



*Bay of Plenty  
Justices of the Peace  
Association*



## NEWSLETTER



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## October 2025



President Glenn Williams KSM JP

**.Tēnā Koutou Fellow Justices,**

The year is just flying by and I ponder all that we have achieved this year. It is hard to believe that I have almost completed my first year as President.

**Recent Appointments and Ceremonies:**

Since the beginning of July we have interviewed another five nominees for JP and all have been recommended for approval by the MOJ. We have also been advised of another two nominees that interviews need to be arranged for. Two new JPs have been gazetted and we are waiting confirmation of a swearing in date.

**Northern Region Conference :**

The Northern Region Conference was recently held in Pukekohe, which Brian attended. I unfortunately was unable to attend. Brian's detailed report from that conference is on page 7

**Professional Development Update :**

The latest update from the Federation on our Accreditation Status shows that our Association is the second highest with 82.2% of our JPs now being accredited only headed off by Wairarapa which has well under half the number of JPs of Bay of Plenty.

This is again an incredible achievement and is testament to Pat Taylor, QSM, JP our Professional Development officer and his team.

Our mid-winter Christmas and Quiz event was held on for 20<sup>th</sup> July. Fortunately this event ended up being well attended with the Deputy Mayor engaged as a guest speaker. The event was enjoyed by all those who attended.

**Board Updates :**

A well attended Board meeting was held on October 7th and the Treasurer reported that the association has a satisfactory financial position.

Daryl Hone JP has completed the MOU for the operation of the Te Puna service desk.

Thank you Daryl for all the effort in getting this desk up and running.

Registrar Brian Hamilton JP is still waiting for confirmation from one person who has shown interest in taking over the role from him. He is keeping his fingers crossed.

Regrettably we received the sad news of the passing of Dick Williams JP early this month. Dick had previously been Registrar for 12 years and was a Life Member.

A gathering was arranged to remember Dick's life recently which a number of us attended. This was also attended by Dick's son, two grand daughters and a great grand daughter. We were treated to a number of funny stories from those that served with Dick.

Hope to see many of you at the AGM on Saturday 11 October at 10:30am at The Mount RSA.

Ngā mihi nui,

Glenn Williams KSM, JP

President Bay of Plenty Justices of the Peace Association



**Brian Hamilton JP**  
Registrar

## **From The Registrar's Desk**



### **SERVICE DESKS**

Recently we learned of the death of Mr Dick Williams JP, Registrar of our Association 2002-2014.

Together with Mrs Heather Waldron JP they began the first two Service Desks in New Zealand 1995, one at the Tauranga CAB and another at the Merivale Community Centre. The concept has now spread all over New Zealand and it seems that with the number of clients attending, they have become very popular with the public.

So popular that many desks can have a dozen or more people waiting in a queue to see a JP. Sadly we do not have enough JPs rostered on to help with this situation and many of those rostered on do more than one a month. Surely out of 185 JPs in total in this Association we can find more JPs to do just 2 hours every 5 or 6 weeks.

It is such satisfying work and certainly gives us plenty of experience.

### **AGM REMINDER**

The 87th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be held at **10.30 a.m. on Saturday 11th October 2025** at Mount Maunganui RSA,

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1595038947995032/>

# From The Training Section



## Training Team , Clare Wilson, Pat Taylor & Colette Hintz

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT

We have been busy organising our last formal training event for the year following on from two very enjoyable and successful events held recently at Te Puke and Katikati.

The event will take the form of a round table discussion on challenging and interesting scenarios we may face from time to time in our role as Justices and we have come up with some interesting real life situations which may or may not have a correct answer but are guaranteed to get you thinking.

We also have an excellent speaker, Lawrence Young from Craigs Investment Partners, who will present on a very topical issue that impacts on all of us. It is fair to say that the World has been turned upside down since Donald J Trump became President of the USA, nowhere more evident than in international trade and finance. Lawrence will speak on how this impacts on the NZ financial and investment markets.

Please note that the training session has, at the request of the venue, been scheduled to start at the later time of 7-30pm and as we aim to finish around 9-00pm could attendees please note to arrive a little before 7-30pm so that we can get underway dead on time.

Details are

#### **Date -Tuesday 21 October 2025**

Venue - Club Mount, Kawaka St, Mt Maunganui

Time - 7-30pm to around 9-00pm

**Guest Speaker** – Lawrence Young, Investment Adviser, Craigs Investments – “The Trump Effect - its impact on the NZ Economy and Financial Markets”

As with all authorised training events these sessions qualify you to complete your accreditation.

A plea from the training team. Following your attendance could you please update your JP profile with the date you last attended training. If you have any difficulty please call any one of us who will be only too happy to assist you..

We are always on the lookout for interesting speakers so please forward suggestions to Pat Taylor. We have found that the best presentations are often those made by our members. We are an interesting and diverse bunch of people so if you have an interesting tale to tell and are willing to speak please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our final training event of the year.

Pat

Pat Taylor QSM, JP

Bernie Taylor

1 Belgrave Close

Bethlehem Tauranga 3110

## ACCREDITATION:

Please contact Pat or Colette to find out the next session nearest you.

