



NEWSLETTER



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From the Desk of President

Glenn Williams KSM, JP



Tēnā Koutou Fellow Justices,

We are already over the hump now and into the second half of the year. I am pleased to be highlighting our recent achievements and upcoming initiatives.

Recent Appointments and Ceremonies

Since my last newsletter we have interviewed another three nominees for JP and all three have been recommended for approval by the MOJ. Along with one approved for appointment early in the year we will hopefully see three more being sworn in shortly. These new appointments will help take some of the places of those that have retired in the last few weeks.

Northern Region Conference

This conference is to be held in Pukekohe early in September. If there is any Board member willing to attend, as advised by Brian he is willing to let another Board member take his place. Please let Registrar know as soon as possible.

Professional Development Update

The latest update from the Federation on our Accreditation Status shows that our Association is the second highest with 82.7% of our JPs now being accredited. This is well above the national average of 64%. This is again an incredible achievement and is testament to Pat Taylor, QSM, JP our Professional Development officer and his team.

Accompanying this report was a further report showing the movement of the Associations over the last five years. This shows that our accreditation statistics have increased from 53.5% in 2021 to the figure today a 24.4% increase. This additional report also shows that we have had a nearly 20% decrease in our membership. This highlights the need for us to recruit new members to help offset those that have left and help lighten the load on JPs needing to staff or service

centres. So any members who know people who they think will make suitable JPs please encourage them to contact us so that we can assist them through the process.

Our mid winter Christmas and Quiz event has been scheduled for 20th July. Regrettably indications of those attending is well short of the number required by our reserved venue and if we do not see many more registrations we may have to cancel the function. This would be unfortunate as we have a guest speaker arranged and we would be reluctant to have to put them off. So please members look at your calendars and see if you can make that date and let our Registrar know as soon as possible,

Board Updates

A slimmed down Board meeting took place in June at Mount Maunganui College's staffroom due to a number of absences

· At this meeting Board Member Simon McGillivray JP, undertook his first meeting as Minute Secretary, part of the freeing up Registrar from a number of his roles.

· Registrar Brian Hamilton JP has taken a small number of enquiries from expressions of interest, having announced his intention to step down as Registrar over the coming year.

We look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at our event on 20th July.

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

Retirement of JPs

Thirty-four of our Bay of Plenty JPs have retired or resigned from active service since September last year leaving us with 186 active JPs, (down from 253 in 2015).

Perhaps the number resigning has been spurred on by the encouragement to be accredited which some feel is too onerous.

8 have been sworn in this year plus 2 transferred in = 10, but 5 transferred out and with 4 deaths = 9, a gain of one.

We do need to be on the lookout for potential new candidates. Nationwide the average age of JPs is about 72 so we need younger candidates as well.

Another fact to reflect on is that our Association income is going down. Every JP who resigns stops paying \$55 annually, reducing to \$25 if they remain as a retired member.

Next Training Day

We have just 13 registered for the midwinter lunch and we need 30 or 40. Please let me know if you are attending.

A REMINDER Get your mid-winter excitement!

Members are invited to a mid-winter Lunch at the **Oak Tree Restaurant, Greerton RSA,**
On Sunday 20th July at 10.30 am.

Guest speaker is Jen Scoular, Deputy Mayor.

There will also be a fun quiz on Accreditation questions so the event will classify as a
"Training Event".

Cost is \$30 per person to be paid by on-line banking prior to the event to
Westpac 03-0445-0182580-00. **There will be no payments accepted at the door.**
RSVP by Wednesday 16th July.

ACCREDITATION:

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

Pat: patandbernienz@gmail.com, Colette: r.c@hintzfamily.co.nz

From our Noticeboard



Death:

Michael David Christensen QSM JP on 3rd June aged 77, 29 years service

Retirement:

Audrey Tasker JP	36 years
Katie Wanakore JP	36 years
Dick Williams JP	29 years
Kathy Young JP	24 years
Stephan Parr JP	21 Years
Ron Dunham JP	18 years
Barry Ware JP	15 years
Pieter de Zwart JP	10 Years
Angela Thomson JP	9 years

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 congratulate these men and women for their accumulative service and wish you all a very rewarding retirement.

Long Service

Colin Olsen JP
Shona MacRury JP
John McKenzie JP
Alison Rowe JP

Resignation:

David Pearce JP
Jim Napier JP
Alan Clements JP

Transfer - Out

Karen Gilby JP has transferred to Christchurch as at 30th of June

On A National Scale

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING BRIEF for 15 May:

- Work is continuing with reviewing our Constitution, to comply with the requirements under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. Associations will be doing the same, and some Associations have already completed theirs. Remember, there are resources available to help (see Issue 5 of Informed by the Board which included these links: www.companies-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz and www.communitytoolkit.org.nz)
- An increase in RF funding – has been confirmed and we are awaiting formal Ministerial sign off before receiving details. Work is underway to plan how best to use the additional funding for the benefit of all Associations
- National Conference 2026 – planning is underway for conference being hosted in Dunedin

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Planning is underway for the hosting of 5 conferences around the country:

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

These conferences are open to any Association members, and are a great way to connect, learn and contribute. Pop the date in your calendar now and start making your plans.

