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**THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF HONORARY JUSTICES**



The Honourable Robert Clark, Attorney-General, Minister for Finance and Minister for Industrial Relations, will open and be keynote speaker at our Bi-annual Conference.



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## THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

Some years ago when JPs sat constituting one of our suburban Courts of Petty Session, they heard an assault case. It appears that two women had cross-summonsed each other for assault, following a fracas between them. All the evidence having been heard the two Justices stood the Court adjourned and retired to consider the case.

On their return they announced the Solomon like finding to the effect that each woman was guilty of the relevant charge and each would be fined the sum of Ten Shillings!

## from the President's desk



Dear Members, Fellow Justices,

I would like to thank all those who attended the Annual Dinner on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>. And congratulate again those recipients of awards.

The awards presented are for continuous membership to the Association and not the time of becoming a Justice, although like me this sometimes coincides as I joined the association immediately to enjoy the support and benefits that it gives. Some of our Justices have moved interstate or came from another state and so have been Justices for more years than a member, but we are the only association to recognize the years of dedication and commitment that is required. Amongst the recipients were two former Directors and Life Members.

The guest speaker the Honorable Kim Wells, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, gave a wonderful and informative talk on the police and justice system that was inclusive of both Bail Justices and Justice of the Peace. The Minister spoke on the parole system and the need for additional prisons as all our holding facilities are overflowing with serious offenders.

Vice President Norman Wittingslow has been successful in obtaining many grants for distributing amongst our members. It is anticipated that we will require applications like in the past for travel kilometers but this is to be finalized by the executive committee, next week and members will be advised.

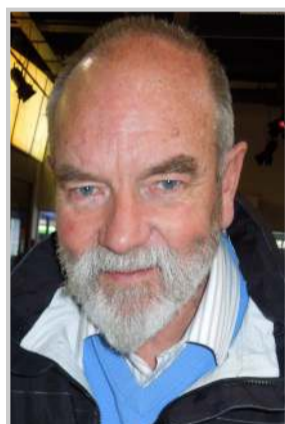
Our attention must now turn to the upcoming "Conference" to be held at the William Angliss Institute on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please support this event as it is free to all our members and will prove to be invaluable to continuing professional development and knowledge. The Attorney General, Robert Clark will be guest speaker, but supported by many other departments, Births Deaths & Marriages and State Trustees.

E-training has been launched and offers answers to commonly asked questions. If you have tried and experienced problems, please call Cathy for assistance and/or advice.

*Glenda Frost JP*

President RVAHJ

## from the Editor's desk



Fellow Readers

You would have now received the first edition of *Custodes* under my editorship. Interested in what you thought of it and if you have any suggestions to improve it.

I have received some good feedback on our new *Quarter Sessions* section. More in this edition.

I would welcome more stories, preferably with photos, of what is happening in your branch. I think we can all learn from sharing what activities you are running in your branch and what is successful in attracting members to meetings.

I am looking forward to our Justices Conference on Saturday 26 October. As the coordinator, I have planned to have a

wide range of speakers which should provide an interesting and informative event. It has been planned to cover issues for both justices of the peace and bail justices.

Please book early and make sure you don't miss out.

Thanks again to all those who have made a contribution to this edition.

*Michael*

Michael Cheshire JP  
Editor

## The best offer to become a member!

Join now and ...



- Obtain membership for the balance of 2013 plus all of 2014
- Attend the 2013 Justices Conference - free of charge



### **RVAHJ Membership Application and Payment Form**

*All Fields must be completed for a valid application to be processed. Enter N/A where a field is not applicable.*

**Personal Details** Personal details listed below are for association use only.

Last Name: ..... Given Names: .....

Occupation: .....

Home Address: .....

Town/Suburb: ..... Post Code: .....

Phone: ..... Fax: .....

Mobile: ..... Email: .....

Business Suburb: ..... Business Postcode: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Gender: .....

JP Number: ..... BJ Number: .....

**Public Details** Advise availability and preferred numbers for contact during the time frames indicated where you can be contacted by people needing your services.

**Availability:**       Any Time       Business hours       After hours

Business Hours: .....

After Hours: .....

