



Justice Pieces

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1. From the President

Kia ora koutou

It has been interesting getting back to a more normal setting at Orange. One wonders if Green will ever happen. It is pleasing to see the steady rate of demand across all our Service Desks. Those of you working at Wellington Te Awe Library have really appreciated the warm welcome there and the support of the staff. Ensuring effective service to our community is critical and whatever means you are able to use even if it's signposting to the Service Desk when you cannot see people at home, all helps. I seem to be very busy at home with Marriage Dissolutions and there are other JPs who can do these. The workshop in the Waikanae Community Centre was a lot of fun and we had good feedback, so will run that again. If you are doing a dissolution and get stuck, do call a colleague and ask for input. Two heads are often better than one. The main issue I see is the confusion between Particulars of Marriage and a Marriage Certificate. It is hard to explain that you have to apply for the Marriage Certificate in order to complete the dissolution application.



In this issue, we celebrate and congratulate five of our members who have been awarded thirty or forty years service certificates from the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Justice. The current settings have allowed us to present these in person. We have also been able to present two Certificates for Retirement. As some people conclude their service as a JP, I am pleased to report that three newcomers were sworn in on 9th June at Wellington District Court. In a first for me all three swore their oaths of allegiance and the Judicial Oath on their own personal holy books which had meaning to them. Diversity in action and I am sure that everyone will welcome the three newcomers to our Association.

I am sure many of you will recall Dame Dawn Lamb who transferred to Auckland earlier this year. We had planned to have a morning tea to farewell her, but in the event that did not happen. A gift has been sent to her in lieu of morning tea to thank her for her significant contribution to the Association and the Royal Federation. On a personal note she was my mentor for Judicial Studies and I hugely appreciated her wisdom and knowledge. Thank you to Dame Dawn from all of us.

Keep well in these difficult times and thank you again for the great job you have been doing.

Ngā manaakitanga
Ann Clark JP

2. Why Get Accredited and How Do I do This?

Accreditation is the best way to show yourself and your clients that you are keeping up to date with, and not forgetting JP practice.

When you are accredited, there is a green tick  beside your name when you search for yourself on the website.

Your accreditation expiry date is two years from the earliest of either your most recent Professional Development training session or the date you passed the online test. Your accreditation expiry date can be found on your Profile page on the national website.

If your accreditation expires, there are two steps to be re-accredited - your online details must show that you have attended a Professional Development training event within the past year and you must sit and pass the online accreditation test. This information is recorded in the national website. Information for accessing and updating this website is in the next article.

Accreditation Step 1. Professional Development attendance. You must record all training attended yourself even though we do keep records of attendances as well. When you log in to the [website](#), click "Profile" in the top black bar. Scroll quite far down until you come to "Education Session". To enter a date, click the calendar icon at the far right of the box and select the date from this. This will ensure it is in the correct format. **If you make any changes, don't forget to click Save at the bottom.**

Accreditation Step 2. Online Test. You must sit and pass an online 50-question test with a correct score of 45 or better. It takes about 40 minutes to complete, and you can use your JP manual to help you answer the questions. After the test, you will be sent an email with your score and the questions you answered incorrectly. If you don't pass the first time, after 48 hours you can be re-tested just on the questions you missed. You access the test by clicking "Accreditation Exam" in the top black bar of the website home page.

3. Update Details on the Website

The national website contains your personal details and information that is useful to you as a JP, including access to the Accreditation Test. Please note that the Wellington Association also keeps some personal contact details for each member, but this information is kept separately from the information in the national database. That means that if your contact details change, you need to both update the national website, and advise the [Wellington Registrar](#).

To log in to the national website, go to www.jp.org.nz. Your username should be lastname + JPnumber (lowercase, no spaces). If you have forgotten your password, or if nothing seems to happen when you enter your username and password, click *Forgot Password* and you will be sent an email to reset it. If you have forgotten your JP number, or if your email has changed and you are no longer able to access the old one, this will not work. You should contact the Wellington Registrar.

