



Justice Pieces

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1. From the President

Kia ora koutou

Thank you to all for their flexibility and responsiveness as we have all negotiated Covid or isolation as the virus has spread. It has been rather a challenge to keep our services running but we have managed to do that with Courts covered, service desks running, in-person services at home and in-person Professional Development sessions for Ministerial JPs, Judicial JPs and Issuing Officers. My thanks go to all those who stepped in to help with the organisation of these sessions. Initial training for new JPs took place online through Zoom and that was fun and interesting. After we complete the next PD round at Waikanae we are planning further Marriage Dissolution sessions as we continue to get requests for this aspect of Professional Development. Some of you have asked for more online Professional Development sessions. Our trainers believe that online would not work for many of our JPs, however, next year we will aim to include more online sessions for those who would find this useful.



It has been a particular highlight over the last few weeks for me to meet with our Māori JPs and hear their perspective on our Association and what they think we need to do better. They have been extremely frank and shared their views not only with Helen Climo and me but also with the whole Council. We will put together an action plan to respond to concerns and to show more responsiveness in relation to te Tiriti.

We still need more new JPs. Four have recently passed the initial training test, one has yet to sit it and I have one pending initial interview. We need to be shoulder tapping the next generations under 60's please and continue to broaden our ethnic and social base to reflect and better serve New Zealand's diverse population. Community referees need not be a stumbling block and can be many and varied such as being in a volunteer group, helping on a school camp or coaching someone. Do not let getting these referees be an obstacle to making an application. I am taking a break from 30 August and am looking forward to seeing my family in the UK after three years. I hope to return fit and well. That was not the case after my trip at the end of June when I got Covid. Thanks to those who helped me out. To all those who have had Covid, I hope you keep well and to those who have not had it, take extra care of yourselves. The mask advice is important and do get your boosters and vaccinations.

Ngā manaakitanga

Ann Clark JP

2. Accreditation



We would very much like to get our accreditation numbers up.

There are a variety of reasons people have not done this, including difficulty finding it online and an aversion to taking tests.

If you are not accredited and would like some help to do so, please contact the Registrar Maureen. If people want it, we could run some online accreditation training sessions.

Also, if you are accredited and would be willing to help others become accredited, please contact the Registrar and she will try to match you up with someone who needs more one-on-one help.

Contact registrar@jpwelington.org.nz, or phone/txt 021 524 574.

3. Te Ao Māori

There have been two meetings now with Māori JPs who are members of the Association to discuss how we can bring the Tiriti into our work as JPs and into the operation of the Wellington JP Association. The second meeting saw the attendance of Māori JPs at a Council meeting to tell us their experience as members of the Association and as Justices of the Peace. The Council is committed to an ongoing dialogue and progress on the actions which have been identified.

4. Yellow Pages

At long last the Royal Federation has developed a mechanism to work with Yellow Pages to improve the accuracy of the entries. The data supplied will be generated from the Find a JP database, and therefore will be limited to what the public can currently find on the Royal Federation website. No accreditation or availability data will be supplied. The data will be frequently updated (exact frequency will be determined soon). Note, this is not a direct interface to the RF database. Whilst this change will maintain the online Yellow Pages with up-to-date data, the same cannot be achieved with the print version of Yellow Pages. Therefore, Royal Federation will supply to Yellow Pages as close as possible to print-date data relating to the specific book that is being printed, resulting in listings which will be no more than 12 months old. BUT accuracy for those JPs who continue to serve depends on you keeping your entry on the Royal Federation website profile up to date. You will need to log in and keep that up to date. This new process does mean that even if you have a temporary absence recorded on the Royal Federation database, this will not be reflected in the Yellow Pages.



5. Association Note Pads

We are pleased to have a new supply of these very popular A5 pads of paper which will be available to attendees at future in-person Professional Development events.

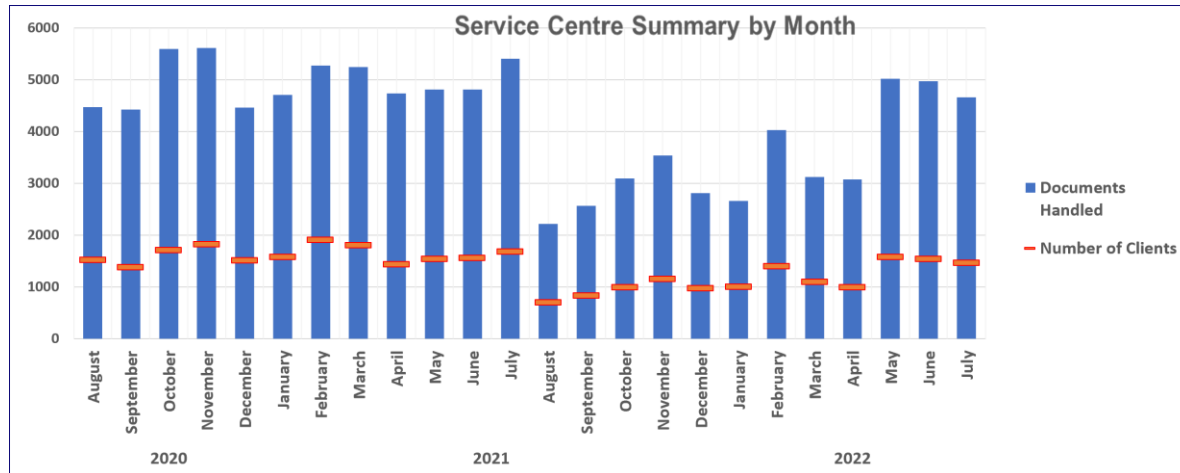
6. Service Desks

The Association supports Service Desks at 14 locations in Wellington Porirua, Paraparaumu and Waikanae. Our busiest sites are Wellington Central, Johnsonville and Paraparaumu.