**Payment details:** On submission, your card will be debited in the amount of \$72.00 (\$50.00 membership plus \$22.00 joining fee) GST included. Your membership certificate and email address will be mailed to your home address on acceptance by the board.

Credit Card Type:       Visa       MasterCard

Credit Card Number: .....

Expiration Date: .....



# RVAHJ Justices Conference



**Saturday 26 October 2013 – 9.00am to 3.00pm**



Venue: William Angliss Institute,  
555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne



## **Fiat justitia ruat caelum**

*“Let justice be done, should the sky fall”*

By popular demand, the RVAHJ is hosting another conference for all honorary justices! The program being planned will look at current issues for Honorary Justices and will include a variety of guest speakers. We expect to hear interesting views about the future for honorary justices and the services they provide.

**Cost:** RVAHJ Members (or applied) FREE!  
Non-RVAHJ Members \$72\*

**\*Special offer – Join the RVAHJ and receive membership until 31 December 2014 and free entry!**

For catering purposes, the RVAHJ must have final numbers by Friday, 11 October 2013. Numbers are limited, so complete the registration form below and return it quickly!

“This is your opportunity to keep abreast of justice issues and take part in the conference which will be discussing the matters for Justices of the Peace and Bail Justices. A great opportunity to network and hear what is happening on a local level.”



Michael Cheshire JP  
Conference Coordinator



### **Registration Form** RVAHJ Centenary Conference 2013

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email Address: .....

Phone: ..... Mobile: .....

Please tick ...

Justice of the Peace:  Bail Justice:

**Non-members to include payment of conference fee of \$72.00.**

Please complete and return to:

**RVAHJ, P.O. Box 317, Elwood, Victoria, 3184**



## MORNINGTON PENINSULA SPEAKER ON COMMUNITY CARE

Mr Scott Anderson, Community Care manager of Bayside Church was guest speaker at the Mornington Peninsula justices meeting, where he addressed members on the plight of homeless people and spoke on the programs his group is running to assist these people to take care of themselves.

230 people receive quality meals at two locations two days per week at "Matt's Place" an initiative of BCC. The organisation steers people into groups where they can learn to cook a simple meal, how to shop & economise and manage their finances. Mr Anderson said, "In 2008/09 more than 59,000 people accessed relevant services in Victoria, of course there has



Left to right: Ben Loois JP, RVAHJ Mornington Peninsula Branch Delegate, Scott Anderson, Community Care manager/ Bayside Church and Marie McIntosh JP

been a significant increase in numbers since then."

BCC works with Social Service Agencies and is funded through Local Government and fund raising activities.

by Ian Lyons JP  
Publicity Officer  
Mornington Peninsula Branch

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## THE JUSTICES POCKET BOOK

Late in the year 1909, three justices of the peace in Melbourne called a meeting of their colleagues at a city restaurant. As a result of this meeting an association was formed in 1910, under the name "The Honorary Justices' Association of Victoria".

The inaugural Council appointed a Registrar, P.J. Kent Esq., F.C.P.A. And set up the association's office in Swanston Street, Melbourne.

A journal of information, including reproduction of law reports and relevant legislation and other matters affecting justices of the peace was produced in September 1910, by which time 350 justices had enrolled as members.

"The justice of the Peace" published monthly, has continued since that time, although during the First World War some difficulties of continuity were encountered. A handbook of jurisdiction and procedure was also issued and revisions have been made over time.

The association was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 20 July 1938. Her majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on 24 May 1961, graciously approved the inclusion of the

title "Royal" in the association's name and the change of name registered on 17 November 1961, as Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices.

Vice Regal Patronage was accorded the association in 1939 by His Excellency Major General Sir Winston Duggan, K.C.M.G, C.B., D.S.O. And successive State Governors have extended their patronage.

From its inception until 1946 successive Lord Mayors of the City of Melbourne were presidents of the association, subsequently Lord Mayors have granted patronage.

The main emphasis, in all activities of the association, has been on the dissemination of information (and over a number of years of actual course instruction) calculated to make holders of the important office of justice of the peace more fully aware of their duties and responsibilities and assist them to more effective discharge of any and all facets of the work.

Membership of the association now stands at approximately 3,650, which represents 72% of all registered justices of the peace in Victoria.

