



Justice Pieces

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1. From the President

Kia ora koutou,

At the beginning of 2025, the Council established a Marketing and Membership Sub-Committee in response to the need for sustained and diverse recruitment within the Wellington Association. Brochures and posters have been distributed to Service Desks at libraries and community centres, encouraging those interested in becoming a Justice of the Peace to scan the QR code on the brochure or visit our website to complete a Google form for more information.

The Sub-Committee is very pleased with the response so far - 26 enquiries have been received to date, including some from as far afield as Auckland, Bay of Plenty, and Gisborne. These early results are very encouraging, and we look forward to welcoming new JPs from this recruitment initiative in the near future.

The Regional Conference for the Central District will be held on Saturday 20 September 2025, at the Manawatu Golf Club. More details are available in this issue of *Justice Pieces*. Our Council member, Tim Price-Walker, will be leading a workshop on *Understanding and Leading Change* - a particularly relevant and timely topic.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact me at carolyn.marshall@jpwellington.org.nz or on 021 684 480.

And finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Special General Meeting (held via Zoom) in June 2025 to vote in our new Constitution - an essential requirement under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. Your participation was greatly appreciated.



Noho ora mai
Carolyn Marshall, JP

2. Professional Development

The Ministerial Professional Development Trainings for the rest of 2025 are detailed below:

JP WIDER ROLES

Saturday 16 August	9:30am - 11:30am	Waikanae Community Centre, Utauta Street, Waikanae
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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

If there are any subjects you would like to have addressed in the training plan for 2026, please contact Jim Dryburgh at gesopflo@aol.com and put WJPA Professional Development in the subject line.

3. Your Association Needs You

Ever thought about becoming a Judicial JP? Can you work under pressure and show sound judgement? Now might be your chance.

The next Judicial Studies Course is to be held in April 2026 so we have plenty of time to show you the ropes. Why not come and see what is involved and what exactly we do sitting in the District Courts around the Wellington Region.

The course consists of a 6-month study programme online and 3 open book assignments. You have to pass each one to gain admission to the next one. If you pass the assignments, you go forward to a Judicial Practicum and will be assessed by a Judge. You will have access to a mentor and support through buddy meetings by Zoom throughout the programme. There is an age bar in that no one can sit beyond their 75th birthday. It takes roughly two years to become proficient and we would really like 5 years of service.

If you are interested, please email Caroline Ludford, Court Panel Manager, an expression of interest: caroline_ludford@hotmail.com, and she will give you more information.

4. Royal Federation Website Listings

It is essential for JPs to be listed on the Royal Federation website, not only for public access to their services but also for agencies to verify that documents have been properly signed. Some agencies may even contact the JP directly for further confirmation. Despite a notice on the website advising agencies to reach out to us, we are aware that some still reject documents if they cannot locate the JP on the website, leading to unnecessary delays for clients. In such cases, clients often must visit another JP who is listed.

JPs may occasionally be unavailable due to illness, holidays or other commitments, but we have recently observed an increasing number of JPs marking themselves as unavailable for extended periods (years) simply because they do not want their details listed publicly.

For those concerned about their address, please note that JPs can remove their house number, ensuring that only the street name and suburb are displayed. Additionally, if a JP prefers not to meet clients at their home, they can arrange to meet at a nearby location when contacted or direct clients to a local Service Desk.

Some JPs have expressed that listing their details is unnecessary as they actively serve at a service desk. While this is a valuable service, if their information is not on the website, agencies will struggle to verify them, potentially resulting in rejected documents and inconvenience for clients.

For consistency, the names displayed on the website should match those on the JP stamp and their gazetted name. If a JP has legally changed their name, please inform the Royal Federation: administrator@jpfed.org.nz. Some agencies conducting due diligence are rejecting documents if the stamp name, website, and gazette are not identical. Additionally, while some JPs prefer to use a nickname on the website, it is important to consider that a nickname familiar to you may not be recognized by those verifying JP identification.

5. Central Region (North Island) Conference

The Central Region (North Island) Conference will be held at Awapuni Racecourse in Palmerston North on Saturday 20th September. This year's conference is being hosted jointly by Wellington and Hutt Valley Associations.

Registration forms will be available shortly and members are encouraged to attend. It is an opportunity to broaden our perspectives and consider options as to how we define success as a voluntary and necessary service.

Registration starts from 9:15 and the conference will finish around 15:30 to allow for travel at each end of the day. Please start your planning to ensure you SUCCESSFULLY get to Awapuni on 20th September 2025.

6. Going Digital: A Simple Way to Share Our JP Story

This one is for the Technies

We're always looking for easier, more modern ways to spread the word about becoming a Justice of the Peace - and now we've got a great one that fits right into your pocket!

You can now **add a QR code straight into your phone's digital wallet** (just like a boarding pass or loyalty card). This QR code links directly to our *Wellington JP Recruitment Page*, where interested people can learn more and sign up for more information.

So next time someone asks, "*How do I become a JP?*" - you don't need to fumble for a flyer or send them a link later. Just take out your phone, open your 'Wallet', and let them scan the code right there and then!

How does this work?

We know QR codes can sound a bit techie, especially when you're being asked to **scan a QR code to add a QR code** to your phone! But it is very simple, and there's nothing to be afraid of.

