



AUCKLAND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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Greetings Fellow Justices,

Do we dare to hope that the worst of winter has passed? At least it has started to get lighter in the mornings although I know that this is temporary.

AGM / Regional Meeting - Sunday 30 September: You should have received notification of our Annual General Meeting / Regional Meeting to be held at the Alexandra Park Conference Centre on Sunday 30 September.

Registration commences at 9am and the programme starts at 9.30am. We are very fortunate that the Hon. Aupito William Sio Associate Minister of Justice and Member of Parliament for Mangere has agreed to open the Conference.

We will also be joined for the day by Rachael O'Grady President Royal Federation of Justices of the Peace Associations, our own Pat Sampson Vice- President Royal Federation, and Tony Pugh National Manager Royal Federation.

Guest Speaker: We are honoured to have Dr Paul Spoonley, Pro-Chancellor, Massey University as our guest speaker. The theme of Dr Spoonley's speech will be: 'A new New Zealand: Implications for Justices of the Peace.'

Nominations for Council: It is always good to have new people joining our Council. This year we will have people who are retiring and others who have elected not to stand again. Please put your name forward if you would like to serve on our Council. If you require a Nomination Form please contact our Registrar Janet. It doesn't matter how long you have been a Justice of the Peace – new people bring new skills and new ideas.

Please note that nominations close this Friday.

Registration: Registration for the AGM / Regional Conference will take place on arrival. There is no cost to attend.

However if you require lunch (soup and sandwiches) you will need to pre order by going into Internet banking and paying \$20 to the following account:

38-9018-0314770-00

Show your surname, initials and JP number with narration 'Conf'. If you pay by cheques it will need to reach the Association office by 5pm on 21 September. There is only 30 minutes for lunch and while there is a café on site they are not able to cope with large numbers of people so we recommend pre-ordering your lunch.

Website / Facebook: The Good News is that our new website is up and running. You no longer need a Password or Login to access the site which is great

It is still work in progress and new material is being added all of the time. The address for the website is:

www.jpaukland.org.nz

Our Facebook page is proving interesting, particularly Friday Trivia, which is managed by our Registrar Janet Thompson. If you would like to join please contact Janet by email at: registrar@jpaukland.org.nz

Hub Refresher Training: The popular Hub Refresher training programme is almost completed.

The last two sessions are as follows:

Te Atatu, Saturday 1 September, 10am to 12 noon at the Lions/St Johns Hall, 243 Edmonton Road, Te Atatu
OR Ponsonby, Saturday 15 September, 1pm to 3pm at the Ponsonby Primary School, 44 Curran Street, Herne Bay. You are very welcome to attend.

Annual Dinner: Thursday 18 October, Quality Hotel, Gladstone Road Parnell: A feature of our social functions in recent times has been the outstanding quality of the guest speakers arranged by Vice President Sherryl Wilson.

Our dinner on 18 October is no exception. The guest speaker will be Kereyn Smith CEO of the New Zealand Olympic Committee. Kereyn was the first woman to be appointed into this role and I am sure that she will share a number of very interesting insights into the Olympic organisation as well as New Zealand sport in general.

Please put this date in your calendars. Details regarding cost, registration etc. will be sent at a later date

Accreditation: Hopefully those members who were early adopters have renewed their Accreditation. Please remember that you can renew your Accreditation at any time. There is no need to wait for 2 years.

The Royal Federation is planning to update the Accreditation questions. This will take place between Monday 10 September and Monday 17 September. During this period the Accreditation test will not be available.

Certified Copies for Banks / Financial Institutions / Lawyers / Conveyancers: By far the most common complaint received is where a Justice of the Peace has not used the special wording required when certifying copies of identity documents for banks, financial institutions, lawyers or conveyancers. When asked to certify a copy of an identity document (eg passport, drivers licence, 18+ card) we should ask what the copy is required for. If it is for one of the organisations mentioned above then it is a signal that special wording may be required. Explain this to the client and ask if they have been supplied with the wording. If they haven't use the wording in paragraph 5.5.2 on page 30 of the Manual. Please do not just use your stamp and hope that it will be sufficient. It is highly likely that it won't be and as a result the client is seriously inconvenienced.

Service Desks: Thank you to all of you who regularly turn up and work on a Service Desk. Not only are you the key people within our organisation but you are delivering an extremely important service to the public. Recently we opened the 70th Service Desk at Beachlands.

Funding Application: We have applied to the Lotteries Board for a new round of funding. If we are successful this funding will be used for enhancing our new website, providing additional support for Service Desks as well as underpinning our Associations general running costs.

JP Retired: Changes in technology and the way we process documents for clients means that the Justice of the Peace role is no longer as straight forward as it once was. If you no longer wish to carry out the functions of a Justice of the Peace our Association wants to recognise your achievements by celebrating your retirement. This can be done in a number of ways depending on your wishes.

If you have achieved 10 years of service you will be entitled to use JP (Retired) after your name. By retiring you will avoid all of the phone calls and in some instances people coming to your home asking for your Justice of the Peace services. If this interests you please contact our Registrar by phone (09) 916 9276 (leave a message and contact number if she is not in the office) or by email: registrar@jpauckland.govt.nz

All the best to you and yours,

Garry Nicholls
President