After you log in, there are a number of buttons that will be useful to you, especially *Profile* and *Accreditation Test* which are in the top black bar.

Profile contains all your personal details which you can update. You can update Professional Development attendance as indicated in Accreditation Step 1 above. You can also update your JP availability on this page.

If you scroll down on the home page after your login, there are several other useful buttons including one right at the bottom to download the *JP manual*.

4. Queen's Birthday Honours



Congratulations to Mr Simon James Manning JP who has been awarded QSO for services to funeral services and disaster victim identification. Simon has been in the funeral industry since 1980 and established Harbour City Funerals in Wellington in 1989. Following the disaster response to the 1979 Erebus tragedy, Simon developed a more structured disaster response for future events with multiple fatalities and has led New Zealand's Funeral Disaster Response Team since 1988. As a member of the international disaster response organisation Blake Emergency Services, he assisted with the Kenya Airways crash in Cameroon and the downed Malaysia Airlines MH17 in Eastern Ukraine. In New Zealand, he has coordinated the Funeral Disaster Response Team following incidents including the 2011 Christchurch earthquake, the terrorist attack on 15th March 2019, the 2019 Whakaari/White Island eruption, and has been involved with the COVID-19 response team.

5. Our Newest Justices of the Peace

Our newest Justices of the Peace after being sworn in by His Honour Judge Davidson at the Wellington District Court on Thursday 9th June 2022.



From left to right: Deborah East, Judge Davidson, Sunit Prakash and Parvind Singh

Congratulations from the Wellington Justices of the Peace Association on your appointment and welcome to our Association!

6. New Justices of the Peace Wanted

We are losing more Justices of the Peace than we are appointing, but there is no let-up in demand for our services. While there are applications coming through slowly from within Wellington, that is not true for the rest of our area from Porirua north to our border just south of Otaki.

We are looking for candidates to become JPs who

- can describe the Tiriti o Waitangi and its role in NZ
- are comfortable working with very diverse client groups
- recognise different cultural values
- can serve people with disabilities, the homeless and dispossessed and LGBTQ communities in a non-judgemental way
- like to learn
- can cope with a bit of paperwork
- are computer literate
- want to facilitate people in the community, whoever they are, to participate to the fullest in our social society.

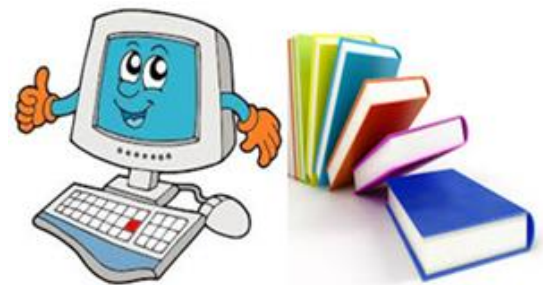
Some candidates are concerned about their community references, details of which are requested on the application form. The type of activities which can meet this requirement are many and varied, such as school camp helper, community garden volunteer, charity shop volunteer, collector for charity, school board, committee for church, reading recovery tutor, search and rescue, Rotary, etc.

You, our members, are urged to have a think about who in your acquaintance would make a good JP and have a chat with them. Many of us got that first spark of interest after talking with an existing JP. The application form is on the Ministry of Justice website. Here is the link to [JP information page](#). Scroll down to get to the [Justice of the Peace nomination form](#). If you scroll further down to the end you will see the interview templates. If any of you have contact with any of MPs Porirua northwards, please have a word with them about the need for JPs in their area.

7. Professional Development

Audrey Fell-Smith and Ann Clark hosted the *Building on Back to Basics* session on 11th June. Forty JPs assembled at Wellington Bridge Club to work through a set of scenarios which had come out of various discussions. The feedback was very positive, the consensus being that it was good to be able to discuss the scenarios and get the feedback on the possible solutions.