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## From our Noticeboard



### **Bay of Plenty Justices of the Peace Association AGM**

This Saturday 11 October 2025 at **10:30am Mount RSA**

#### **DEATHS**

**Richard (Dick) Williams JP**  
**Graham McColl MBE, JP,**



We remember our faithful colleagues and pass on our sincere condolences to their families, thanking them for their loyal service to the J.P. Federation and their communities.

#### **Retired**

**Joady Robinson JP**

#### **Sworn In**

**Kim Williams JP**

#### **TRANSFERS**

##### **IN**

**Paul Hodge MNZM, JP** *from Hamilton to Mt Maunganui*

**Dale Williams ONZM, JP** *from Carterton*

##### **OUT**

**Karen Gilby JP**

Kim Williams JP immediately after being sworn in by Judge Geoghegan



# Service Desk Report



Past President Daryl Hone JP has established a new Service Desk at Te Puna to meet the growing demands for JPs in the Te Puna and Omokoroa area.

Daryl negotiated accommodation at 3 Lochhead Road, RD 6, Te Puna . Phone # 075524573 and officially opened on Wednesday 3rd September between 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Daryl said that he has a small team there and will open every Wednesday. If you would like to join the team and the hours suit you, please get in touch with Daryl, who would love to add you to his team.

A reminder to all JPs, when you receive a call from a member of the public for service, and you are unable to help them, it would be best practice to refer the caller to a service desk near them.

## **DICK WILLIAMS JP**

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of the father of Service Desks in New Zealand

Dick Williams JP who passed away earlier in September of natural causes.

In 1995 Dick established a clinic as it was called back then at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Tauranga. He was a volunteer JP at the CAB. News spread of the JP service, and the CAB began to advertise and the Centre began to attract a lot of people.

Following on the back of the success of the CAB clinic, Mrs Heather Waldron JP opened another clinic at Merivale Community Centre and so it grew from there.

Heather, who was President of the BoP JP Association at the time, and Dick went further afield setting up clinics beyond the central city. The first one was at Bayfair Shopping Centre, then followed the Anglican Church in Te Puke, and the library at Katikati. There are now over 20 Service Desks in 20 locations.

Mr Graeme Kitto JP was the Northern Regional Rep at that time, took this idea to the Federation and now Service Desks have spread throughout the country and are recognized by the Ministry of Justice.

Dick was awarded Life Membership of the Bay of Plenty Justices of the Peace Association in 2015.



Dick Williams JP receives his certificate of Service from President Glenn Williams.



Dick's four granddaughters, Caitlin, Ashley, Tori and Brooke Williams.

# **Report on the Regional JP Conference at Pukekohe Sept 26/27 2025**

Our Registrar, Brian Hamilton JP represented our association at a JP's Regional Conference at Pukekohe last month, These are his notes presented to The Board.

## **Interesting thoughts and ideas shared:**

Accreditation is to be seen as a learning opportunity and not about compliance. It is not a pass/fail. There is fear in some JPs who have not done any kind of test for 40 years.

Cultural respect and safety. Value of greeting people in their own language (if you know what it is). Puts them at ease right away.

Half of the Federation's time (many hours) is taken up by phone calls from individual JPs ringing Wellington with a question that could easily be answered by their own Council/Board. Why do members bypass their own council? Please encourage members to contact their local board first.

Many JPs have had the horrid experience of mistakenly stamping a certified copy on the original, which means clients needing to go through the lengthy process of procuring a new original (birth certificate whatever). In some instances this can cost \$120 or more but we need to know that the Federation has INSURANCE against such a possibility and we can make a claim against such an eventuation.

Some associations are getting into recording data on how much work JPs are doing in their homes as well as Service desks. One association has developed google sheets to enable members to easy fill in data at the end of each month. Auckland is getting good at this.

Succession Planning: How to motivate the young? It is not necessarily a lot of work. It can be done on the rugby sideline. Look for opportunities in what we are doing.

Cultural Respect & Safety: we had 5 speakers – Egyptian, Fijian Indian, Maori, Dutch and Philippino. Each spoke of what is important for their culture. A common factor was to SMILE as you greet

Some Associations hare having success applying for money from Lotteries. They tend to get success

We are the first contact that members of the public have with the Justice system and it can be scary for some.

## **YELLOW PAGES**

I managed finally with Pat's help to discover how to access Yellow pages.

I discovered that they listed 11 deceased JPs and 42 retired JPs.

They are now correcting that.

Members are encouraged to check the Yellow Pages to check that their details are current, if not, please email the Registrar to add to the above list.

Form experience, most referrals come via the JP Association Website, ""Find a JP near you""

# NATIONALLY

## **BOARD MEETING BRIEF for 6 August 2025:**

Discussed options for workshop topics at National Conference

The Board is considering the level of financial reserves needing to be held by the Federation and will report back on this once a position is agreed

A minimum of 20 students are needed for each upcoming Judicial Studies Course to sustain current Judicial Justice numbers and meet work demands. Associations are asked to regularly review and submit nominations. The next course will kick off in April 2026 and we encourage early action

A draft Job Description for Māori Cultural Advisor is being reviewed, and an appointment process is being considered

## **STAFF UPDATE**

It is with mixed feelings we announce the departure of Shinae and Simone.

