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Greetings Fellow Justices

Welcome to another busy Justice of the Peace year - 2019!

Once again it was a pleasure and an honour on behalf of the Association to welcome seven new Justices of the Peace who were sworn in on 18 February by Judge Cunningham before family and friends.

Support Group Coordinators' Meeting

The annual meeting of the Support Group Coordinators was once again held at the Rose Park Hotel in Parnell on Saturday 23 February 2019 hosted by the Support Group/Service Desk Committee of Council. There was a fantastic attendance with every Support Group being represented and in some instances up to three members per Support Group. Almost 50 members attended as well as other Council members together with our Registrar. A variety of topics were presented and discussed with opportunities for feedback and these have been collated and will be reviewed at the debrief meeting.

Each Support Group was presented with an indoor pull up banner to be used at a service desk and this outlines to the members of the public what they need to do in order to be organised before meeting the Justice of the Peace on duty. We have highlighted as well that this service is **voluntary**.

We are in the process of having more of these pull up banners made for our very busy service desks.

AJPA Council

Council continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except in January) and the subcommittees meet on a needs basis in between council meetings. The list of council members and committees are on the AJPA website – under the tab “Resources”.

Please do regularly review both the AJPA website as well as the AJPA Facebook Page where information, news and education highlights are regularly updated.

We are indebted to Ric Carlyon for his timely updates on the website and Janet Thompson for her regular updates and stimulating topics posted on FB.

There is a wealth of information on the website under “Resources” so do take a look. Our FB page is a closed page so if you are not already a member please do consider joining as this is updated very regularly.

HUB Education Sessions

The popular Hub Education Sessions have been planned with dates and venues confirmed for 2019. This was sent to all Support Group Coordinators last year but is attached to this Newsletter for individual members' information. You do not have to attend your local Hub Session if the date is inconvenient for you as the programme is identical at all nine Hubs. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible given this is one of the training programmes that is approved for Accreditation.

The topics for the HUB Meetings are as follows:

- Certifying documents received electronically, so very common now
- Customer Service – includes Group Discussion/ Role Play
- Certifying Identity Documents under the Anti Money Laundering Legislation (AML/CFT)
- As well as banks and financial institutions the AML rules now cover lawyers and conveyancers, accountants and providers of accounting services, and real estate agents. In the current HUB training sessions you will learn how to certify identity documents requested by these organisations.

When you attend the HUB training session please bring your Manual.

FYI: KiwiBuild Statutory Declaration.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has commented on the high standard of the Statutory Declarations being taken by Justices of the Peace in Auckland, so well done. The Statutory Declaration has been redesigned to make it easier to understand. The changes resulted from comments made by applicants and their advisers. The new version is in the process of being circulated.

The AJPA Trainers are available to attend local Support Group Meetings in 2019 on a needs/request basis and these will qualify for recognition for Accreditation as well. Please contact our Lead Trainer Garry Nicholls if you have a request regarding a topic for one of your Support Group meetings and he will allocate a trainer nearby to come and address this.

Accreditation

Whilst 40% of Justices of the Peace nationwide are accredited, the percentage across Auckland is less than this, around 36%. Your council encourages you all to renew your Accreditation if it has lapsed after the two year period, or to join the programme given this is an easy means of maintaining your knowledge, keeping current and updated. It is the aim of Council to have 40% of all our members accredited by the end of this year.

Accreditation "clinics" will be offered by the trainers again in 2019, where members can attend with their own device (eg laptop, iPad etc) to undertake the Accreditation Test as part of a group. These will be held in a number of central locations with advice of venues and dates to follow.

Service Desks

Thank you to all those members that 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. More members of the public use this facility and fewer are seeing Justices of the Peace in their homes.

If you have yet to do this, do contact your Rosterer. Please do ensure you have a name badge if you work on one of our authorised Service Desks. Whilst a few Support Groups only assign accredited members, our aim is to have all these members accredited that work on a Service Desk.

Our grateful thanks also to those of you who assist with the mentoring of our newest Justices of the Peace as they complete their mandatory eight hours.

Royal Federation Conference

It was a pleasure to represent the AJPA at the Royal Federation Conference hosted by the Marlborough Association with just 119 members in Blenheim over 1-3 March and they did a superb job.

Together with another eleven members and some partners, we were well entertained by three excellent guest speakers and some robust debate during the business sessions. We were very pleased that three of our four remits were passed. Full and detailed reports are available on both the AJPA website and our FB page. We are indebted to the gifted and talented Ric Carlyon for his reporting skills. We were also very proud of our own Registrar Janet Thompson who led a session on establishing a Facebook Page to the other 27 associations. Members were scribbling madly as they listened with intent to her wise words and advice.



At this conference our very able Ric Carlyon was acknowledged for his expertise and representation of the AJPA. Ric was farewelled as a member of the Royal Federation Board.

We offer our congratulations to the new Auckland Representative on the RF Board, Garry Nicholls, Past President and Lead Trainer, whom we know will represent us very ably.

The 2020 Conference will be hosted by the South Taranaki Association in Hawera, 28 February – 1 March (this is a leap year so we will be utilising our extra day).

Lotteries Commission Funding

We are very grateful indeed to this organisation for the finances provided to assist us in providing the funds to have the pull up banners made for service desks as well as allowing the AJPA Council to provide \$75 vouchers for those high users on service desks. It is vital that these stamp vouchers are utilised by 29 March 2019.

It is very disappointing that there are still many to utilise this opportunity especially as we have worked very hard to obtain the funds. Please do ensure that you "cash in" your voucher with Stamps Plus, our preferred provider before 29 March.

We do not want to have to return the funds! You can also use this voucher to obtain an AJPA name badge if you work on a service desk.

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. If you have served for ten years or more, you are entitled to apply for JP Retired status.

A pro forma letter is available on the AJPA website under "Resources" or contact the Registrar by phone (09) 916 9276 or email registrar@jpauckland.govt.nz

Special Sitting

It was indeed an honour and a privilege to sit with the Chief District Court Judge JM Doogue and fellow District Court Judges P Cunningham and P Recordon as we paid tribute to and farewelled six retiring Judicial Justices of the Peace and acknowledged one who is now deceased, but fortunately his widow and family could attend. This was indeed an opportunity to celebrate the 130 years of voluntary service in which these people have dedicated their time.



Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherryl Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Sherryl Wilson JP

PRESIDENT

March 2019



AJPA HUB EDUCATION SESSIONS 2019 – in date order, still to come

NORTH WEST HUB	Saturday 23 March, 10.00am-12.00pm St John's/Lions Hall 243 Edmonton Rd TE ATATU
WAIHEKE HUB	Sunday 31 March, 10.00am – 12.00pm Block F, Waiheke High School
NORTH EAST HUB	Saturday 6 April, 10.00am-12 noon Faithfull Funeral Services 35 Red Beach Rd RED BEACH
CENTRAL HUB	Saturday 4 May, 1.00 – 3.00pm Ponsonby Primary School 44 Curran St HERNE BAY
LOWER NORTH HUB	Saturday 11 May, 10.00am – 12.00pm Campbells Bay Primary School 77 Aberdeen Road CAMPBELLS BAY
CENTRAL EAST HUB	Saturday 18 May, 9.00 – 11.00am Kohimarama Primary School 112 Kohimarama Rd KOHIMARAMA
CENTRAL WEST HUB	Saturday 25 May 12.00 – 2.00pm Mt Roskill Primary School 37 Frost Rd MT ROSKILL