



JP Update

Keeping you informed of current issues – December 2017

From the President

2017 has been another good year for the Association, continuing a trend that is particularly rewarding for those who have contributed to raising the profile of JPs in the community and the standard of JP services.

The Signing Centres are growing in locations as are the number of JP Members joining the Signing Teams. The Signing Teams provide an accessible, professional and valued JP service to the ACT community. They are also a great opportunity to develop a friendship with fellow JP Members.

Executive for 2018

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 4 November 2017, attended by over 40 members, with apologies from numerous others who could not attend..

A key feature of the meeting was the election of the Executive for the following twelve months. The Executive works on behalf of all Members, and is ultimately responsible for the operation of the Association.

Your 2017-18 Executive is:

- ✚ President - Beverly Alley
- ✚ Vice President - Ruth Megirian
- ✚ Secretary - Geoff Wood
- ✚ Treasurer/Registrar/Public Officer - Paul Adams
- ✚ Executive Member - Anne Meade
- ✚ Executive Member - Rupsa Neogy Kumar
- ✚ Executive Member - Ian Primrose

The 2016-17 outgoing members were re-elected, which is a good outcome as the team work together well.

On behalf of all Members, thanks are given to the Executive team for their involvement in administering and supporting the Association over the past year.

What's going on next year?

The calendar of events planned for 2018 is on the reverse of this Update. We will have three seminars and three editions of *Justice Matters*. It is important that we all keep up to date with the practice of providing a comprehensive JP service. This is where our Members' seminars come in—they are a perfect chance to refresh your JP knowledge, get to know your colleagues and have some fun.

Mark the dates in your diary now! The first Members' Seminar for 2018 will be on **17 March at 10.00am**.

Working With Vulnerable People

The ACT WWVP requirements now includes Justice regulated services. We have had discussions with ACT Government in respect of the WWVP requirements and how it affects Justices of the Peace. We were initially advised last month that all JPs would be required to hold a WWVP card by 8 November 2018. However, we have now been told that this will be dependent on several factors and the contact circumstances the JP has with deemed vulnerable people. As a volunteer there is no fee for a JP to get a WWVP card. Written advice from ACT Government will be sent to all JPs early 2018 on this topic. WWVP information is available on the Access Canberra website.

Justice of the Peace Register – on line

The Justice of the Peace Register will be moving from the JACS website to the Access Canberra website early 2018. Improvements in using the Register are being developed. This move will result in a change of password for JPs to access the Register for updates of personal information etc. A written communication from Access Canberra will be sent to all JPs in January which will set out what you will need to do.

Finally ...

On behalf of the Executive, I'd like to wish all our Members, and their families, a safe and happy festive holiday period.

Here are some thoughts for this festive time:

- ✚ Treasure your family and friends.
- ✚ Christmas is a special time for family and friends, but also to extend a hand to those who are less fortunate.
- ✚ Take time to remember those who, for whatever reason, are not with us. They are still here as you carry them in your heart. Rejoice in your memories of good wonderful shared times.

May 2018 be an enjoyable and healthy year for all.

Beverly Alley, President 0438 948 497

Enjoy whatever you do and keep safe.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

Your Executive :

Beverly, Geoff, Paul, Ruth, Anne, Rupsa and Ian



Calendar of Events 2018

January	February	March
30 Executive meeting	20 Executive meeting	17 Members' Seminar
		20 Executive meeting
	Justice Matters	
Public Holiday: 1, 26		Public Holiday: 12, 30
April	May	June
17 Executive meeting	29 Executive meeting	16 Members' Seminar
		19 Executive meeting
	Justice Matters	
Public Holiday: 2, 25	Public Holiday: 28	Public Holiday: 11
July	August	September
31 Executive meeting	28 Executive meeting	8 Members' Seminar
		18 Executive meeting
		Justice Matters
October	November	December
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27 AGM - followed by JP lunch	20 Executive meeting	JP Update
30 Executive meeting		
Public Holiday: 1		Public Holiday: 25, 26,

Notes: **Executive meetings** are held in our office in the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre (Level 2), Canberra City. They commence at 6:00 pm and generally last about 2 hours. Members are invited to attend.

Seminars commence at 10:00 am and generally last about 2 hours.

Unless otherwise notified, Seminars will be held in the ACT Legislative Assembly Reception Room.

Venues for other events (including AGM and JP lunch) to be confirmed