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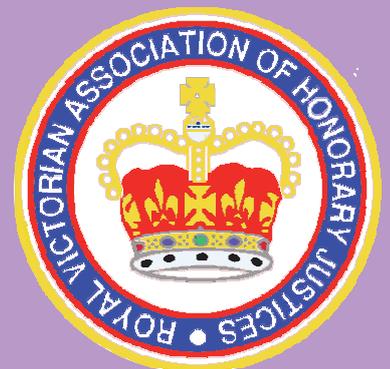
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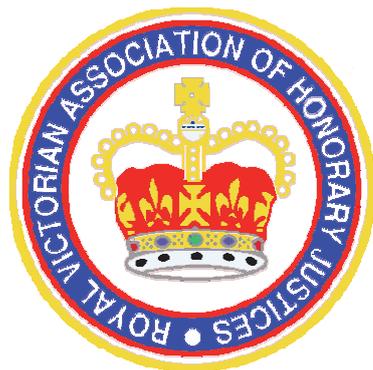
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Former president Garry Runge JP is presented with his Distinguished Member Award, by president Glenda Frost JP, at a recent board meeting. Further details on page 3.





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## Members Honoured

**W**e offer our heartiest congratulations to the following members who were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June –

**Henry Alfred Jenkins AO JP** - for distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, particularly as a presiding officer and through a range of outreach and inter-Parliamentary programs.

**John Chun Sai So AO JP** - for distinguished service to local government and community relations, as an ambassador for cultural diversity, and to the promotion of Melbourne as a tourist and investment destination.

**Richard Suor Lim OAM JP** - for service to the community through a range of social welfare organisations.

**Toni Anne McCormack OAM JP** - for service to the community through local government, transport and volunteer organisations.

**Thomas Joseph MURPHY OAM JP** - for service to the community, particularly through juvenile justice programs, and to veterans and their families.



Dear Members, Fellow Justices,

A great night was had by all who attended our Annual Dinner and enjoyed the company of other Fellow Justices and representatives from various departments. I wish to congratulate and thank those who were recipients of Certificates from 20 to 45 years as members of the RVAHJ. Well done.

The Attorney-General was our guest speaker who outlined the changes in the Honorary Justices Bill that came into effect on the 1st September. The RVAHJ were recognized as being of assistance in bringing about these changes.

The Act gives bail justices the right to use

the initials BJ like JPs and to use "JP or BJ retired" after ceasing duties, subject to certain criteria. It allows bail justices to be appointed up to the age of 70, then reappointed to serve to age 75. This new Act, and the reforms it introduces, will serve to reaffirm the regard and respect in which the offices of justice of the peace and bail justice are held, and will further assure the community of the high standards and dedication of those who have taken on these important roles of service to the community.

The Honorary Justice Bill is only a very small part of the reform and change that has been brought about for increased safety and assurance by this Government and the Attorney-General Robert Clark who continues to be the very best friend the RVAHJ and honorary justices in Victoria have ever had.

The Association has a steady membership of 2000, being more than half of the honorary justices in Victoria, with 24 Branches spread over

metropolitan and rural Victoria. We were instrumental in establishing the signing centres in police stations and major hospitals. We spoke, and were heard, by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to bring recognition of JPs to the signing of their documents.

The objects of the RVAHJ are 1. to represent the interests of Honorary Justices; 2. to promote honourable and professional practice amongst Honorary Justices; 3. to foster a high standard of professionalism amongst Honorary Justices; 4. to endeavor to improve the status and functions of honorary justices; 5. to provide any services, products or benefits considered by the Board to be relevant to its members; 6. to provide for the social networking of members of the Association and 7. to provide information and training relevant to Honorary Justices and others involved in performing honorary duties in order to perform in an honorary and honorable manner.

It is the aim of the Board to embrace all of the above objectives.

*Glenda Frost JP*

President RVAHJ

## DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

**G**arry Runge JP, was the RVAHJ president for 2009-2010, being the president for our association's centenary.

The RVAHJ board has just recently voted unanimously, to present him with the Distinguished Member Award.

### During his watch, Garry ...

- restructured the committee system;
- liaised with State Trustees and established a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate mutually advantageous cooperation;
- oversaw the centenary celebrations of the RVAHJ;
- travelled extensively across Victoria to Branch meetings;
- initiated discussions with Births Deaths and Marriages to enable JPs to certify documents for BDM;
- Prepared a submission in response to the consultation paper on the future of honorary justices and

- Worked on the fuel reimbursement grant.