- *Interesting set of questions that made me think*
- *covered areas I was not confident in and this helped me with confidence and where to go if still in doubt*
- *very useful to me, cleared up some doubts*



Attendees were pleased to get the supporting resources: practice notes on the scenarios, one on Immigration issues (content discussed with Immigration), an Authorisation and Instruction guidance note covering online property transactions, and a Marriage Dissolution Checklist along with a list of JPs who can do Marriage Dissolutions. A useful [web address](#) was shared where Statutory Declaration forms can be downloaded by clicking on *Law, crime and justice* and scrolling down the page to find *Making a statutory declaration*.

The session will be repeated in Wellington District Court at 5:15pm 12th July and then at the Waikanae Community Centre at 9:30am 20th August.

8. Law Changes Facing the Association

Many of you will be aware that effective 6th April 2022 the new Incorporated Societies Act became law, and this replaces the 1908 Act. On 2nd June 2022 the Minister for the Charities Services announced the results of the review of the Charities Act and the likelihood of ensuing legislation.

Our Association is registered both as an incorporated society and as a charity, so we are facing changes. At the moment it is not clear if we can remain both an incorporated society and a charity, or we have to opt for one route over another.

In addition, the Royal Federation is conducting the Federal Structure Review, which the Wellington Association has contributed to. We have no update yet on the progress of this.

The Charities Review will

- reduce reporting requirements on smaller charities
- require more transparency for those with more than \$140,000 of Assets (not an attribute for us)
- push for a more accessible tribunal for charities that want to appeal decisions
- set up a fund to enable access to Justice services, an expanded taxation review authority to deal with challenges to decisions instead of a court hearing.

The Bill is to be introduced this year and referred through to the Select Committee.

In relation to the Incorporated Society Act implementation, Ann Clark will be part of the reference group for the implementation of this Act. This will involve reviewing tools to support the change implementation for the sector and commenting on the access to information to build understanding of what is required. Ann has suggested in her feedback to the reference group that some contestable cross-agency advice be developed on whether to go incorporated society route or charity route, or whether it is feasible to remain with both and what the advantages and disadvantages are.

At the moment our reporting is reasonably good for a small body. The reporting includes how many there are of us, what services we provided in what number to whom and where. We also have a comprehensive financial report.

The Association will need to undertake a substantive review of our constitution to meet the requirements in the new Incorporated Societies Act if we decide to remain as an incorporated society. All societies will need to re-register under the new Act and the constitution must meet the new standards as specified in the new Act. The website will be advising that societies will be able to re-register from October 2023 with a two-and-a-half-year transition period, to allow societies to re-register. If a society is not re-registered by April 2026, it will cease to exist.

Regulations will be developed during 2022 to support the requirements, and what is required in the constitution document is already prescribed in Section 26 of the new Act and is not going to change. Once re-registered with the new Constitution, a society will continue operating as the same legal entity it has always been.

So, watch this space. More change is in the offing.

9. Judicial Justices

Two members, Karen King and Dr Paige Carlyle, have successfully completed the Judicial Studies Course and Practicum recently. Welcome onboard as Judicial Justices!

The next Judicial Studies Course is due to commence on 15th August and we have completed the interview process having received a few interested applications. A number of these have been put forward to the Royal Federation for consideration and we wish them well in their interviews.

10. Declarations and Affirmations in Te Reo and Two Book Reviews

E whakatakoto ana ahau ai tenei whakapuakanga tuturu pono, a, e whakapono ngakau whakatohu ana ahau he pono enei korero, a, e noho hangai ana ki te ture oati me ngā whakapuakanga 1957.

If someone wishes to make a statutory declaration or an affirmation in Te Reo you can find the wording on the Royal Federation [website](#).

There's also a short section on Tikanga for JPs on the website, but for those who want to become more confident in understanding Tikanga, two excellent books have recently been published.



Written by Keri Opai, Tikanga is clear, accessible, and beautifully illustrated. It gives an introduction to the Māori world view (Te Ao Māori) and core values and offers explanations for how different customs derive from these. Understanding the “why” makes it much easier to know and remember what is the right thing to do.

