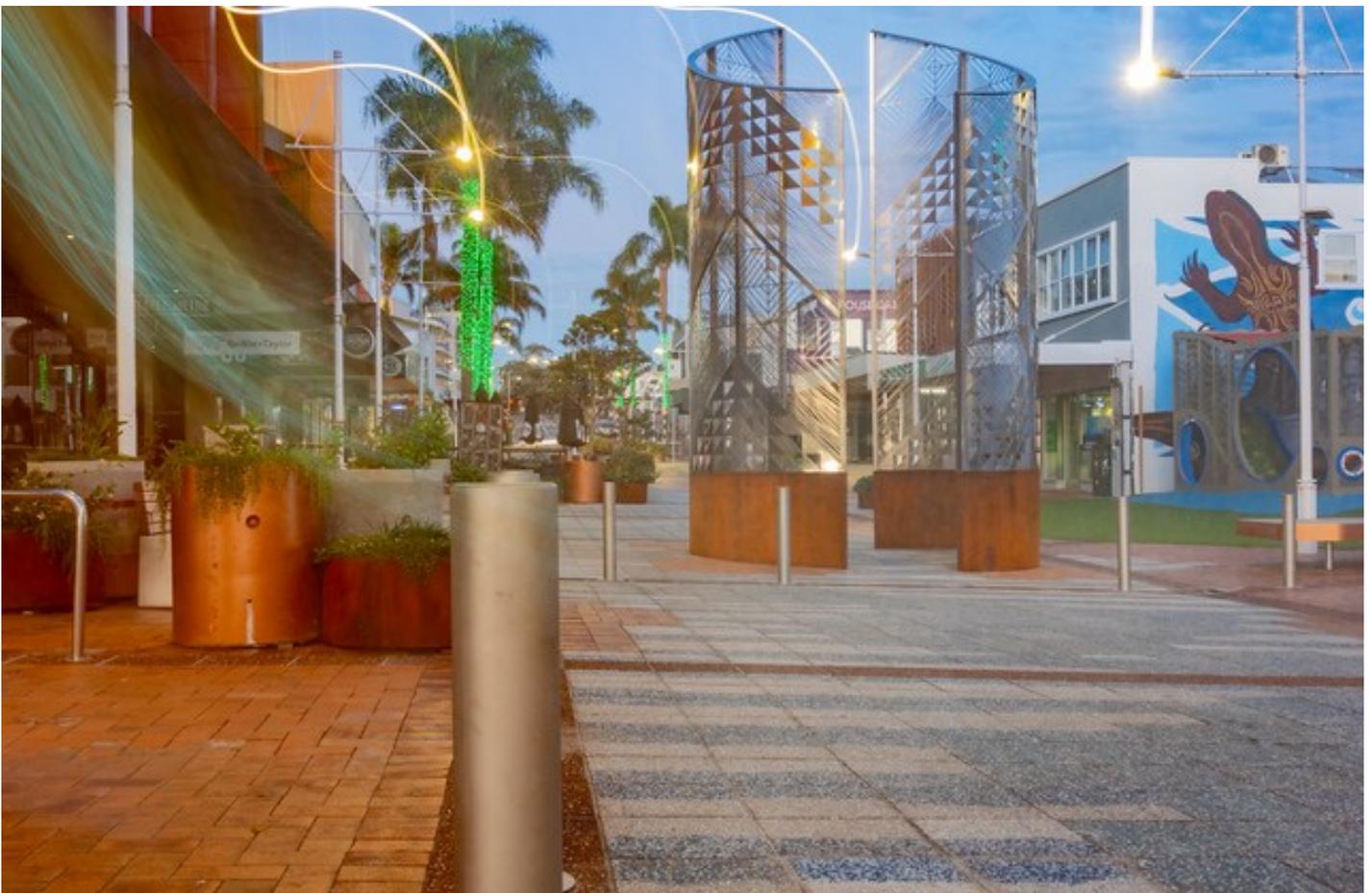


NEWSLETTER



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President Glenn Williams KSM JP

As we move swiftly through 2025, with two months already behind us, I'm pleased to share our first newsletter of the year highlighting our recent achievements and upcoming initiatives.

Recent Appointments and Ceremonies

We witnessed the swearing in on January 20th at the Tauranga Courthouse, where we welcomed **Peter Tinholt JP** as our newest Justice of the Peace. The ceremony also included the swearing-in of Tauranga City Deputy Mayor **Jen Scoular**. These appointments strengthen our commitment to serving our community.

