunities to gain employment post release, reducing recidivism and enhancing community safety.

### Our business.

We have over 120 commercial business units and 60+ Service Industries operating across 29 Correctional Centres. We have been trusted by Australian businesses for over 30 years. CSI quality system is based on International Standards Organisation ISO:9001 Quality Management System with a number of its divisions being externally certified to this standard.

### Our commitment.

Empower inmates to gain employment skills and qualifications while in custody. We continue to surpass industry benchmark performance for correctional industries globally with innovation at the forefront. We treat land, resources, and people with great respect.

### WH&S.

WH&S policy to manage the health and safety of workers and workplaces with training of staff and inmates.

### Vocational education and training.

People in custody can participate in accredited courses including traineeships in print, construction, warehousing, hospitality, food services, furniture making, laundry operations, horticulture, business administration, commercial cleaning operations, agriculture, facilities maintenance, and engineering.

### Work Release.

We partner with over 100 employers across NSW to provide skilled individuals who are eager to work.

### P2E.

Pathways to Employment (P2E) assists eligible inmates exiting custody to find a job that matches their skills, experiences, and employment goals.

### Our operation.

Girrawaa Creative Work Centre was established in 1998. Girrawaa means “goanna” in the Wiradjuri language. The Wiradjuri are the people of the Bathurst area and Girrawaa is their totem.

Girrawaa is a wonderful opportunity for Aboriginal artists to learn about and incorporate traditional Indigenous techniques and contemporary painting styles and stories into their work.

Art can be used to preserve and share cultural knowledge and traditions.

Girrawaa produces a range of quality authentic Aboriginal arts and crafts by Aboriginal men in custody including hand painted:

- Boomerangs
- Music sticks
- Bullroarers
- Digeridoos
- Coasters
- Wood pen sets

We are constantly expanding our capabilities and capacity and can produce bespoke pieces that require high level expertise.

Our desire is for people in custody to develop their artistic profile which assists their economic independence and successful return to the community upon release and participate in the WUURRA Program.

CSI programs are an excellent example of NSW Government agencies working together, in partnership with the private sector, to deliver real outcomes to benefit the community.

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We have a lot to be proud of, collectively our work changes lives in a positive way.

Talk to us. We look forward to building a partnership with you.

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