### Garry's justice history includes ...

- 2004 ..... Appointed as a Justice of the Peace.
- June 2004 ..... Joined RVAHJ.
- October 2008 Appointed to the Board of the RVAHJ.
- 2009 – 2010 ... Elected President of the RVAHJ.

### The Criteria for the award ...

The nominee shall be an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Association in a significant and measurable way that is widely recognised by the membership.

The nominee shall have demonstrated through their commitment to the association measurable achievement and recognised benefits that have accrued to the association through their involvement.

The nominee may also have demonstrated through community and civic involvement a significant role in the recognition of Honorary Justices and the association.

# MINUTES OF THE 104<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT 53 BROADWAY, ELWOOD, ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

## **PRESENT:**

Directors: Glenda Frost (President RVAHJ), Norman Wittingslow (Vice President), Linda Rainsford, (Immediate Past President), Geoff Legge (CFO), Michael Cheshire, Terry McKay, Garry Runge and Rhonda Smith.

Members: John Barber, Terry Fisher, Wayne Freeman, Rodney Lavin, Cathy Owens and E. Manny Spiteri.

Observers: Sue Runge

## **APOLOGIES:**

Terry Bull, Nathan Kopel, Bruce Latimer, Rod McConnell, Paul Mracek, Margaret Nicholls, Alan Samuel, Joan Scott, and Michael Tse.

## **WELCOME:**

Glenda Frost, Association President and AGM Chairperson, welcomed those present and introduced the Directors present. Members in attendance were invited to introduce themselves. The President acknowledged guest, Sue Runge.

## **MINUTES OF THE 103<sup>rd</sup> AGM:**

Moved M Cheshire, seconded N Wittingslow that the minutes of the 103<sup>rd</sup> AGM be taken as read and approved. CARRIED

## **ANNUAL REPORT:**

The Chairman presented the Board's Annual Report for 2013.

I am pleased to present to you my report for the period of 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013.

At the commencement of my Presidency, I wished to build on the relationship between the Department of Justice and the RVAHJ and to continue with the good work that my predecessors have made. So going forward, I met many times with the Attorney General at his request, to discuss matters of concern and benefit to our members and honorary justices in general.

A lengthy submission was sent to the Attorney

General from the Board, from information gathered all over the membership of the RVAHJ, whose suggestions in most parts, have been acted upon and introduced to Parliament as the Justice Bill, recognising the RVAHJ's advice and assistance in preparation of such.

Attorney General, Robert Clark, continues to be very supportive of the RVAHJ and the continued work that we do, especially the rostered signing centres. These are proving to be of great assistance to the public and offer a safe and supportive environment for our members to carry out their duties without fear, and support is on hand if needed.

Membership is steady at 2000 and branches total 24, with the commencement of Sunbury and Westgate branches. New signing centres opened and the tally of signed documents was over 590,000.

The Board was successful in obtaining a grant of \$95,000 from the Commonwealth Government for training and distribution to our members and a committee has been set up to oversee this process.

The RVAHJ continues to assist the Department of Justice with their training; providing active JPs and BJs to sit on panels at induction and training sessions, but we are continuing with our own training at various areas to assist our members, both rural and metropolitan, and in 2013 we launched our E-learning, which was very well received.

The RVAHJ once again held a conference in August which the Attorney General opened and was joined by representatives from the Dept. of Justice, the Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages and State Trustees Ltd, who all contributed with interesting and informative talks.

The Annual Dinner was held again at the Treacy Conference Centre with the Hon. Kim Wells delighting us with his talk as the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and his portfolio. He presented many of our members with certificates of achievement and

congratulated them individually. During my first term as President, my focus has been on the continuance of the RVAHJ and its members. To this end I have liaised with the Attorney General and his assistants to procure a lease to ensure the RVAHJ's address. This involved having a close look at our governance and safety and restructure of all contracts was required to protect the RVAHJ and its member's safety and privacy.

I am fortunate to be working with a very talented and dedicated team of Directors and I wish to thank each for their support and efforts in my first year. I would also like to give a vote of thanks to the Immediate Past President, Linda Rainsford, for all her efforts and assistance and last, but not least, a big thank you to Cathy Owens in administration without whom we wouldn't meet.

Glenda Frost JP - President

Moved N Wittingslow, seconded M Cheshire that the Annual Report be accepted. CARRIED.

