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1. From the President

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the December 2024 issue of Justice Pieces!

I am pleased to welcome two new members to our Wellington Council – Sue Kobar and Jim Dryburgh – and look forward to working with them in the future. Council is already starting to look to the future of the Association, particularly around Membership and Professional Development.

Recently, I attended the Swearing In of two new Justices of the Peace, held at the Porirua District Court. It was a privilege and a pleasure to be part of the Swearing In Ceremony for Teremoana Yala and Linda Hall-Thorpe. You can read all about this very happy occasion elsewhere in this issue of Justice Pieces.

It was also a privilege to be able to attend a Presentation at the Porirua Police Station, and to see Maurice Foote receive a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as an Issuing Officer, from the Porirua Area Commander Renee Perkins.

A great way to end 2024.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year with family and friends. Meri Kirihimete.

Noho ora mai

Carolyn Marshall



2. Wellington JP Association Council 2025

At the recent AGM of the Association, we welcomed two new Council members: Sue Kobar and Jim Dryburgh. We are thrilled to have them join us on Council and look forward to working with them in the future.

The 2025 Council is:

President:	Carolyn Marshall
Immediate Past President:	Ann Clark
Vice President:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Matthew Underwood
Registrar:	Maureen Pratchett
Council members:	Audrey Fell-Smith, Juping Zhou, Tim Price-Walker, Sue Kobar, Jim Dryburgh and Caroline Ludford



3. Privacy – Personal Information



As Justices of the Peace, we know that protection of the information shared with us is required. This is reasonably easy to manage when the person is sitting with us while we assist them at a Service Desk or in the privacy of our own home. However, maintaining privacy in our role continues long after the service we are providing has been completed. The Privacy Act 2020 introduced stringent requirements for collection, storage, and disclosure of personal information.

As JPs we know this; however, it is easy to collect or disclose personal information without realising we have done so.

There has been excellent information written (and shared again in this article) about what The Privacy Act includes in the Justice Quarterly's Educational Page newsletters that we receive, in particular in [January 2021](#) and [July 2022](#). As stated, if we are collecting identifiable information about a person, this falls under the Privacy Act. Information is only to be collected when there is a legal reason for doing so; the information collected is connected to our role as a JP; and the client is aware that their information is being collected and the reason for doing so.

Additionally, the information is to be stored where it is not accessible to others and only kept for as long as it is needed and for the original intention it was collected for.

When having a conversation with others (including our fellow JPs) it is important not to share any identifiable information, for example, their age, where the person resides, the content of an affidavit. While it sounds obvious, there are times when we could overshare an identifiable detail during a conversation without realising we have done so. A question we can ask ourselves is "Is there a reason to keep this information?"

4. Professional Development 2025

We are currently working on the Professional Development calendar for 2025 and will have more details in the February issue of Justice Pieces.



5. Introducing A Council Member – Caroline Ludford



Caroline was born in Lancashire in the UK and was in the Greater Manchester Police prior to moving to New Zealand. One of the positions she held in the Police was on the horses (mounted unit). One of the highlights of her career was to ride for Her Majesty The Queen at her Jubilee celebrations in Windsor Park.

Caroline has lived in New Zealand since 2006 and has been a JP for the last six years and is currently the Court Panel Manager and the Judicial Educator

for the Wellington Judicial JP Panel. She regularly sits in both the Wellington and Porirua District Courts and enjoys organising the training sessions.

She now resides in the Kapiti Coast area with her husband and is kept busy in several volunteer roles including President of the Photographic Society of New Zealand where she is an accredited judge and enjoys travelling around the country assessing images for the 65 affiliated camera clubs. She is also a volunteer photographer for the 'Heartfelt' organisation, who are dedicated to giving the gift of photographic memories to families who have experienced stillbirth or have children with serious or life-threatening illness.

Anyone interested in becoming a Judicial JP is encouraged to contact Caroline to find out more information: caroline_ludford@hotmail.com.



6. Our Service Desks and Their Volunteers

We currently operate Service Desks at 13 locations in the Wellington Region, and this is the time to give a huge thank-you to the volunteers who offer their services on a regular or intermittent basis to this most valuable and appreciated (by your Association and the public) service.

During the year, over 19,600 clients were served and over 62,100 documents were processed at these Service Desks.

We are looking for new volunteers, so if you think this might be of interest, please contact [Maureen](#). We do need you to be accredited but if you are not, don't let this be a barrier as we will guide and support you through this process.

If you live in the Newtown area or work in Wellington City, we need more volunteers to allow us to continue a 5-day service at Newtown Community Centre and 6-day service at Te Awe Library Service Desk, so please give this some consideration.



7. Our Newest Justices of the Peace

Teremoana Yala and Linda Hall-Thorpe were sworn in as Justices of the Peace at a special sitting of the Porirua District Court presided over by Judge Johnson and Judge Mika on 5th December 2024. Ann Clark JP introduced the two new JPs to the Court, with Council members, Carolyn Marshall, Jim Dryburgh, Sue Kobar and Caroline Ludford in attendance. The ceremony was supported by family members and supporters.

Mrs Teremoana Yala was born in Rarotonga on 4 April 1948, and educated in New Zealand. She returned to the Cook Islands in 1967 to work for the Cook Islands Government. Her late husband of 46 years died in 2014. They have four daughters and several foster children. They have 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Teremoana has over 35 years of extensive experience working in the Cook Islands Public Service across several agencies and the private sector.

