



AUCKLAND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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REMITTS TO ROYAL FEDERATION – 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Council has received five Remits to Royal Federation for consideration at the Associations Annual General Meeting on Sunday 30 September 2018.

3a THAT the term 'JP emeritus' replace 'JP retired' in future legislation.

Proposer: Ralph Roberts

Background: The term 'JP retired' is not viewed positively by many Justices and would seem to be a deterrent by some who might otherwise seek retirement. A more positive term would also provide better recognition of the service given by those who decide to seek retirement, often after many years of service to the community.

3b THAT the requalification period for Accreditation be raised to four (4) years.

Proposer: Ken McKay

Background: Extending the current two (2) year period would provide more opportunities for Justices to attend training and education sessions and thus encourage more participation in the accreditation scheme. It is expected that this would still ensure that 'accredited Justices' have a high level of up-to-date knowledge of the requirements.

3c That RFNZJA obtain funding from Ministry of Justice to provide newly appointed Justices of the Peace with the stamp for certifying copies.

Proposer: Wallis Walker

Background: The volume of copies being certified by Justices of the Peace show this stamp is essential for active Justices of the Peace. Over 400,000 copies certified at Auckland's Service Desks in 11 months.

3d That RFNZJA explore the possibility of introducing Justice Education Programmes in schools and report on this to AGM 2020.

Proposer: Wallis Walker

Background:

- UK Magistrates/JPs have Magistrates in the Community programmes which include mock courts in schools.
- These have a positive effect on youth.
- There is no known justice programme in NZ schools.
- Another opportunity for public relations.

#3e That the Board work with the Ministry of Justice to reduce the overall timeframe for new Justices to be appointed.

Proposer: Garry Nicholls

Background: The increasing number of Justices taking retirement means that it is important to get new Justices in place as quickly as possible. Currently there are too many delays. For example we have prospective new Justices who completed Induction training in March who have waited 6 months and have still not been sworn. Under the current timeline it is common for the process to take more than 12 months between being interviewed and being sworn.

General Election periods are regarded as exceptional.