Reproduced from the RVAHJ  
"Justices Pocket Handbook" circa 1980.

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## NORTH EAST UP AND RUNNING



North East Coordinator Robert Ford JP in action in North East Victoria.

**A** Document Signing Service point is up and running in Wangaratta. The service operates at the police station on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays while a service is available at the court house on Fridays. There are 19 JPs on the register, of which some are available full time, while some are available for evening shifts.

Bob Ford JP, local roster coordinator, reports that there has been a good response to the call for volunteers for the service operating at the Wangaratta police station and court house." I am very happy with the outcome to date, seeing it has only been going for a short time. We have had great responses from the Police,

the Court House, as well as from the community, only hoping that the figures will get better as time goes on." said Bob. "The signing centre in Wangaratta is going better than expected so early in the game and has nearly reached the 500 mark for the month."

Also a Document Signing Service point will open soon in the library at Myrtleford. It will be open on Tuesdays between 1pm to 3pm and have the ability to lengthen the hours if necessary.

Those JPs in the North East who may wish to volunteer may call Bob on 041 758 1167 or 03 57 522 071. They can also contact Bob via email on [ford.bob@bigpond.com](mailto:ford.bob@bigpond.com)

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### STOCKS FOR DELINQUENTS

It was only back in the 1960's that a report came through from a justices' dinner in the Guildhall, Worcester, England, at which the Lord Lieutenant presided, and the guest of honour was Lord Goddard. He startled the justices by suggesting that the stocks would be a good thing as a punishment for Teddy

Boys and other violent offenders, provided that the village constable stood by to ensure that nothing heavy was thrown at them. He added that after thorough research he had discovered that no statute had been passed to abolish stocks as a form of punishment. He did not advise the justices to try it, however, as the last time a sentence of this nature was passed was at Newbury in 1874.

## DOCUMENT WITNESSING TRAINING

The Document Witnessing Training Course is ideal for the newly-appointed Honorary Justice or as a refresher for the more experienced. It covers your duties and legal responsibilities when witnessing documents (Affidavits, Statutory Declarations, Certified True Copies and Powers of Attorney). The next session will be held:

**When:** Saturday, 5 October 2013 (9.00am – 3.00pm approx)  
Registration commences 8.45am  
**Where:** Royal Melbourne Hospital, PARKVILLE  
**Cost:** **Free** – RVAHJ Members (or applied)  
**\$100.00** – Non RVAHJ Members  
**RSVP:** Wednesday, 25 September 2013

**Bookings are essential and, where appropriate, will be confirmed on receipt of payment**

Please complete the registration form below and return it to the Association by fax (9525 7765) or mail (PO Box 317 Elwood 3184) or e-mail (admin@rvahj.org.au)

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**BOOKING FORM:** I wish to attend the following training course –

**Royal Melbourne Hospital - Saturday 5 October 2013**

Name: .....

BJ/JP Registration Number ..... Email .....

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..... Postcode .....

Contact Phone: Landline ..... Mobile .....

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### INTERESTING CALL

**Sunraysia Branch reports** - One of our members had an interesting phone call recently from a member of the public who wanted to know how much the JP would

charge to conduct a marriage ceremony.

He was astounded when informed that JPs do not conduct marriages and wanted to know what we actually do. He was informed and then pointed towards marriage celebrants.

## LAST JPS SITTING AT BROADMEADOWS MAGISTRATES COURT



John Whelan JP and John Vanderloo JP sitting as Magistrates at Broadmeadows Court

In 1984, the State Government passed a bill that after 30th June 1984, Justices of the Peace could no longer sit on the bench in Victoria. However, they had to

ask some JPs to return on the 27th July to adjourn all cases that had been listed for a hearing on that day, as the government had already booked the 27th July for a

state-wide conference of all Stipendiary Magistrates, so John Whelan JP and John Vanderloo JP became the last JPs to sit at Broadmeadows.

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## MILDURA SIGNING CENTRE NUMBERS ON THE INCREASE

The first half of the year has seen an upward trend in activity at the Mildura Signing Centre as run by the Sunraysia Branch. Located at the Mildura Police Station the Signing Centre is open each business day from 2 – 5 PM and has attracted quite a lot of both local and passing interest.