Garry Runge congratulated the President and Board for their success in obtaining a lease for the premises.

#### **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:**

The Chairman invited the Chief Financial Officer to present the Auditor's report, in respect to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013.

The CFO advised that he had received and reviewed the Auditor's report and that he had no query with them. Questions were invited from the floor. R Lavin queried the increase in current liabilities from 2012 to 2013. The CFO explained that this reflected the grant which had been received in 2013 but would not be expended until 2014.

Moved G Legge, seconded E Spiteri to accept the annual accounts as presented. CARRIED

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:**

Moved G Legge, that Mr Carl Adams be appointed auditor for 2014 and that thanks be extended to Anderson & Associates for their work over the last few years. Mr Legge explained that the reason for the change in auditors was to facilitate earlier completion of

the accounts. Seconded N Wittingslow. CARRIED

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The Chairman opened the floor to any matters without notice.

M Cheshire expressed his thanks to members and branches for their contributions to Custodes.

The Chairman reported that the Board had reluctantly accepted the resignation of Garry Runge from the Board. Garry was appointed a Justice of the Peace and joined the Association in 2004. He was appointed to the Board in October 2008 and elected President in 2009 and 2010. As President, he restructured the committee system, liaised with State Trustees and established a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate mutually advantageous cooperation, oversaw the centenary celebrations of the RVAHJ, travelled extensively across Victoria to branch meetings, initiated discussions with Births, Deaths & Marriages to enable JPs to certify documents for the Registry, prepared a submission in response to the consultation paper on the future of honorary justices and oversaw the application for a fuel reimbursement grant. In recognition of his outstanding service, it had been unanimously agreed by the Board to award Garry the Distinguished Member Award. The President presented Garry with a medal and certificate.

In response, Garry expressed his surprise and appreciation for the award. He thanked the President and Board and said that it had been a pleasure, during his term of President, to meet so many members across Victoria. He expressed particular thanks for the assistance and mentoring of then-Immediate Past President, Rod McConnell. He regretted that, due to new employment, he was no longer able to commit fully to the Directors role and therefore felt it best to step down.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.48 pm and invited those present to stay for a light supper.



# DOCUMENT WITNESSING TRAINING

Our 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).

- When:** **Saturday, 11 October 2014**
- Time:** 9.00am – 3.00pm approx. Registration from 8.45am
- Where:** Royal Melbourne Hospital, PARKVILLE
- Cost:** RVAHJ Members (or applied) - **Free**  
Non RVAHJ Members - **\$100**
- RSVP:** Friday, 3 October 2014

**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



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

11 October 2014 – Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville

Name: .....

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

Postal Address .....

..... Postcode .....

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

**Payment details:** Cheque / Money Order / MasterCard / Visa

Credit Card type:  MasterCard  Visa (Note: Sorry, we cannot take payments by phone).

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# CLOSED COURT APPLICATIONS



The Honorary Justice Office (HJO) often receives enquiries from Bail Justices (BJs) regarding the presence of media at hearings and what the policy is to manage this.

The HJO would like to draw your attention to the *Open Courts Act 2013* (the Act) which commenced on 1 December 2013. Some of the provisions contained in the Act may apply to the closing of a court in bail/remand hearings before a bail justice.

It is expected that BJs will have grounds to make an order that a proceeding be heard in a closed court only on rare occasions and it is more likely that a closed court application will be made at a committal proceeding or a contested criminal hearing.

In circumstances where it may be appropriate for a BJ to make a closed court order, an application must first be made by the informant on one of the grounds specified in s.30 (2) of the Act. For example, the informant might consider there is a need to protect the safety of any person, whether a witness or otherwise. This could arise in the situation where a police informer is a witness. Before making a decision to close the court a BJ should also, if requested, hear submissions from any member of the media present. It is highly unlikely that a BJ would make an order to close a court of his or her own accord.

The following situations are examples where a BJ might consider making an order to close the hearing:

- Where the BJ is satisfied that the life of a witness is at risk if that person's name was made known
- Where the alleged crime involves an alleged terrorist and the BJ is satisfied that if certain matters were disclosed in the hearing, e.g. the methods used to apprehend the offender, it might prejudice the interests of the Commonwealth or a State, in relation to security.
- Where the police do not wish to disclose the nature of an undercover operation used to apprehend an offender.