1. **Pick your phone type:**
 - If you use an **Android** phone, you will need to scan a **Google Wallet QR code**
 - If you use an **iPhone**, you will need to scan an **Apple Wallet QR code**
2. **Follow the prompts** to add it to your Wallet.
3. Once it's added, you'll see it there any time you open your Wallet app.
4. When someone's interested in becoming a JP, just open your Wallet and show them the QR code - they can scan it with *their* phone and be taken straight to our recruitment page.

⚠ Important Tip: Don't scan the wrong one!

Be sure to use the right QR code for your phone. If you scan the wrong one (say, the Apple version on an Android phone), it simply won't work - and might lead to confusion.

What if I don't like it or don't use it?

No problem at all - you can delete the digital card from your Wallet anytime. This is just a simple, digital way to help make it easier to spread the word. We think it's worth giving it a try. You might find it becomes a handy little conversation starter!

So go on - give it a go. Add a QR code to your phone and help us grow the JP whānau in Wellington. If you would like to have a QR code to add to your phone's wallet, let us know. Just tell us what type of phone you have (Android or Apple) and we will email you one. Send your email to: carolyn.marshall@jpwellington.org.nz.

7. Our Newest Justices of the Peace

On 12th June 2025, we introduced our 4 newest JPs Caroline Herewini, Teurukura Tia Kekenā, Nina McGregor and David Stewart (left to right) to His Honour Judge Mika at a swearing-in ceremony at Porirua District Court.



Caroline Herewini MNZM (Ngāti Kahungunu/Ngā Tuhoe) is a human rights advocate who works to end all forms of violence against women and children. Being Kaiwhakahaere of Te Whare Tiaki Wāhine Refuge Charitable Trust for more than two decades, Caroline is a founding member of the Everywoman Treaty Global Coalition and the International Network to End Violence Against Women and Girls, and Breaking Silent Codes, a movement of grassroots indigenous women across Australia, the Pacific and Aotearoa, New Zealand. Her advocacy is underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi, bringing an indigenous approach to refuge services, and providing spaces grounded in aroha and manaakitanga for the victims of domestic and sexual violence. Caroline has been a keynote speaker at international conferences from Mexico to the Hague and remains based in the field in Porirua.

Teurukura Tia Kekenā was born in Atiu Cook Islands where she attended primary school. She left Atiu to attend her secondary school on Rarotonga. Teuru had to stay in a hostel with only one visit a year to her home island. She completed her schooling here in Wellington attending Wellington High School. She worked in the Education Department and then up to her recent retirement at the Royal New Zealand Police College.

She met her husband Charles Kekenā in 1968 and got married in 1970. They had three boys Frederick, Ashley and Moerai. She has two grandchildren Isaiah and Cullen Kekenā. Tragedy struck the family on 27 January 2008, when her oldest son got killed in a work accident in Australia. The family's lives were turned upside down. Support from her Cook Islands Community, Church, Family and her employer was overwhelming. She is currently Chairperson at Porirua Cook Islands Community and Session Clerk in her Church.

Nina McGregor - What drives Nina are her whanau, her hapu and the Porirua community where she was born and bred. Nina has a Degree in Business and works as a Contract Business Analyst with a consultancy.

Over the years her community service has included coaching and umpiring netball for college, club and the Kapi Mana Netball Centre, serving on marae, netball and tennis club committees and ahu whenua trusts, and mentoring youth through the Graeme Dingle Foundation in the community and at Porirua and Aotea colleges.

The reason she decided to become a Justice of the Peace was because she required this service when she was executor for her son's estate. To honour him, she set up an award at Corinna School in his name. Each year it is awarded to a Year 8 student who demonstrates kindness. Since Sala's passing, she has volunteered for the Mary Potter Hospice's street collection. Every day without her son is incredibly hard but she keeps going to make him and his three sisters proud of her.

David Stewart - Born and raised in Wellington, David Stewart had a successful business career managing Human Resources companies.

For 10 years he was a Board Trustee on the EEO Trust, a joint government and private sector initiative to celebrate diversity within the workplace.

He was a Board Trustee of the Hopai Home & Hospital, one of New Zealand's oldest charitable trusts. As Trustee and Managing Director of Te Hopai for 17 years, Dave helped develop the organisation in the challenging health sector, providing for the aged and needy.

In retirement Dave is looking to serve the local community as a JP.

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

8. Retirement



Edward (Ted) Smith, Electrical Engineer, JP as his stamp said, was presented his Certificate of Retirement, a lapel badge and a small gift from the Association to mark the end of his 19.5 years serving the Karori community as a JP. Previously living in Makara, Ted has moved to "the Village" in Karori where he looks back on his role as a JP with the "satisfaction of having done some good in the community". He once counted how many clients he had served – over 4000.

Ted was also a voluntary police assistant in Karori for 14 years under the auspices of the Community Constable. As a founding member of the Macrocarpas. He spent 30 years in Makara planting natives which are now well grown. The irony of the group's name came through a Dutch woman, also a founding member, who thought macrocarpas were a native tree.

During his long career as an electrical engineer, he worked all over the world, but his favourite role was in the building and commissioning of the Manapouri power scheme which he believes is one of the world's most amazing engineering feats, but he is disappointed he was never recognised by the Electrical Board for his pivotal role in the project.

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