Over the past year, despite various lockdowns, illnesses and isolation requirements, the Service Desks have continued to provide face-to-face service to clients adjusting and flexing as necessary to suit the situation. A big thank-you to the volunteers and the coordinators who accepted and overcame the challenges involved - which, of course, are not over yet!

Documents handled, number of clients and hours open over the year to end of July were each down about 30% over the previous year.

We are always looking for new volunteers on the Service Desks, so if you think you could offer even as little as a couple of hours a month, please contact the Registrar.



7. Reconstruction of the Aide Memoire

We are in the process of refreshing the Aide Memoire booklet that was developed about 4 years ago. The updated version will include the options to make declarations and affidavits in Te Reo Māori. Many of our JPs have told us they find the Aide Memoire invaluable as it is a handy sized document for carrying around for using when meeting clients at their preferred venues. If you use the Aide Memoire and have any comments on what changes would be helpful, please get in touch with Council Member Helen Climo email ahclimo@gmail.com



8. Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Requirements for Certification of Financial Documents



If you are asked to certify the copy of an identity document, always ask the purpose and for which agency the copy will be used. If it is for a financial organisation, you must use the appropriate AML wording. There is a generic version in the JP manual and in the stamps at our Service Desks, but also check with the client if the receiving organisation has specified a different wording. Some financial institutions have their own specific wording to meet the AML legislation. If they do, you must use their wording instead of the generic version. We have also noticed recently that some financial organisations (Sharesies being one) have requested that the signing JP send the certified copy to the

organisation from their personal email account copying in the client's email. The answer to that is always NO. The Royal Federation is aware of this and is working with these organisations to change their process.

9. Judicial Justices Update

Work continues on strengthening the Judicial Justices Panel. Three people - Steve Haddock, Andrew Melville and Brad Olsen - have been approved to join the Course starting on 15 August. We wish them well with their studies.

Thanks to those Judicial Justices who have agreed to be mentors for the students and the panel for supporting the practical learning of those new people on the bench.

There is a growing gap in gender terms on the panel and there is a distinctly pakeha majority.

If the bond is an obstacle to participation, we are pleased to say we can offer a scholarship to cover this for the 2023 course.

Please advise the Court Panel Manager, Caroline Ludford (caroline.ludford@jpwellington.org.nz) if you have an interest in becoming a Judicial Justice.

10. Our Most Recently Appointed Judicial Justices

Karen King, Dr Paige Carlyle and Gordon Noble-Campbell are our newest Judicial Justices and were presented by President Ann Clark JP with the certificates from Chief District Court Judge approving them to carry out Judicial Justice functions.

Welcome to the Judicial Justices panel!



11. Issuing Officers

Under the leadership of Norm Cook and Maurice Foote, the Wellington JP Association Issuing Officer Team have been very active in the development of standard operating procedures across the Police and the Issuing Officers for the approval of oral warrants. This has included talking to trainers from across the NZ Police at the Police College, so their influence has spread.

REMINDER - Justices of the Peace are not Issuing Officers. To be appointed as an Issuing Officer is a separate process and is a time limited appointment. Issuing Officers are appointed by the Attorney General normally for three years. It is possible for people who are not Justices of the Peace to become Issuing Officers.

If you are asked in person to sign a production order or warrant or approve over the phone an oral warrant, DO NOT SIGN. One recent service desk JP was told by the Police that they always used the service desk JPs to sign them. DO NOT sign if you do not have an Issuing Officer number and this is not the same number as your JP number. You can advise the Police that the authorized Issuing Officer List is held in their secure database, and they can look it up on their phone and make a time with someone on that list.

12. Building on Back to Basics

Thanks to all that attended the two sessions held so far for their energy and their feedback. The third session will be held In Waikanae on 20 August.

One of the resources you may find useful is on www.govt.nz. If you go to that website and click on *Law, Crime and Justice* on 4th row down and last column on the right. It takes you through to a menu screen. One line is *Making a statutory declaration*, click on that and it takes you through to a screen where there are links to template statutory declarations, with one for anything and one for downloaded documents. You may find it handy to have these downloaded and printed a couple kept in your kete of resources to help someone who has made a mistake or someone for whom the best option is likely a Statutory Declaration. If you click on the *Justice of the Peace* line who can witness a statutory declaration (their words) it takes the public through to the RF website to findajp.