The period January – May 2013 saw an increase in all forms of documents being witnessed, for instance May had a total of 1697 documents from 441 clients. This number of clients for May was the highest since the

Signing Centre commenced in January 2009. Since commencement to date there have been over sixty thousand documents witnessed for both local and tourist population.

One issue which seems to be creating some confusion is how to process electronic documents – this is currently being addressed by both the RVAHJ and Department of Justice in co-ordination with Births Deaths and Marriages and it is to be hoped that some resolution can be achieved quickly to eliminate the confusion that currently

exists.

There are approximately 25 local JPs who man the roster at Mildura and although more would be made welcome the current numbers seem to be able to manage the opening hours without too much trouble no doubt due to the excellent work being done by the Signing Centre coordinator Mr Trevor Aust.

On current trends it is anticipated that close to 20,000 documents will be witnessed this year at the Mildura Signing Centre.

Harvey Hilary-Taylor  
Media Officer

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# Annual Dinner 2013



CUSTODES

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Spring 2013

## THE LEGAL WIG A LONG HELD CUSTOM



The custom of wearing of wigs by judges in this country has survived over the centuries.

It was said that it is extraordinarily difficult to recognise anyone other than a near neighbour when the room is packed wearing full-bodied wigs. Few faces are visible in the cloud of horsehair. The fact that judges wear wigs today may be blamed on Louis XIV and the quirks of fashion although, of course, periwigs were used before his reign. On becoming bald he ordered a peruke, Queen Anne was pleased to adopt the idea, and before long every wealthy old and middle aged man in England

was wearing this artificial contrivance in preference in having his hair dressed. By the middle of the eighteenth century there were dozens of named varieties from the artichoke to the spinach seed, the pigeon's wing to the she-dragon, and the staircase to the judge's ladder, the last mentioned being the prototype of the modern full bottomed style. All fashionable wigs were made of human hair and had to be overlaid with an incredible mess of pomatum to keep the curls heavily coated with white powder. This elaborate coiffure needed constant re-dressing by an expert to remain even tidy. Gradually,

the wearing of wigs was dropped until finally the army and the church gave them up, leaving them solely to the legal profession.

Then when Pitt, in spite of a passion of protest from the bench and bar, put a prohibitive tax on wig powder, an ingenious wig maker named Humphrey Ravencroft conceived the idea of manufacturing wigs from horse hair in such a way that they would retain their shape permanently and thus get rid of the need for pomatum, the powder, and the constant dressing. At first, the more conservative judges disliked the invention.

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### THE ROAD TOLL

In The Sun on 2 September 1961, Supt. Leigh of Police Headquarters Traffic branch was quoted as saying that Victoria faced the prospect of a record road toll in 1961; 5345 killed in 8 months of that year, compared to 693 killed in the whole of 1960. In August 1961,

79 people were killed and of those 27 were drivers, 27 passengers, 23 were pedestrians, 1 a cyclist and 1 a motor cyclist.

The Chief Secretary (Minister responsible for police), Sir Arthur Rylah, was quoted recently as saying that Victoria's road toll would be "cut to ribbons" if motorists observed the rules of the road.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

### Do your loved ones scratch their heads over buying gifts for you ?

Why not choose your own, from our many useful and attractive merchandise items.

Start dropping hints now - only one more Custodes before Christmas!

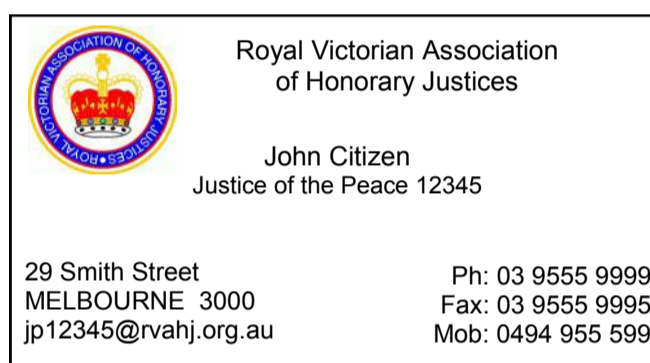
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**RVAHJ Clock** This go-anywhere clock has easy to read numerals in a polished chrome case with the Association's logo laser engraved.