The BJ, after hearing submissions, must make a decision based on the provisions of s.30 of the Act. BJs are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these provisions. BJs are reminded that each case must be decided on its own facts and circumstances.

If, after hearing the application, the BJ decides to make an order for a closed hearing, please note that there is no relevant or applicable form used in these circumstances. The BJ will be required to handwrite or type the terms of the order, sign and date the document and request the informant to place a copy of the order on the door of the interview room or other place where the hearing is being conducted together with a sign clearly indicating that the hearing is closed, e.g.

**"I ORDER THAT the bail application of ...ABC... be heard in CLOSED COURT."  
(Signed XYZ), Bail Justice  
(Date)"**

**PLEASE REMAIN OUTSIDE THIS HEARING**

If you would like further information in relation to this notification, please do not hesitate to contact the HJO on 8684 4117 or email [jp@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:jp@justice.vic.gov.au)

*Provided by The Honorary Justice, (Victoria).*

## Key Principles and Definitions

### - Open Courts Act 2013

**Section 3 of the Act** defines a 'court or tribunal' to include:..."(g) a prescribed person or body" which includes a bail justice.

**Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the Act** deal with the making of suppression orders and the circumstances in which suppression orders are made by a court.

**As provided in section 4** there is a presumption in favour of disclosure of information to which a court must have regard in determining whether to make a suppression order.

**Part 5 of the Act** deals with the making of a closed court order which is relevant to a bail application before a bail justice.

**Section 28** provides for a presumption in favour of open court and reads:

"To strengthen and promote the principle of open justice, there is a presumption in favour of hearing a proceeding in open court to which a court or tribunal must have regard in determining whether to make any order, including an order under this part-

**(a)** that the whole or any part of a proceeding be heard in closed court or closed tribunal; or

**(b)** that only specified persons or classes of persons may be present during the whole or any part of a proceeding.

**Section 30 (2)** provides the grounds on which a court may make a closed court order.

If the court is satisfied as to one or more of those grounds then the court may order that the whole or any part of the proceeding be heard in a closed court or may order that only persons or classes of persons specified by it may be present during the whole or any part of a proceeding.

## FROM THE MORNINGTON BRANCH



(Left to right) Shirley Woods, Graham Unwin, Fay Hunter & Suzanne Phillips.

The Mornington Peninsula Branch held its 3rd meeting for the year at Frankston Police Headquarters. The guest speaker was Shirley Woods "Outreach Worker" for Project Respect. That organisation is a non government, non faith based & non profit organisation that supports women in the sex industry. In 2003 Project Respect spearheaded a national campaign to encourage the Australian Government to recognise "People Trafficking" in Australia & to take appropriate action on the matter.

Shirley said that many women were recruited from overseas, they were shown how to apply for a one year tourist visa & given a plane ticket. On arrival in Melbourne they were driven to a brothel, told they owed thousands of dollars and a forced to work 6 days a week to pay off the debt.

Project Respect works with women in the sex industry by visiting brothels and offering individual and group support to women in the industry & argue for better conditions for the women. Support is provided for women wishing to leave the industry. Project Respect provides "Someone to talk to, someone to stick up for you, social activities and help to access services and support for study or alternative employment. It was driven home by Shirley that Trafficking of women for legal brothels in Melbourne is a shocking reality.

The address was followed by an enthusiastic Question & Answer session. Project Respect can be contacted.. phone94163401.

REPORTS FROM SIGNING CENTRES were presented and the co-ordinators were informed

that the Dept of Justice intend to contact all JPs informing them that the new ACT will require them to be reasonably available & active in their role. Maybe this might eventuate in more JPs making themselves available for roster at signing centres.

Five JPs/ BJs from the branch attended the Inaugural Honorary Justices Conference, a report was tabled and each member discussed the lectures that they attended. It was agreed that most of the break-out sessions were relevant & informative to the office of JP/BJ.

The next meeting of the Mornington Peninsula Branch will take place at Frankston Police Headquarters on Wednesday August 6th at 7.30pm. Further details, Fay Hunter on 59761258 or fayhunter2@bigpond.com.

THE AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER was Lisa Clark from Swags for Homeless. Swags for Homeless are a nationally accredited charity in Australia and was winner of the 2011 Australian Human Rights award for best Community Organisation. Lisa and her husband, Tony, founded the organisation, designed to give dignity to homeless people who have been turned away from a shelter.

Swags for Homeless are making an enormous difference in peoples' lives. Lisa then gave a practical demonstration of how the swag works.