As an experienced teacher and communicator, he writes authoritatively and with great generosity. He makes it clear that he is writing from the perspective of his Taranaki background, and often will point out differences between Iwi.

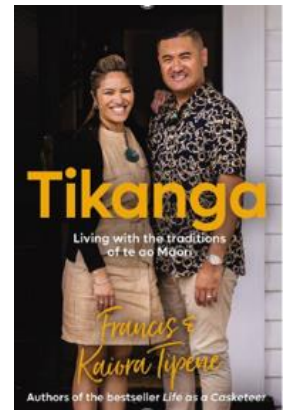
His love of the language and Whaikōrero (oratory) shines through, and on a practical level there are detailed explanations of different kinds of welcoming ceremonies, (pōwhiri/whakatau), pepeha (introductions), and tangihanga, as well as particular Tikanga

(traditions).

Also published in 2021, Tikanga by Francis and Kaiora Tipene, of Casketees fame, has been written with the assistance of Paul Little.

The focus is more on explaining core values and concepts such as Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Tapu and Noa, through examples and relating their own experience growing up. They also explain how the values are expressed in their everyday work and lives as urban Māori.

Kaiora and Francis take turns to narrate and express their opinions, often with great humour, and their relaxed and accepting personalities make this a very enjoyable and at times laugh-out-loud read. The underlying message is serious: have respect for other people, respect for their beliefs, respect for Te Tiriti. And just do your best to respect Tikanga – it will be appreciated.



Both books are widely available now in stores or in the public libraries.

11. Marriage Dissolution Form G7 - Yellow Paper

Many of you will know that the Marriage Dissolution pack includes a form labelled G7, and that in the past we have been advised that this **must** be on yellow paper. However, completed Marriage Dissolution forms can now be scanned into the record along with an online payment. Scanning goes to Central Processing and the completed original must be mailed in for the Court file. As a result, there is less focus on the G7 being on yellow paper. The Wellington and Porirua District Courts have advised that if the correctly completed paperwork is handed in they will not reject a G7 which is not on yellow paper. The G7 form lists contact details of the parties and the names of children of the relationship. It is not part of the affidavit, there is no need to sign as a JP or to initial any alterations.

12. Long Services and Retirements

Long Service Certificates

John Matthew Neil Booth – 30 years



Having been Principal of two schools, Neil was made aware that some documents could not be signed or witnessed by a school principal. In 1992, Neil was appointed a JP. Neil has enjoyed meeting and helping so many people. He is now an active member of Waikanae Beach Bowling Club.

Euon Graham Murrell – 30 years

Euon is very proud to be a JP and to continue as a JP.



Virginia Rosemary Breen – 40 years



Virginia was presented with her 40 Year Certificate of Appreciation. She is seen at the first concert of the season of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra in the Michael Fowler Centre. As well as being a JP, Virginia is a significant supporter of the Arts.

Joslyn Tjeerd – 30 years



Joslyn has had Motor Neurone Disease for many years which has now crept into her hands. She lives at the Village at the Park. Joslyn remembers serving in Johnsonville and is an ex public servant. Joslyn keeps an eye on us through her face operated computer and keeps up to date.

Jane Stevenson - 30 years

Jane was appointed a JP in 1992 in recognition of her community work. She later studied to become a lawyer. While co-owning Kapiti Law takes up most of her time, Jane still undertakes JP duties from time to time, in order to contribute to her community.



Retirement Certificates

Anna Peacock (formerly known as Lady Weir)

Born Anna Peacock at Heretaunga, Anna became a JP in 1993 and has enjoyed the responsibility immensely and loved living in Kapiti with her horse interests.

Now as a widow of 35 years, Anna has decided to revert to her maiden name, so is calling herself Anna Peacock.



Pat Booth

Pat thinks her most useful time acting as a JP was when she was working as Treasurer for the Wellington charity Downtown Community Ministry, where she assisted homeless people to get ID documents.

Pat has enjoyed her final JP days meeting new diverse New Zealanders at the Wellington District Court JP Service Centre.