**RVAHJ Name Badge** Be recognised at meetings and functions wearing our stylish Name Badge. With gold/metallic finish and the logo of the RVAHJ, the magnetic fitting makes it suitable to wear with even delicate fabrics.

**RVAHJ Cards** Make yourself known with these handy "business" cards. Printed on quality card stock with plain finish so you can write on the back!



**RVAHJ Plaque** This shield-shaped wall plaque bears the association's logo, surrounded with gold-coloured oak leaves. With an optional engraved name-plate, it is an elegant display for office or home.



**RVAHJ Lapel badges, Tie Bars & Cufflinks** Proudly display your membership of the association by wearing these tasteful dresswear items. Available with the association logo in gold on either a red or blue background or, limited stocks of our centenary designs

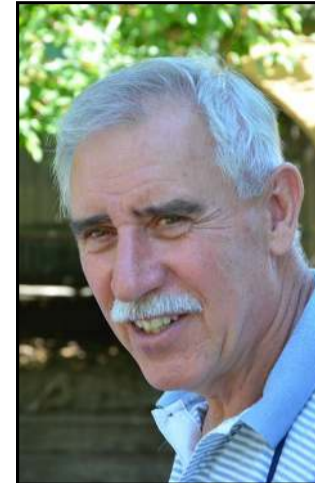


**RVAHJ Ties & Scarves** You'll be well turned out whether you choose our navy and green tie with gold scale motif or our limited-edition gold tie with blue and red stripes. And, for the ladies, our navy polyester square scarf with scale motif, is just the thing to set off an elegant outfit. Stocks of these popular items are currently limited so, order now to avoid disappointment.



**Ian Elston**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Secretary/Treasurer  
**Branch:** ..... Upper Murray  
**Year appointed:** ..... 2005  
**Birthplace:** ..... Ouyen  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Wodonga  
**Partner:** ..... Loretta  
**Children:** ..... Sally and Paige  
**Occupation:** ..... Retired Training Manager, Department of Defence  
**Football team:** ..... Essendon the Great Bombers  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... Dogs  
**Favourite book:** ..... Jessica by Bryce Courtenay  
**Favourite film:** ..... Rear Window by Alfred Hitchcock  
**Favourite food:** ..... Sea Food  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... Tim Costello, Kevin Sheedy,  
 ..... Maggie Beer & Anna Mears  
**Hobbies:** ..... Tennis, Rotary Work, Rebuilding a Mini Moke  
**Sport played:** ..... Tennis, Football, Basketball and Swimming



**Geoffrey Douglas Penna**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Branch Secretary  
**Branch:** ..... Wimmera  
**Year appointed:** ..... 2003  
**Birthplace:** ..... Ballarat  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Elmhurst  
**Occupation:** ..... Printer/Manager + Angus Cattle Breeder  
**Wife:** ..... Jean  
**Children:** ..... Three  
**Football team:** ..... Essendon/Geelong – but very casual interest  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... Both + Angus cattle  
**Favourite book:** ..... Fr. Chris O'Reilly's "Street Wise"  
**Favourite film:** ..... "The Plank" with Eric Sykes and Tommy Cooper  
**Favourite food:** ..... Any meal cooked by my wife  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... Jesus, Julia Gillard,  
 ..... Andrew Denton, & Michael Parkinson  
**Hobbies:** ..... Farming/Active member CFA and community affairs  
**Sport played:** ..... Marbles at school, tennis and 'couch' football.



**Donald Thomas Jagger**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Past Chair/Coordinator Signing Centre  
**Branch:** ..... Wimmera  
**Year appointed:** ..... 1992  
**Birthplace:** ..... Horsham  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Horsham  
**Partner:** ..... Doreen - passed away 2012  
**Children:** ..... Russell, Christine & Matthew  
**Occupation:** ..... Insurance Executive  
**Football team:** ..... Geelong  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... Dog  
**Favourite book:** ..... Kilo Class  
**Favourite film:** ..... Where Eagles Dare  
**Favourite food:** ..... T-bone steak & chips  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... Bruce Ruxton, Bob Katta  
 ..... Ita Butrose & Lindsay Fox  
**Hobbies:** ..... Hunting, fishing & reading  
**Sport played:** ..... Nil