She moved back to New Zealand in 1998 and worked for the Cook Islands High Commission. She became the Cook Islands High Commissioner in 2016. She retired in 2018 but continues to work when called upon.

Teremoana is an active member of the Porirua Cook Islands community and a Translator with the Department of Internal Affairs. She is an avid member of the Victory Church of Wellington.



His Honour Judge Mika and Teremoana Yala



His Honour Judge Johnson and Linda Hall-Thorpe

Linda Hall-Thorpe has three adult children and nine grandchildren.

Linda is currently Ngati Toa kaumatua. She regularly attends the Kunihera Kaumatua monthly hui, in supporting the various responsibilities of this role.

Currently for Hongoeka Settlement Inc. Hongoeka Marae, she is in charge of bookings and hosting events at the Marae to ensure procedures are followed. It is enduring with an intensive requirement to have many hands involved at times.

Currently she is also involved in Zonta Mana - a women's service and advocacy group pledged to a National and International body. She joined in 2013 and supported the service as President, Selection Committee member and Advocacy Committee convenor during this time.

She has also served for the period 1992 - 2003 on the Ngati Toa Rangatira Inc Runanga Board. At this time members were volunteers. She served for twelve years, six of those inclusive as Hongoeka Marae representative.

For the period 1998 - 2003 she was Chairperson of Hongoeka Settlement Inc - Hongoeka Marae Committee. Over the years she has been involved in various duties to support community projects, in particular, women's health and social services support and care for children.

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



8. National Conference 2025 – Greymouth

The JP Federation National Conference 2025 is to be held in Greymouth 14-16 March 2025. The registration fee is \$396.00 and includes all morning and afternoon teas, and Friday and Saturday lunches and dinners.

If you are interested in attending, please contact [Carolyn Marshall](#) for more information and/or a registration form.

9. The Role of Registrar for the Wellington JP Association

Our current Registrar, Maureen Pratchett, has indicated that she will be resigning at the AGM in October 2025. We are seeking expressions of interest from our members to take over this role.

Ideally, we would like to appoint someone who has a good knowledge and understanding of Excel Spreadsheets and Xero.

The Registrar's role is ex-officio, and there is an honorarium attached to the position. Duties include:

- Maintenance of Membership Information
- Maintenance of Membership information in Xero for invoicing
- Prepare timeline of tasks for the AGM
- Maintain Council Diary of events during the year
- Sending out bulk emails to members
- Liaison with President over dealing with complaints
- Merchandise
- Record-keeping
- Reporting

If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please contact either Maureen Pratchett, [Registrar](#) or Carolyn Marshall, [President](#) for further information. A job description is available on request.

10. Porirua Christmas Mayoral Reception

Our special thanks to Her Worship the Mayor of Porirua, Anita Baker JP, for again hosting its JP Mayoral Reception in the Spine at Pataka Museum on Tuesday 19th November 2024 and to all those Justices of the Peace, their partners or family members who were able to attend. A night of good company, fine food, excellent refreshments, and a wonderful end to our busy year.

11. Immigration Form – INZ 1190

Here is an immigration form to be aware of. It is INZ 1190 - Sponsorship Form for Religious Workers. A client returned recently because the JP had not noted they had to sign twice. Check [this](#) out.



12. Certificate of Appreciation



Maurice FOOTE, through his role with the Wellington District Issuing Officers has been instrumental not only in Kāpiti, Mana but across the country in the upskilling of staff in the oral search warrant application process.

His knowledge and expertise of legislation detailing the procedures is second to none. He has educated not only police officers but also his fellow issuing officers in the process of applying for/or considering search warrants using the legislated oral application process.

Maurice is always available, approachable, and willing to provide advice. His training of staff has had a

hugely positive impact on many initial action scenes requiring a search warrant, ensuring that evidential material is lawfully seized under the considerations of an urgent oral application.

Maurice Foote makes himself available 24/7 to consider search warrant and production order applications. He often receives little notice making himself available throughout the night, sometimes even when he has been told to rest! An example of this was one weekend a sergeant had been told that Maurice was away. They called two other registered officers in Wellington, and both declined listening to the oral warrant. On the off chance they tried Maurice, knowing that in the situation time was of the essence, he jumped straight into action despite being in the Hawkes Bay. He didn't hesitate to listen to the application and grant the warrant. He then worked out the best way for that warrant to be signed with him being out of town.

13. Retirement



Judy Whitcombe of Porirua has retired after over 24 years as a JP.

In her early career, Judy trained as a teacher, then spent 23 years on the Wellington College of Education Council. She received a QSO award in 2004 for her work in Public Services and Education. After that, she worked with several public sector departments including the Community Funding Agency and the Department in Child Youth and Family Services. She completed a PhD in "Policy, Service Delivery and Institutional Design" in 2008.

Although she is retiring from her JP work, Judy continues to be active in advocating for the needs of her village community. We wish you well in your retirement, Judy, but we know you will not be putting your feet up.



Thanks to our contributors to this issue of Justice Pieces, which included Carolyn Marshall, Maureen Pratchett, Audrey Fell-Smith, Caroline Ludford, Juping Zhou, Sue Kobar and Ann Clark.

If any of our members have suggestions for articles, please let the [editor](#) know.