ACCREDITATION

As you are aware, accreditation is our current mechanism for demonstrating competence and encouraging ongoing learning and development. It is the single process in place, following the initial test, that sets standards and expectations of our mahi.

We are looking at ways to make the measurement of competency more meaningful, and ensuring it is a process that reinforces trust and confidence in our members and the work they do. We want it to be fair and relevant, and a way of better assessing outcomes of quality training rather than it being seen as a compliance activity.

A significant refresh of the current accreditation test is being worked on. Our aim is to make it shorter, simpler and more direct.

It is recognised that for Ministerial Justices the range of work and therefore test topics is limited, and a key function of the test is to make sure people are up to date. One core aim is to incorporate a feedback loop to assist Justices if they get a question wrong, by referring them to the relevant section in the JP manual.

We are realistic and know there will be some resourcing implications for this work, but see it as a vital component of being accountable to the communities we serve. We will keep you updated.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL The Federation Board continues to action it's responsibility for leading changes in legislation affecting all Justices. We support the intention for an overdue amendment to the current legislation that has been promoted by the Auckland Association, and we are working hard to make sure than any suggested changes will benefit Justices across the country. An update of the legislation needs to capture changes around ongoing training and competence and justices maintaining connection and activity within the communities they serve. However, this matter needs to be carefully coordinated with the Ministry of Justice to ensure we get the support required to update the legislation

From The Training Section



Training Team Colette Hintz, Clare Wilson, Pat Taylor

It is with great pleasure and a bit of relief that we welcome Pat back from his 3 and a half month trip overseas, I have huge respect for all the work he does in the training space after filling his shoes while he was away.

Goals for 2025-26

1. To have 70% of members accredited
2. To have all newly sworn in JPs accredited at time of swearing in.
3. To have 70% of members attend at least one authorised training session during the year.
4. Continue to make training fun and informative.

Results to 1st May 2025

Membership 188

Accredited 158 or 84% (**Top Association in Northern Region and 2nd in NZ**)

So far this year all JP's sworn in have already passed their Accreditation Tests



Training Events

There have been 3 one on one training sessions to help members gain accreditation. I have emailed every member that is due to expire in the next two months and offered support for them to prepare to sit the new test, some of which have taken me up on my offer. The offer is open to all members that are not accredited, please feel free to contact me or Pat now he is back to arrange a time, training can be done over the phone or in person.

There have been 4 preliminary training sessions for new JP's

The next training event is 20th July 2025 at the Greerton RSA's Oakroom with lunch from the Oak-tree Restaurant This is a smorgasbord that has a huge choice that caters for everyone.

This has a cost of \$30 per head that needs to be paid by 13th July 2025 into Bay of Plenty JP

Association bank account 03 0445 0182580 00 with your name as reference and "lunch" as the code.

10.30am Greeting and tea and coffee available

10.45am Training quiz

12 noon lunch which you are welcome to join us for

12.30pm Guest Speaker – Jen Scoular

1pm Thanks and close

Colette Hintz

Immediate Past President/ Justice of the Peace Educator

JPs receiving their **Retirement / Long Service** certificates at various ceremonies recognizing their accomplishments.

See page 4 for the full list of recipients



JPs Heather Waldren and
Dick Williams





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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Letters to the Editor

Clarification on Statutory Declarations sought

I am looking for consensus on issues that I come across frequently at the Service Desk at Papamoa Community Centre.

Example One

The client comes in with a Statutory Declaration page only from a Kiwisaver Hardship Application they are making on-line. There are no other pages of the application present.

They have been instructed to print out the Statutory Declaration page and take to a JP to make their Declaration. Do you process this Statutory Declaration?

Example Two

A bank has sent a client to get the Statutory Declaration taken by the JP but do not send all the pages of the application (usually a Kiwisaver Withdrawal Application) as well? Does the JP take the Statutory Declaration?

Example Three

A client is applying to renew the passport of her mentally disabled daughter.

She brings only the Signing Page. Does the JP require her to return with all the pages of the renewal form before the Statutory Declaration is taken?

Example Four

A client is making a INZ1025 - Application for Sponsorship of family member(s). They have only bought page 8 that contains the Statutory Declaration page. Does the JP require the client to return with all the completed pages of the INZ1025 before they take the Statutory Declaration?

I would be very interested in any comments on how other JPs are handling these scenarios?

I am hoping Pat Taylor our Training Officer may give us his opinion on these as well.

Linda Mary Tocker JP

Papamoa

Please email any Letters to the Editor to enewman@kinect.co.nz

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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

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