**Ken Wright**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Branch Chairman  
**Branch:** ..... Sunraysia  
**Year appointed:** ..... 1963  
**Birthplace:** ..... Red Cliffs  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Mildura  
**Partner:** ..... Wife—Valda  
**Children:** ..... Ian, Stuart & Louise  
**Occupation:** ..... Estate and Commission Agent & MP  
**Football team:** ..... Geelong  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... Dog  
**Favourite book:** ..... Kidnapped  
**Favourite film:** ..... Goodbye Mr Chips  
**Favourite food:** ..... Whiting  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... General Sir John Monash,  
 ..... Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, Sir Don Bradman & Billy Hughes  
**Hobbies:** ..... Volunteering  
**Sport played:** ..... Tennis, Squash, Cricket & Golf



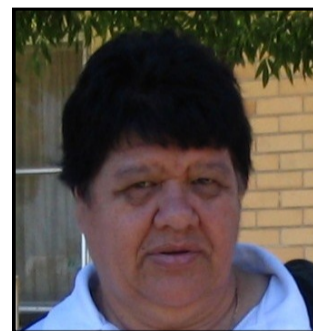
**Graham Unwin**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Chairman  
**Branch:** ..... Mornington Peninsula  
**Year appointed:** ..... 1960  
**Birthplace:** ..... Essendon, in the shadow of the John Coleman Stand.  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Aspendale Gardens  
**Partner:** ..... Kay is my wife of 49 years  
**Children:** ..... Michelle and Scott  
**Occupation:** ..... Retired. Former Insurance Company Officer  
**Football team:** ..... Essendon  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... We had a Schnauzer called Zoe  
**Favourite book:** .. Anything written by Dan Brown (Da Vinci Code)  
**Favourite film:** ..... Thomas Crown Affair  
**Favourite food:** ..... Anything fattening  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... James Hird (Essendon Coach),  
 ..... Geoff Huegill (Swimming), Cadell Evans (Cycling) & Mark Webber (Motor Racing)  
**Hobbies:** ..... Bowls  
**Sport played:** ..... Bowls at Edithvale Bowling Club



**Cheryl Duff**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Branch Secretary  
**Branch:** ..... Diamond Valley  
**Year appointed:** ..... 2006  
**Birthplace:** ..... Carlton  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Lalor  
**Partner:** ..... David Duff  
**Children:** ..... 3 sons  
**Occupation:** ..... Victorian Public Servant—Land Victoria  
**Football team:** ..... Richmond  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... Both  
**Favourite book:** ..... Of Mice and Men  
**Favourite film:** ..... Amazing Grace  
**Favourite food:** ..... Asian  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... Sir Cliff Richard, Sir Paul McCartney,  
 ..... Trent Cotchin & Tamsyn Lewis  
**Hobbies:** ..... Collecting keyrings  
**Sport played:** ..... None – Victorian Athletics Official



**Robert John Bailey**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Branch Chair  
**Branch:** ..... Geelong  
**Year appointed:** ..... 2007  
**Birthplace:** ..... Richmond, Victoria  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Torquay  
**Partner:** ..... Helen  
**Children:** ..... Lisa & David  
**Occupation:** ..... Bed & Breakfast  
**Football team:** ..... Essendon  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... Both  
**Favourite book:** ..... Jamie Oliver  
**Favourite film:** ..... Sound of Music  
**Favourite food:** ..... Chinese  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... My family  
**Hobbies:** ..... Wine tours & fishing  
**Sport played:** ..... Tennis



**Helen Gilholme**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Secretary, Roster Coordinator Caulfield  
**Branch:** ..... Monash  
**Year appointed:** ..... 2005  
**Birthplace:** . Tasmania, in a little mining town (explains a lot, doesn't it!!)  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Elwood  
**Partner:** ..... Michael  
**Children:** ..... Four (one boy, three girls)  
**Occupation:** ..... Retired  
**Football team:** ..... The only team worth following - COLLINGWOOD  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... I like both and have 2 cats and one dog  
**Favourite book:** ..... The Dive from Klausen's Pier  
**Favourite film:** ..... Don't have one  
**Favourite food:** ..... Fish  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... Any four dancers.  
**Hobbies:** ..... Dancing  
**Sport played:** ..... Is this a joke question?!