Professional Development Update

Our Professional Development Officer, **Pat Taylor QSM, JP**, reports excellent progress in our training initiatives:

A successful, fully-subscribed coffee group training event at Greerton Library in January

A well-attended training session at Pacific Coast Village in February

Both sessions supported members in completing their accreditation requirements

We currently have three newly gazetted Justices awaiting their swearing-in ceremony, with an additional three awaiting gazetting. Pat extends an invitation to all members to share any noteworthy scenarios from their experience that could enhance future training sessions.

Board Updates

Our first Board meeting of the year was held on February 11th at Mount Maunganui College's staffroom. We welcomed **Phyllis Huitema JP** to her first meeting

Bid farewell to **Tina Salisbury JP**, who is relocating to Christchurch reaffirmed our commitment to maintaining high training and accreditation standards, considered potential nominations for retiring member replacements

Upcoming Events and Service Updates

March will see a special presentation ceremony honouring seven retiring JPs, who collectively contributed an impressive 210 years of service

Registrar **Brian Hamilton JP** and I will represent our association at the Annual Federation Conference in Greymouth

Plans are progressing to re-establish our service desk in Te Puna. The Welcome Bay service desk was closed prior to Christmas due to staffing constraints, with plans to review its reopening when member availability improves

Looking Forward

As we continue through 2025, we remain committed to our mission of serving the Bay of Plenty community with distinction. We anticipate a year filled with positive developments and productive initiatives for our Association.

Ngā mihi nui,

Glenn Williams KSM, JP

President

Bay of Plenty Justices of the Peace Association

Dissolutions of Marriage Laws amended

The Family Proceedings (Dissolution for Family Violence) Amendment Bill, also called Ashley's Law, was passed unanimously by Parliament and received Royal Assent on October 17 2024.

The Act amends the Family Proceedings Act 1980 and comes into effect 12 months from the date of Royal Assent (October 17 2025).

Ashley's Law enables applicants to apply for an order for dissolution of marriage without having spent any time separated and without living apart at the time of the application, where the applicant establishes that they have a protection order in place against their partner.

To apply for a dissolution order under these circumstances, the applicant must be a protected person under a protection order against their partner.

Partners may apply jointly for a dissolution under these rules, if they each are protected by protection orders issued against the other. can be made to dissolve the marriage or civil union.

Changes to the protection order after an order for dissolution is made An order to dissolve the marriage or union on these grounds continues in force even if the protection order relied upon to establish the application is later discharged, cancelled or ceases to be enforceable in the country in which it was made.

How these changes are relevant to JPs? As with an ordinary application for dissolution, at least one party to the marriage or civil union must be domiciled in New Zealand at the time of the application.

Evidence of a protection order

The applicant or applicants to the order for dissolution must provide evidence that they are a protected person.

This evidence can be either:

- a copy of the protection order, or
- if the protection order is a registered foreign protection order, evidence of its registration under section 219 of the Family Violence Act 2018. An order for dissolution can only be made if the court is satisfied that any appeal rights in respect of the protection order have been exhausted.

Registration of a foreign protection order (section 219 Family Violence Act 2018)

A foreign protection order can be registered with the Family Court. This can be done by providing both of the following:

A certified copy of the order and a certificate that:

- is signed by an officer of the court in the foreign country in which the order was made
- contains a statement that the order is, at the date of the certificate, enforceable in the foreign country.
- **Welfare of children** if there are any children of the civil union or marriage under the age of 16, there must be satisfactory arrangements (or the best arrangements that can be devised) made for the day-to-day care, maintenance and other aspects of welfare for those children, before an order
- If applying for a dissolution on the grounds of "protected person under protection order", the usual requirement that the couple must have been separated for two years does not apply.
- You may be asked to assist the applicant by making a certified copy of a foreign protection order. Online Education Pages Index You can now search for specific articles in the online Education Pages Index. Log into [Justicesofthepeace.org.nz](https://www.justicesofthepeace.org.nz) Justices' Quarterly Magazines

From January 2023 the JQ magazine is available online only

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From our Noticeboard



Retired:

Peter Williams JP
Anne Burnett JP
Robin Reid JP

On behalf of the Bay of Plenty JP Association, We thank these retiring members and their families for their dedicated service to their respective communities and acknowledge the selfless giving of their time and service. We wish you all and very rewarding retirement.

Transferring Out

Marea Goodin-McKay JP
Barbara Blackburn JP

Sworn In

Peter Tinholt JP (*below left*)

Jen Schoular JP (Tauranga City Deputy Mayor)



On A National Scale

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AMENDMENT BILL

You will be aware that the draft bill is now in the biscuit tin (as a Proposed Member's Bill), and therefore publicly available. You can see the Parliamentary information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2evnc6k6>

The Board's view is that much of the content is largely unworkable, with significant implications across many areas of our work.