The branch made a donation to Swags for the homeless of \$300, which covers the cost of 3 swags.

*Submitted by:* Ian Lyons JP  
Mornington Peninsula Branch

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# NEW MEMBERS



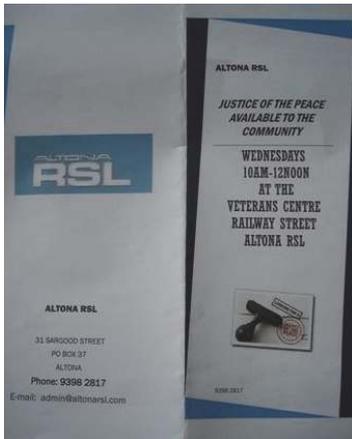
The president and board warmly welcome the following new members:

Robin Peter Bridge JP .....BRIGHTON EAST  
Suresh Chandra JP ..... ENDEAVOUR HILLS  
Julie Elizabeth Crawford JP .....TYNONG  
Margaret Jean Dempster JP .....WODONGA  
Nigel Edwards JP .....ROSEBUD WEST

Roy Edward Fischmann JP .....INVERLOCH  
Caroline Radford .....WURRUK  
Graham West JP.....WERRIBEE  
Andrew Lynne Wharton JP ..... MALVERN

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## FROM THE WESTGATE BRANCH



Standing, left to right - Altona RSL President:- Tom Crooks JP, Altona RSL Welfare Officer:- Marilyn Ryan and seated - Loretta Cormack JP.

**A** new Document Signing Centre was established on 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Altona RSL by long serving JP and Westgate Branch member Mrs Loretta Cormack in the well patronised Welfare Office of the Altona RSL.

The signing centre will be open every Wednesday from 10.00am until 2.00pm for both RSL members and members of the public. The centre will have Mrs Cormack as co-ordinator and principle JP. She will be supported by Westgate Branch Secretary Glenn Hollibone (also Yarraville RSL Secretary) & committee member Clive Pattie.

The RSL has produced brochures for the

service which is also being advertised on the many revolving screens within the RSL.

Loretta is also the Co-ordinator of the Document Signing Centre at Williamstown Police Station again assisted by Glenn & Clive.

It has not been possible to establish a centre at Altona North Police Station due to space requirements however they are extremely happy about this initiative as it will relieve them of a lot of requests for signing.

*Submitted by: Clive Pattie JP,  
Westgate Branch*

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# NEW ACT STRENGTHENS ROLE OF HONORARY JUSTICES

The Attorney-General put out this media release on 1 September 2014, the day that the new *Honorary Justices Act 2014* took effect



- Coalition delivers on election commitment to honorary justices
- Role and independence of honorary justices strengthened

The new *Honorary Justices Act 2014* takes effect today, for the first time consolidating the law relating to Bail Justices and Justices of the Peace into a single Act.

Attorney-General, Robert Clark, said the new Act strengthens the standing, community recognition and independence of the state's honorary justices.

"The former Labor government undermined and weakened the standing of honorary justices in the community, at one stage even contemplating abolishing JPs altogether," Mr Clark said.

"In contrast, the Coalition committed to restore the standing and independence of honorary justices and to better support the invaluable work they do.

"The new Act that comes into force today delivers on that commitment. It gives statutory recognition, backing and protection to the role and work of honorary justices.

"Since being elected, the Victorian Coalition Government has worked with honorary justice associations and groups and with individual Bail Justices and Justices of the Peace to develop this Honorary Justices Act, and it is very pleasing to see it come into operation today."

Key features of the new Act include:

- legislative protections against arbitrary dismissal;

- allowing bail justices to be appointed up to the age of 70 and re-appointed until the age of 75;
- a requirement for all persons who accept appointment as an honorary justice to make themselves available on a reasonable basis to perform their duties;
- all honorary justice appointments being made by the Governor in Council;
- the right for long-serving honorary justices to use the title 'JP (Retired)' or 'BJ (Retired)' after ceasing active service.

Bail Justices conduct hearings of applications for bail or remand and applications for interim accommodation orders relating to children, mostly outside business hours.

Justices of the Peace provide document witnessing services across Victoria, including at approximately 64 signing stations located in police stations, community houses and Justice Services Centres. JPs witness several million documents each year and free up valuable police time to focus on protecting the community.