**Tony Allan**

**Position in RVAHJ:** ..... Branch Chairman  
**Branch:** ..... Glen Waverley Branch  
**Year appointed:** ..... 1985  
**Birthplace:** ..... Footscray  
**Present home town/suburb:** ..... Mount Waverley since 1966  
**Partner:** ..... Noelene  
**Children:** ..... Greg, Steven, Mark and Maree  
**Occupation:** ..... Retired Accountant  
**Football team:** ..... St Kilda  
**Like Dog or Cat:** ..... "Monty" our Dog  
**Favourite book:** ..... Any C S Forester novel  
**Favourite film:** ..... The Blues Brothers  
**Favourite food:** ..... Italian Pasta dishes  
**Which 4 people would you invite to dinner:** ..... Mick Miller (retired CCP);  
 ..... John Burns (3AW); Lambis Englezos (found 250 lost WW1 Fromelles diggers); and Jeff Kennett  
**Hobbies:** ..... Gardening  
**Sport played:** ..... Lawn Bowls at Mt Waverley Bowling Club



## NEW MEMBERS

The president and board warmly welcome the following new members:

Gregory Adkins JP ..... DOCKLANDS  
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Elizabeth E Barber ..... PRESTON WEST  
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Gregory M Vaughan APM JP ..... BANNOCKBURN

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## CONTEMPT OF COURT

**1960's** – Royal Courts of Justice-Belfast. Quoting an old authority on behaviour which could place one in contempt:

Reading books and papers other than law books and papers relating to the case ... is serious contempt. Loud talking, laughing, shouting at the judge, making derogatory remarks, assaulting a judge by throwing things at him, climbing over the backs of seats, knitting in court and eating sweets ... all constitute contempt.



**Q.** Can an enduring power of attorney be changed once it has been signed?

**A.** Although the printed information from the Office of the Public Advocate indicates that powers of attorney can be changed (so long as the donor is still capable of understanding what they are doing), when questioned on the

procedure, they recommended instead, that a new form be signed. This would ensure that there was no question of its validity.

Thank you to Robert Critch JP who raised this question.



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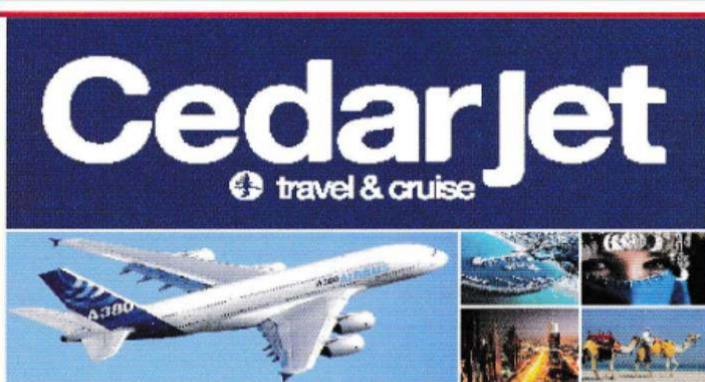
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## ORIGIN OF THE WORD "BARRISTER"



Legal education in England was originally the sole prerogative of the Inns of Court – Lincoln's Inn, the Inner Temple, the Middle Temple and Gray's Inn. These were voluntary societies of equal rank, with very similar constitutions and rules.

By the 14<sup>th</sup> century, law students were grouped together in these inns in the City of London, living a semi-collegiate life under a common system of education and discipline. From time to time readings on statutes and

moots or "Mock" trials were arranged in which students took part, and they were divided off from the Benchers and senior members of the Inn by a large brass bar. Hence the phrase originated of being called to the Bar.

The rank and file students taking part in these moots were referred to as "utter" or "outer" barristers, because until they were called within they had to remain outside the Bar.

The earliest use of the word "barrister" was found in the

Black Books of Lincoln's Inn in 1455, and the first reference to the word "barrister" was found in a most unromantic setting – namely, in the Statute of Sewers, which was passed in the reign of Henry VIII. The sterner critics of the profession were tempted to assert that the original taint had never quite evaporated.

In England it was through the Inns of Court that barristers were called to the Bar, and "call night" was an occasion which every barrister recalled with pride and affection.

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