13. JPs in Schools

We have resumed our initiative to offer Justice of the Peace services to Intermediate and Secondary schools, contacting over thirty different schools in the Wellington and Kapiti Coast areas.

The most common services asked for are for students who need certified documents of identity for admission to tertiary institutions and statutory declarations to apply for fees free study as well as other services as required.

Thank you to the JP's who have offered their services and/or have a long-standing relationship with a local school.

If you are interested in offering this service and have not already done so, please contact Deanne Daysh to let her know at deannedaysh@gmail.com.

14. Long Service Recognition



Trevor Allan Burr – 30 years of JP service

Trevor was presented with his 30 Year Certificate of Appreciation.

Over the past 30 years Trevor has been proud to help some 2000 people. There is always something new to learn, and life as a JP is very satisfying. It is never dull and Trevor hopes to continue on for a few more years.

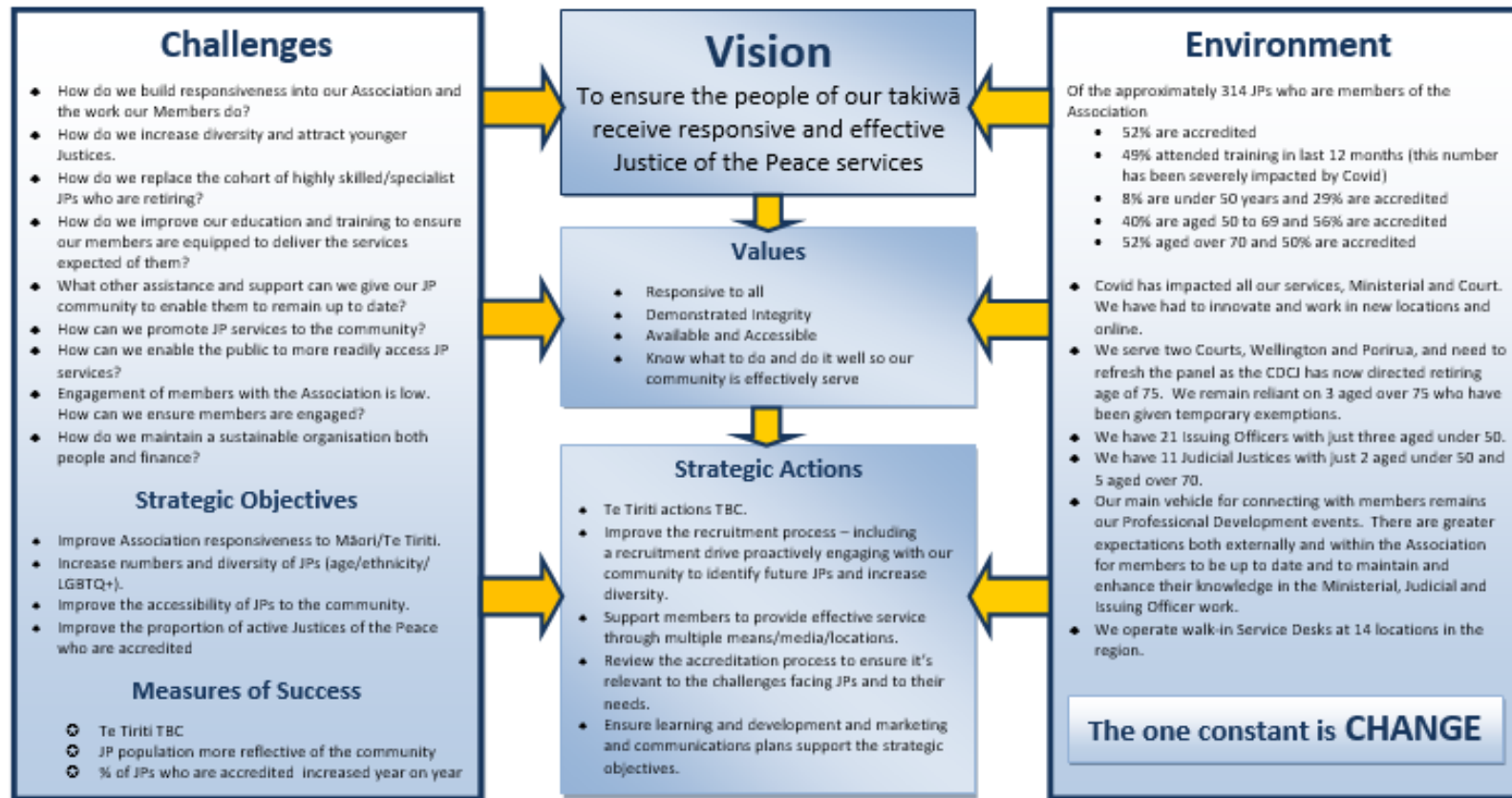
Trevor is currently living in a retirement village, where his skills are called upon on a regular basis.

15. Strategic Plan

The Council has been working on a new Strategic Plan, as the last one was 10 years old albeit with a few updates. We have attached the draft for your feedback which we expect to place before the incoming Council for approval to guide our coming year's work and beyond.



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