



Justice Pieces

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1. From the President

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the February 2025 issue of Justice Pieces!

Council has already met twice since our AGM in October 2024, and we have established a Membership and Marketing Sub Committee to look at 'growing' our Association. As Justices of the Peace, we are very visible in our local communities, and it is important that we continue to be accessible to the public.

Professional Development Training Sessions will be starting again in March 2025, and there is a more detailed article in this issue. The Association is also planning to hold Accreditation sessions during 2025. We will let you know the dates once they have been finalised.

I hope you all continue to enjoy this warm weather.



Noho ora mai

Carolyn Marshall

2. Professional Development

The Ministerial Professional Development Trainings for 2025 are detailed below:

AFFIDAVITS

Saturday 22 March	9:30am - 11:30am	Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Wellington
Tuesday 15 April	5:15pm - 7:15pm	Wellington District Court, Lambton Quay, Wellington
Saturday 17 May	9:30am - 11:30am	Waikanae Community Centre, Utauta Street, Waikanae

JP WIDER ROLES

Saturday 21 June	9:30am - 11:30am	Whitireia Polytechnic, Porirua
Tuesday 15 July	5:15pm - 7:15pm	Wellington District Court, Lambton Quay, Wellington
Saturday 16 August	9:30am - 11:30am	Waikanae Community Centre, Utauta Street, Waikanae

MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION

Saturday 20 September	9:30am - 11:30am	Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Wellington
Tuesday 21 October	5:15pm - 7:15pm	Wellington District Court, Lambton Quay, Wellington
Saturday 15 November	9:30am - 11:30am	Waikanae Community Centre, Utauta Street, Waikanae

We encourage suggestions for training topics and welcome your input. Please contact Carolyn via email at carolyn.marshall@jpwellington.org.nz with any suggestions or enquiries.

3. Identifying Your Client

In response to a recent question as to what ID documents we can use for identifying a client when taking a Statutory Declaration or Affidavit, see Section 2.3 of the JP Manual which states: It is not acceptable to refuse to administer a person's document because they do not have a form of photo identification.

It is best practice to see a form of photo identification such as a driver licence, passport, New Zealand SuperGold Card or 18+ card / Kiwi Access Card, before witnessing a document. You may be able to use photo identification that has expired to positively identify your client.

If the client does not have identification, you may ask reasonable questions to assure yourself of the person's identity. If the signatory is described in the document as 'Joe Rawiri Bloggs, of Wellington, Builder' you could ask the signatory questions along these lines:

- What is your full name?
- What is your address?
- What is your occupation?

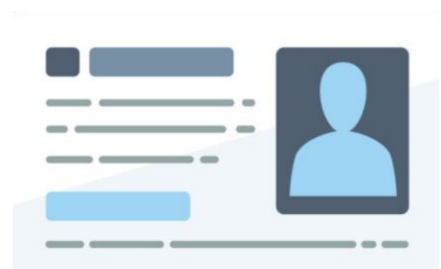
Only you can assess the reasonableness of your questions and the client's responses. This is not a legal requirement and your questions should not be intrusive. The onus on the Justice is to be reasonably satisfied as to the person's identity, and this is fulfilled when the Justice asks questions of the person.

Witnessing a signature

Identify the client the same way as above (see 2.3).

Certifying copies

Unless the certification is for AML-CFT purposes, client does not need to show ID.



4. New Constitution Update

As you will all be aware there is a legislated requirement to update our Constitution to meet the new legal requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 to remain an Incorporated Society. As with other JP Associations we have been working through this. A consultation draft was issued to all members last year and we had some excellent feedback and made some changes as a result. The feedback also revealed some issues that will be better addressed outside the Constitution like the age profile of our membership.

Work has continued on the new Constitution and an important milestone was reached at the end of January with sign off after legal review. Our thanks go to Former President Sue Scutter JP in enabling access to her new law firm and for their support.

Thanks are also due to Gordon Noble Campbell JP for his generous support in working through some of the questions arising from member feedback in the consultation and also planning for transition. Gordon has worked extensively with the many volunteer sports organisations also affected by the changes, Also thanks to Alan Hart JP for sharing his extensive knowledge and indicating some important issues in the Justices of the Peace Act 1957 that the Constitution needed to have regard to.

The next step is a Special General Meeting to adopt the new Constitution and authorise the transition arrangements between the current Council and the Council provisions in the new Constitution. With the adoption of the new Constitution, we will formally be ending the current constitution. There will be a 30-day notice for the Special General Meeting, and we will at that time circulate the new Constitution, the feedback report and the proposed transitional arrangements. This is planned to be an in-person meeting and will occur in June. 2025.

5. Introducing A Council Member – Jim Dryburgh



A Scotsman, brought up as a boy, in Dunoon, Argyll on the West Coast of Scotland, Jim Dryburgh was commissioned into the UK Royal Corps of Signals, from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, in 1978, having first completed an Army Apprenticeship, between 1975 and 1977, as a communications systems engineer, in Harrogate North Yorkshire. Before coming to NZ he served in UK, the former West Germany, Berlin, Belize, Cyprus, Bosnia, Croatia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Kosovo, Macedonia, Albania, and Poland, in a range of command and staff appointments. He commanded a UK Signal Squadron in Cyprus, and in 1999 formed, and commanded, a NATO Signals Battalion, drawn from ten contributing nations, based in Maastricht, the Netherlands, at the turn of the Millennium.

