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Greetings Fellow Justices

As another year/decade commences the AJPA warmly welcomes the fourteen new Justices of the Peace recently sworn in by District Court Judge Philippa Cunningham.

On a very sad note we farewelled one of our Life Members Rex Chandler who passed away on 8 February 2020. Rex was a true friend of the Association, a valued trainer and mentor of members and his loss will be keenly felt by many.

Dr Philip Harkness retired in December 2019 after serving 55 years as a Justice of the Peace. Philip is the author of "Reading the Riot Act" a 200 year history of NZ Justices of the Peace. Warm congratulations Philip.

We congratulate four members who received the MNZM in the New Year Honours list as follows – Michael Chopping, Carrol Elliott, Jennifer Khan-Janif, Pauline Stansfield.

It is my pleasure to welcome Karen Avery JP to the Registry Staff. Karen commenced her role as Office Administrator in January and is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Registrar is in the office one day per week dependent upon council activities. We are fortunate to have two excellent people in our office.

Royal Federation Conference in Hawera, 28 February – 1 March 2020

The South Taranaki Association hosted this conference in an admirable manner considering this is a small association. There were nine delegates from Auckland with four partners accompanying us as well.

We were delighted that our nominee for the office of Vice President, Garry Nicholls was successful at this election and look forward to working with him in his new capacity. Also we were very pleased that both of the remits presented by AJPA were passed – one regarding the formation of a national database and the other that electronic learning modules be made available for each new or revised Justice of the Peace role or function.

There were a range of speakers from the Associate Minister of Justice, new Chief District Court Judge to the CEO of Women's Refuge together with workshops and business sessions.

On average it takes eight months for a candidate from nomination to swearing in whilst the Best Practice Manual actually indicates one year.

The 2021 Conference will be held in Wellington at a slightly earlier date, 19-21 February.

Support Group Coordinators' and Rosterers' Meeting – 22 February 2020

We welcomed 100% of all 26 Support Groups to this meeting together with ten council members, totalling 60 members!

Topics covered were the HUB Meetings, Support Group Meetings, Service Desks and self-populating rosters as well as gathering statistics, the need for succession planning within the leadership of SGs, including newly sworn Justices as quickly as possible, the importance of Accreditation and maintaining this status, the inactive members, as well as complaints made against Justices of the Peace.

AJPA Council

Your Council continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except in January) and the subcommittees meet on an 'as needed' basis between council meetings. The council briefs are noted on the website a few days after each meeting so please do check these out under the "Resources" tab.

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 over 200 members who utilise this for updated news, information as well as giving feedback. The AJPA website also contains a host of information – no login required.

Thanks to securing some funds from the NZ Lotteries Grant we are able to provide AJPA name badges to those members who work on one of our service desks and did not receive one last year as well as a stamp voucher to the value of \$45.00 if not received last year. The applications for these must come through the Support Group Coordinator and be made before 31 March 2020. The sooner these are made the better as the funds may be exhausted before this date.

We continue to provide a stamp voucher and a name badge for all newly sworn Justices of the Peace.

Council also plans to purchase a few new banners and pavement stands as well as reprint the logbooks with some amendments. Once the revised manual has been completed and is online, we will also provide members with a hard copy.

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.

The ADC and Central Library do need more members on their service desk rosters. You can email our Registrar if you are willing and available to assist on either of these desks on registrar@jpauckland.org.nz

Unfortunately we have no control over car parking at service desks nor any fines that may be incurred. In many instances the venue will provide a card that authorises your car to park in certain places during the time the service desk is open.

You will have received an email from me regarding the coronavirus and trust that each of you will practise careful hygiene as outlined plus check the Ministry of Health website regularly for any updates.

JP Retired

Changes in technology and the way we process documents for clients mean 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

HUB MEETING DATES for 2020 - REMINDER

Saturday 21 March, 4.00 – 6.00pm (South HUB) at Friendship House

Saturday 28 March, 1.00 – 3.00pm (Central HUB) at Ponsonby Primary School

Sunday 5 April, 10.00 - 12.00pm (North East HUB) at Faithfulls Funeral Services, Red Beach

Saturday 2 May, 11.30am – 1.30pm (Central East HUB) at Kohimaramara Primary School

Saturday 9 May, 1.00 – 3.00pm (Central West HUB) at Mt Roskill Primary School

Sunday 17 May, 10.00 – 12.00pm (Waiheke HUB) at Waiheke High School

Saturday 23 May, 10.00 – 12.00pm (South East HUB) at Peace Experiment Montessori School

Saturday 6 June, 10.00 – 12.00pm (Lower North HUB) at Campbells Bay Primary School

Saturday 13 June, 10.00 – 12.00pm (North West HUB) at St John's Hall, Te Atatu

If you cannot attend your local HUB Meeting, please feel free to attend any other on a date that works for you as the topics are the same at each venue.

The topics to be covered are as follows – foreign documents, Anti Money Laundering Act (AML), A & I form (Authority and Instruction), use of social media, statutory declarations.

Eden Gardens Social Function, 24 Omana Avenue, Mt Eden

We still have some vacancies for this social function on Sunday 15 March, 12.00 – 4.00pm. At a cost of \$30.00pp members and partners are invited to come and enjoy this beautiful environment. The fee covers your entry cost as well as finger food.

Check the website (<https://edengarden.co.nz/>) for a taste of these beautiful gardens built in a former quarry in the centre of the city.

Preferred payment is as follows:

Bank: KiwiBank
A/c Name: Auckland Justices of the Peace Assn
A/c Number: 38-9018-0314770-00
Reference: Payer's Surname and initial(s) / AJPA Lunch / MOJJP or telephone number

We look forward to the opportunity to mix and mingle socially with you.

Kind regards



Sherryl Wilson JP

PRESIDENT

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