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Greetings Fellow Justices

Welcome to Spring!

Spring is the season of colour, of renewal, rejuvenation and regrowth. As Justices of the Peace and with a new season for the AJPA being a few weeks away, this is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our practice and set new goals.

In the past two months it has been a pleasure and an honour on behalf of the Association to welcome fourteen new Justices of the Peace who were sworn/affirmed by Judge Cunningham before family and friends.



Please do remember that unless you are an authorised Issuing Officer (IO) you do not have the authority to issue a warrant. An invalid authorisation may have serious ramifications for a court case where the search warrant has been relied on for evidence of proper search procedures.

The planned dinner for 31 October has been cancelled but your council is looking to host another social event early in the New Year.

Regional Conference and AGM – Sunday 22 September 2019

We are delighted that the Royal Federation President Rachael O'Grady, Vice President Terry Byrne and National Manager Tony Pugh will join us for this full day.

Once again we are holding this event at the central location of Alexandra Park in Greenlane where there is ample parking.

Registration commences at 9.00am with the meeting proper at 9.30am. There is no cost to attend this day of information, learning and training. Lunch is available for \$20 and you need to pre-pay as per the information sent. Please check the AJPA website for full details and reports as well as the JPET documents which will be discussed.

Financial Items

The financial year commences on 1 July through to 30 June and invoices for the annual subscriptions will be sent to members after the AGM when these are set.

Message from our Treasurer:

For some time now Banks have flagged the imminent demise of cheques as a method of making payments. Anecdotal evidence is that cheque transactions make up less than 1% of all transactions these days.

Our bank Kiwibank, has announced that from February next year (2020) they will not be accepting cheques for processing.

Speaking to another bank's representative indicates that all the banks will probably follow suit.

While this can be frustrating, your Association has identified **payment of annual membership subscriptions' automatic bank payment** as an ideal solution, particularly as the annual subscription has not increased over the past four years.

If you would like assistance in setting up an annual automatic payment (payable on 1 November annually), **just send to the Treasurer a deposit slip** or other printed document showing your bank account number, **by email to treasurer@jpauckland.org.nz**) or **by post to P O Box 108 229, Symonds Street, Auckland 1150** and we would be happy to provide you with completed automatic bank payment authority for you to sign and deliver to your bank.

The other option is internet banking which may not have been an option for you in the past but if it is now then we can assist you with this also

Please do contact the Treasurer on (021 627 014) if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Support Group Meetings

It is a great pleasure to be able to visit and participate in the Support Group Meetings around our Association's region – twenty six in total – as well as offer our sincere appreciation to members for their valued voluntary contribution to their communities. To date I have travelled just over 7,000km on council business given our association stretches from Wellsford in the north to Manurewa/Weymouth in the south, and east to west across the Auckland isthmus.

Do remember that the Council Ministerial Trainers are available and willing to come and present a requested topic at any Support Group meeting and this training will qualify for Accreditation. Please contact our Lead Trainer Garry Nicholls with your request, topic and date.

We are very disappointed that currently our Association ranks the lowest across the country in terms of Accreditation! Have you ensured that YOU are accredited?

I have been asked about health and safety issues at the venues that host our service desks/ Support Group meetings and I am informed that these are the responsibility of the venues. Support Group Coordinators may want to investigate this.

Planning for the annual Support Group Coordinators' and Rosterers' Meeting is underway and this will be held on Saturday 22 February 2020 at the same venue as previously, Rose Hotel in Parnell. More information will follow.

Rosterers, please note the email address to which you need to use to send your monthly service desks' statistics - stats@jpaukland.org.nz

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 council briefs are noted on the website a few days after each meeting so please do check these out.

Our Facebook page is a closed page so if you are not already a member do consider joining as this is updated very regularly, thanks to our Registrar. We now have 181 members who utilise this for information as well as give feedback.

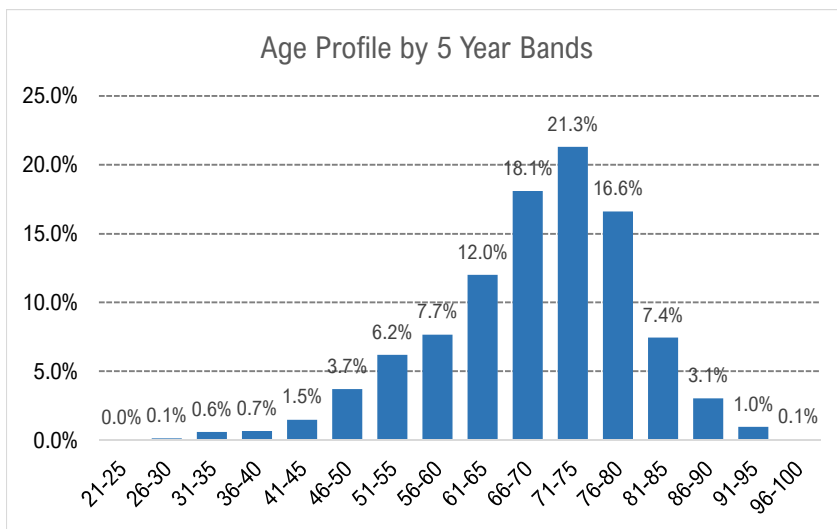
The Council has again made application to the NZ Lottery Grants Board for further funds which we hope if successful will enable us to support our members in a variety of further projects.

The business cards for service desks and log books for all members recently distributed were part of the grant received 2018/19.

Recently Council Member Aston Moss (Ch, Technology) undertook a review regarding the ages of our members and provoked a lot of discussion around the council table. This is what was learned and provides us with information when developing further strategies:

- The average age of our membership is just over 69 years of age
- Our youngest member is 28 and our oldest member 99 years of age
- Less than 1.5% of our membership are under the age of 40
- Less than one in five of our membership is under the age of 61
- Just under a third (32.5%) of our membership is under 65 years of age
- 50% of our membership are between the ages of 61 and 75
- More than one in five of our membership are between the ages of 70 and 75
- Over a quarter of our membership are 75 years of age or older
- More than 10% of our membership are over 80 years of age

When graphed it depicts the following in five-year bands so we have challenges ahead:



HUB Education Session

The combined training meeting held in Mangawhai at the end of June and led by two AJPA trainers was well supported by our northern neighbours as well as some of our members who live in the area.

Service Desks

Together with the public, we are most grateful to those members 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 voluntarily. 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, contact your Rosterer. Members are happy to sit alongside to support you for a few sessions. We do need more members to offer this role rather than rely on the willing few. If you are currently employed but are available on a late night or Saturday morning, there are many service desks that will be pleased to accept your offer.

Please ensure your service desk/s' statistics are sent regularly by 7th of month to stats@jpauckland.org.nz We rely on these for reporting and funding opportunities.

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

We have learned that some of the Surface Pros issued in the Service Desk Kits have not been used. We request that if these are not being used consistently they be returned to the AJPA office as they will be used for training. You can give these to your AJPA Liaison personnel.

Judicial Seminar

A very successful judicial seminar was held on 29 August with great attendance and participation. Our sincere appreciation to Susan Walker and her team for preparing and leading this most important training session.

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

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

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