We told you previously that we provided feedback on the initial draft. The sponsoring MP has not taken on our recommendations at this time.

While the current draft may never be drawn out of the tin, it could be drawn next Wednesday, and we need to be prepared.

Equally, we want to ensure that the Bill is fit for purpose should it be drawn, and the best way is to have it corrected and re-submitted into the list.

We do not want this potential for change to fail. We do want to take advantage of this opportunity to support Justices who are competent and are able to get on with their mahi while we keep an overview and monitor outcomes against our contract with the Ministry of Justice.

To achieve this, the National Board will continue to take a lead in this process on your behalf, as is required of our role.

We will maintain a clear view of the input required as a single, consistent voice, using the feedback you provide directly to your Regional Representative.

In the meantime, you can touch base with your local MP. Inform them of this opportunity, and encourage them to be prepared to actively participate in the process to support your Association, 27 other Associations and the 5000+ Justices of the Peace nationally.

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JP providing own identification

In rare circumstances, you may need to provide a copy of your own identification document to the receiving agency, along with the client's documentation.

For example, the article "JPs and land transactions" in the July 2024 Quarterly describes "paper dealings," where a Justice may be asked to make their own statutory declaration and attach a copy of their identification.

Sometimes, receiving agencies create their own process to request identification from both their client and the person assisting them

In cases such as paper dealings lodged with Land Information New Zealand, a legal requirement exists for the assisting party to provide their own identification.

As a JP, you are not obligated to provide your identification to the client or their receiving agency if you are uncomfortable doing so, if you choose to decline to assist the client, you should refer the client to an alternative party.

In many cases, another authorised person, such as a lawyer, or acquaintance capable of confirming the client's identity, may be better suited to assist.



From The Training Section

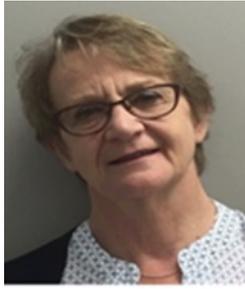


An enthusiastic and attentive audience of JPs attended one of three training days conducted by Pat Taylor QSM JP. Pat spoke at three venues, Greerton Library, The Pacific Coast Village Mt. Maunganui and the Vines Lifestyle Village, Bethlehem.

A total of 86 JPs attended these training sessions, and topics included real scenarios that local JPs have reportedly experienced in the last few months, and a chance to critically go through the new accreditation exam questions as a group.

The general feeling amongst all three sessions was that these training sessions are invaluable and expose areas for JPs where we all need to keep updating our knowledge.

Pat said that he was very happy with the numbers who turned out and encourages any members who couldn't attend these sessions, to make sure you try and attend similar sessions in the future.



Message from the Service Desk Convener

I am sending my slightly belated best wishes to all JPs who give up their time to work on Service Desks throughout the Western Bay of Plenty area.

Many of you work more than one desk per roster which is highly commendable, and I personally know of several JPs who work 3 to 4 service desks per month.

The upside of having service desks are many. Included in the regular newsletters are the addresses and hours of all our service desks. If you receive a call for service at home from a member of the public, and you are unable to immediately assist them, it is quite ethical to refer the client to the nearest service desk.

Further advantages include taking our services out to the public. I sit on several service desks myself and I regularly receive compliments varying from, our public face, the service we offer (for free) and how handy it is to know that there will always be a JP at a certain venue every week.

If you have received any compliments along these lines, please feed them back to me. We are keen to collate all compliments, either humbling or humorous that clients feed back to you.

These can be very handy for our team to use when we are reporting back to our national federation, or applying for funding.

Unfortunately, the downside of trying to coordinate service desks is to attract and maintain recruits to give up their time for a couple of hours a month to provide our high standard of service to the public.

One such service desk at Welcome Bay has had to temporarily close due to lack of volunteers.

Welcome Bay can be a busy service desk, and unfortunately it is the public that misses out and the local JPs in Welcome Bay have to take up the shortfall by increased home visits.

If you think you can help out at either Welcome Bay, or at any of our service desks please contact either me, or the editor of the newsletter.

We have also been made aware of 2 new Community Centers in Merryvale and Gate Pa currently under construction, and no doubt we will be invited to have a presence in these two new venues. I certainly don't want to have to say no due to a lack of volunteers.

Being a member on a service desk is the greatest way of keeping current and familiar with JP practices.