Shinae has tendered her resignation with effect from the end of October as she and her family are relocating to Northland. While we are sad she is leaving, we wish Shinae and her family the very best and extend our sincere thanks to her for the amazing job she has done as our Professional Development Advisor.

Simone is taking maternity leave from mid-November but has indicated she will be back! We will miss Simone too and wish her the very best and look forward to her return.

Tony has been busy with recruitment to fill 3 roles:

1 x Professional Development Advisor – Shinae's vacancy

1 x Professional Development Advisor – parental vacancy (temporary)

1 x Administrator – permanent role

We have looked at the wide range of work to be covered until the positions have been filled and induction and learning are underway.

In the meantime, we would very much appreciate your patience, support and understanding as both Simone and Shinae do as much as they can to prepare for their departure, and Tony works hard to fill those vacancies. This might include using your Regional Representative as a first port of call for general queries.

## **FUNDING BOOST**

As we reported in the July edition of Informed by the Board, our funding boost has been finalised and the first instalment paid. Our contract confirms an increase of \$450,000 over the next 3 years.

The Board has carefully evaluated how this increase can best serve our Association membership and ultimately, the public. In addition to boosting head office support staff, we're pleased to confirm that this year, additional funding will be distributed to Associations as follows: **continued ....**

# **NATIONALLY**

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- ✓ Increase in the funding pool for Regional Conferences, based on % membership
- Increase to Court Panel Grant, with distribution proportionately based on actual court hours
- Increase for Service Desks, based on number of desks

We will also be employing an additional Professional Development Advisor, to significantly improve education and training initiatives for Justices of the Peace across the country, and we will not be seeking to increase capitation levies for our member associations for three years, starting July 1, 2025.

## RFNZJA CONSTITUTION

Work is continuing on our Constitution, as required by legislative change to the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

We estimate the following timeline to have this finalised:

- End of October 2025 – distribute draft to Associations for comment
- December 2025 – Special General Meeting to discuss, accommodate any changes, approve in principle
- February 2026 – AGM, confirm final changes and adoption by the membership

## REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Regional Conferences are confirmed as follows:

- Northern Region: 6-7 September in Franklin
- Auckland Region: 14 September
- Central Region: 13 September in Nelson  
20 September in Palmerston North
- Southern Region: 6-7 September in Ashburton

A reminder that Regional and National Conferences are open to ALL Justices of the Peace, and everyone is encouraged to register to attend.

## Service Desk Directory

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DAYS OF WEEK/ HOURS</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
<b>ARATAKI</b>	Community Centre Zambuk Way	Monday & Friday 10:00 – 12:00	Pat Taylor QSM JP 027 347 7657
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	Community Centre 183 Moffat Road Bethlehem	Every Friday 10:00 – 12:00	Eric Newman JP 021 814 897
<b>COURT HOUSE</b>	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
<b>GREERTON LIBRARY</b>	Greerton Road Greerton	Tues 2:00- 4:00 Thurs 2:00- 4:00	Majorie Lliffe JP 027 328 9807
<b>KATIKATI</b>	Resource Centre Beach Road	Every Friday 10:00 12:00	Isobel Huggard JP 027 328 0481
<b>MOUNT LIBRARY</b>	398 Maunganui Road, Mt. Maunganui	Tues 11:00- 1:00 Fri 11:30 –1:30	Jennifer Butler JP 027 206 0776
<b>Tauranga Multi - Culture Centre</b>	Historical Village 17 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Tauranga	Every Thursday 11:30 – 1:30	Nina Payne JP 571 1268
<b>PAPAMOA</b>	Papamoa Community Centre/Library, 15 Gravett Road	<b>Monday</b> 4.30pm-600pm <b>Wednesday</b> 10am-12 noon <b>Saturday</b> 10am-12 noon	Brian Hamilton JP 021 432 562  Linda Tocker JP 021 041 3552
<b>HOLY TRINITY</b>	Holy Trinity Church 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Devonport Road	Every Wednesday 12:00 – 2:00pm	Kelvin Bennett JP 027 492 9110
<b>TE PUKE</b>	Te Puke Library 130 Jellicoe Street	Every Thursday 10.30 – 12.30	Colette Hintz JP 027 6310660
<b>THE CROSSING</b>	The Mall 2 Taurikura Drive The Lakes	Every Saturday 10:00 – 12:00	Joy Fisher JP 027 618 9367
<b>OMOKOROA</b>	Library & Community Centre	Every Thursday 10:00 – 12:00	David Rolf JP 027 530 3362
<b>TE PUNA</b>	3 Lochhead Road. RD 6, Te Puna 3176. .	Every Wednesday 4:30pm - 6:00pm	Daryl HONE JP 0274972972.
<b>OTUMOETAI</b>	St Columba Church	Every Tuesday	Kelvin Bennett JP

# Boardroom 2024—25

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