Retiring from the British Army as a Lieutenant Colonel on 31st October 2005 he was commissioned, as a Major, into the New Zealand Army on 1st November 2005. He was promoted as a NZ Lieutenant Colonel in December 2008 and held appointments as a specialist Military Communications Capability Manager, Chief of Staff Army Capability and Chief Operational Communications Planner in the Defence Joint Headquarters. He joined The New Zealand Defence Chief Information Officer's team in March 2015. He was then promoted to Colonel and appointed as Director Service Integration in May 2018. Upon leaving the regular Army in January 2021 and transferring to the Reserves, he was appointed to the role of Chief of Staff to Chief Information Officer. Jim was additionally appointed as Director Change and Transformation in August 2021 to see a challenging digital transformation programme through to closure in 2022.

Jim holds a master's degree in Information Management (distinction) from Victoria University as well as post graduate diplomas in Operational Management and Business. He is a Chartered Manager and a Certified Consultant for the Riders and Elephants Emotional Culture Deck as a well as a Certified Facilitator for the Arbinger Institute Outward Mindset Programme. Jim holds fellowships with the Chartered Institute of Management and the Institute of Leadership and Management.

Now semi-retired, Jim founded CultureClan in early 2022 as he planned his transition out of Defence on completion of the transformation programme role. The establishment of CultureClan was inspired by his passion for helping others to understand, enable and, where necessary, establish or improve organizational culture. To do this he draws on a breadth and depth of very practical leadership experience in often challenging, novel, and even hostile, conditions. He has worked with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Education, The NZ Energy Commission, Horowhenua District Council, Downer, Spotless, Worksafe NZ, Mitre 10 Mega, NZDF Health, NZDF Digital Group, Harcourts Rentals and a range of other diverse organisations since establishing CultureClan. Jim enthusiastically offers his services, pro bono, to several not-for-profit organisations in the charitable and education sectors.

Jim is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Kapiti and a past Assistant District Governor, Rotary District 9940. He has been a Justice of the Peace since 2014, qualifying for Judicial duties in 2024. He is also an independent marriage and civil union celebrant. Jim is on the Board of Trustees for Life Education Hamilton, a past Chair of the Poppy Trust for Paraparaumu Memorial RSA and a Past Deputy President of the Wellington West Coast and Taranaki District RSA. Jim lives in Kapiti with wife Heather and two of their five children. In what spare time he has these days, he builds robot sculptures from junk and indulges his passion for steampunk!

6. Does the Client Have a Grizzle about Another JP?

Sometimes a client presents and informally lets us know that another JP has done something they believe is incorrect or unprofessional.

If you get one of these comments, you do not need to address it yourself. Ask the client if it would be OK for us to follow up. Get the client's name and contact number and the JP's name if known, and pass this information along with a brief summary of the issue to the [Registrar](#). The Registrar will contact the client to understand the situation, and will also follow up with the JP.

7. Expression of Interest for 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.

8. JP 2025 Calendar

Date	Day	Subject	Start	Finish	Location
Ministerial Training					
Saturday 22 March		Affidavits	9:30	11:30	Wellington Bridge Club
Tuesday 15 April		Affidavits	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Saturday 17 May		Affidavits	9:30	11:30	Waikanae Community Centre
Saturday 21 June		JP Wider Roles	9:30	11:30	Whitireia Polytechnic
Tuesday 15 July		JP Wider Roles	17:15	18:45	Wellington District Court
Saturday 16 August		JP Wider Roles	9:30	11:30	Waikanae Community Centre
Saturday 20 September		Marriage Dissolution	9:30	11:30	Wellington Bridge Club
Tuesday 21 October		Marriage Dissolution	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Saturday 15 November		Marriage Dissolution	9:30	11:30	Waikanae Community Centre
New JP Support Group – contact Ann Clark to attend these training sessions					
Tuesday 4 March		New JP Training	17:15	19:15	Will be notified to attendees
Tuesday 27 May		New JP Training	17:15	19:15	Will be notified to attendees
Tuesday 15 July		New JP Training	17:15	19:15	Will be notified to attendees
Tuesday, 18 November		New JP Training	17:15	19:15	Will be notified to attendees
Judicial / Issuing Officer Training					
Wednesday 26 February		Judicial Training	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Wednesday 9 April		Judicial Training	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Wednesday 11 June		Judicial Training	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Wednesday 10 September		Judicial Training	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Wednesday 12 November		Judicial Training	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Saturday 3 May		Issuing Officer Training	9:30	11:30	Porirua District Court
Saturday 8 November		Issuing Officer Training	9:30	11:30	Porirua District Court
Council Meetings					
Monday 27 January		Council Meeting	19:00	21:00	Zoom
Monday 17 March		Council Meeting	19:00	21:00	Zoom
Monday 19 May		Council Meeting	19:00	21:00	Zoom
Monday 21 July		Council Meeting	19:00	21:00	Zoom
Monday 15 September		Council Meeting	19:00	21:00	Zoom
Monday 17 November		Council Meeting	17:15	19:15	Wellington District Court
Regional / National Conference					
Saturday 18 October		AGM & Ministerial Training	9:30	12:00	Whitireia Polytechnic
Friday 14 March		National Conference	Greymouth		
Saturday 15 March		National Conference	Greymouth		
Sunday 16 March		National Conference	Greymouth		
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Friday 14 February			Friday 8 August		
Friday 11 April			Friday 10 October		
Friday 13 June			Friday 12 December		

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Thanks to our contributors to this issue of Justice Pieces, which included Carolyn Marshall, Maureen Pratchett, Audrey Fell-Smith, Ann Clark and Jim Dryburgh.
If any of our members have suggestions for articles, please let the [editor](#) know.