Jeannie Bruning ph 021 0271 8212

Service Desk Coordinator

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SERVICE DESK REPORT

Site	J.P. No's	Hours	Clients	Total number of signed pages
Arataki	4	14	72	260
Bethlehem	3	6	27	65
Court House	20	44	216	672
Greerton Library	9	16	232	578
Katikati	3	6	41	83
Mount Library	7	14	128	268
Multi Cultural	3	6	14	45
Papamoa	6	14	96	344
Holy Trinity	3	6	26	55
Te Puke	3	6	46	107
The Crossing	2	4	29	59
Omokoroa	3	6	31	77
St Columbia / Otumoetai	3	6	10	36
TOTALS	69	148	968	2649

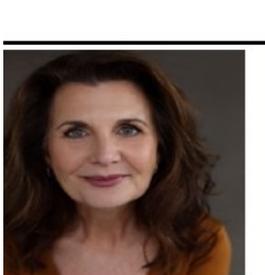
Service Desk Directory

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DAYS OF WEEK/ HOURS</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
ARATAKI	Community Centre Zambuk Way	Monday & Friday 10:00 – 12:00	Pat Taylor QSM JP 027 347 7657
BETHLEHEM	Community Centre 183 Moffat Road Bethlehem	Every Friday 10:00 – 12:00	Eric Newman JP 021 814 897
COURT HOUSE	McLean Street Tauranga	Mon. 1:00 – 3:00 Tues. 10:00 12:00 Wed. 11:00 -1:00 Thurs. 1:00 - 3:00 Fri 1:00 -3:00	Jack Best JP 021 481 001
GREERTON LIBRARY	Greerton Road Greerton	Tues 2:00- 4:00 Thurs 2:00- 4:00	Russell Williams JP 021 160 6460
KATIKATI	Resource Centre Beach Road	Every Friday 10:00 12:00	Isobel Huggard JP 027 328 0481
MOUNT LIBRARY	398 Maunganui Road, Mt. Maunganui	Tues 11:00- 1:00 Fri 11:30 –1:30	Jennifer Butler JP 027 206 0776
Tauranga Multi - Culture Centre	Historical Village 17 th Avenue Tauranga	Every Thursday 11:30 – 1:30	Nina Payne JP 571 1268
PAPAMOA	Papamoa Community Centre/Library, 15 Gravett Road	Monday 4.30pm-600pm Wednesday 10am-12 noon Saturday 10am-12 noon	Brian Hamilton JP 021 432 562 Linda Tocker JP 021 041 3552
HOLY TRINITY	Holy Trinity Church 3 rd Avenue & Devonport Road	Every Wednesday 12:00 – 2:00pm	Kelvin Bennett JP 027 492 9110
TE PUKE	Te Puke Library 130 Jellicoe Street	Every Thursday 10.30 – 12.30	Colette Hintz JP 027 6310660
THE CROSSING	The Mall 2 Taurikura Drive The Lakes	Every Saturday 10:00 – 12:00	Joy Fisher JP 027 618 9367
OMOKOROA	Library & Community Centre	Every Thursday 10:00 – 12:00	David Rolf JP 027 530 3362
WELCOME BAY	242 Welcome Bay Road	CLOSED	
OTUMOETAI	St Columba Church 502 Otumoetai Road	Every Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00	Kelvin Bennett JP 027 492 9110

Service Desks by Day

Monday	10.00 am – noon	Arataki Community Centre, Zambuk Way
	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Courthouse, McLean Street
	4:30 pm– 6.00 pm	Papamoa Community Centre/Library
Tuesday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Greerton Library
	11.00 am – 1.00pm	Mount Maunganui Library
	10.00 am – noon	Otumoetai/Matua, St Columba Church
	10.00 am – noon	Courthouse, McLean Street
Wednesday	1.00 pm – 3.00pm	Tauranga Courthouse, McLean Street
	noon – 2.00 pm	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 215 Devonport R
	10.00 am – noon	Papamoa Community Centre/Library
Thursday	10.30am – 12.30pm	Te Puke Public Library
	10:00 am – noon	Omokoroa Library & Community Centre
	11.30 am – 1.30 pm	Tauranga Multicultural Centre, Historic Village
	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Tauranga Courthouse
	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Greerton Library
Friday	10.00 am – noon	Arataki Community Centre, Zambuk Way
	10.00 am – noon	Katikati Resource Centre
	10.00 am – noon	Bethlehem Community Church
	11.30 am – 1.30pm	Mount Maunganui Library
	1.00 pm – 3.00pm	Tauranga Courthouse
Saturday	10.00am – noon	The Crossing Shopping Mall
	10:00am– noon	Papamoa Community Centre/Library

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