"The Naphthine Government expresses its gratitude to all Bail Justices and Justices of the Peace around Victoria for the invaluable roles they undertake on behalf of the community," Mr Clark said.

Source: Office of the Attorney General



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAIL JUSTICES

The Honorary Justice Office is offering a range of training opportunities for bail justices. Contact the Honorary Justice Office for further information - (03) 8684 4117 or email [jp@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:jp@justice.vic.gov.au).

## Dealing with Challenging Behaviours

The Dealing with Challenging Behaviours training will provide an opportunity for bail justices to reflect on how they currently manage situational challenges in their role.

The training will be delivered by Dr Sue Green, Psychologist, a consultant with David Cherry and Associates and tailored specifically to the challenges faced by bail justices.

Learning outcomes will include -

- Identification of how and when challenging behaviours can occur
- BJ specific scenarios
- Self management techniques in dealing with difficult people and situations
- Development of awareness of own behaviours
- Situational and environmental triggers - what can be done to limit or defuse them
- Role clarification - aligning behaviours with the HJO Code of Conduct
- Strengthening communication and listening skills
- Application of a consistent practice approach to minimise impacts of challenging situations

Regional sessions will be BJ and JP mixed sessions. More dates and locations will become available in the New Year.

## Bail Justice Half Day Refresher

This half day refresher is for current bail justices. It is kept at a small group size so the afternoon can be tailored to your needs. The session focuses on -

- Current best practice
- Legislative changes
- Scenarios and discussion of real hearings
- Networking opportunities

Please register on the waiting list if you are interested in future opportunities for attending this course.

Two places are available at time of publication.

## Bookings and Information

Please follow the links below to read further about any of the sessions, and to book tickets. Full event details are on each event page. We will continue to advertise training through the Honorary Justice Website, and directly email flyers to our volunteers.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Honorary Justice Office on (03) 8684 4117 or email [jp@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:jp@justice.vic.gov.au).

Source: Honorary Justice Office.

Session Type	Date	Location and Booking Link
BJ Refresher Course	08.11.2014	Melbourne (CBD)
Dealing with Challenging Behaviours	17.09.2014	Melbourne (Fitzroy, BJ Session)
Dealing with Challenging Behaviours	16.10.2014	Ballarat (mixed session)
Dealing with Challenging Behaviours	26.11.2014	Wangaratta (mixed session)

# DOCUMENT SIGNING CENTRES REPORTS

## Q & A

**Q.** Do honorary justices still have protection from liability?

**A.** Justices of the peace (s5) and bail justices (s12) are provided with protection for the work they perform in their role. Honorary justices are not liable for anything done, or omitted to be done, in good faith in their performance of their role.

Taken from the Department of Justice, Q & A For Honorary Justices with the introduction of the Honorary Justices Act 2014.

## FROM THE GLEN WAVERLEY BRANCH



Glen Waverley branch member Norm Gibbs JP, laying a wreath on ANZAC day this year.

Centres	April	May	June	Year to Date
Altona RSL			7	7
Ballarat	2910	4320	3728	10958
Benalla			94	94
Box Hill		762	1375	2137
Bright	40	32	11	83
Broadmeadows	2234	2770		5004
Corio	142	353	551	1046
Craigieburn	560	694	769	2023
Cranbourne			8288	8288
Dandenong	8069	9844	15331	33244
Epping	1190	1645	1058	3893
Family Court	682	1047	655	2384
Fawkner	1947	1650	2195	5792
Footscray				
Frankston	3468	4495	4991	12954
Geelong	1967	2524	3176	7667
Leongatha				
Mansfield	11	40	27	78
Melbourne East	4669	5098	5078	14845
Mildura	1443	1673	1586	4702
Monash Uni	49	128	56	233
Moonee Ponds	1500	1618	1882	5000
Mornington				
Morwell				
Myrtleford	45	19	21	85
Northcote			514	514
Oakleigh	1346	1151	1293	3790
Pakenham	587	846	693	2126
Preston				
Ringwood	118	325	256	699
Royal Melb. Hosp.	821	1168	1224	3213
Rosebud	116	124	236	476
Sale	242	224	263	729
Shepparton	1175			1175
Springvale	5839	6627	7145	19611
St Kilda	175	251	171	597
Sunbury	247	112	184	543
Traralgon			1359	1359
Wangaratta	583		540	1123
Warragul	1406	1710	1339	4455
Warrnambool	420	825	1378	2623
Williamstown	504	282	246	1032
Wodonga/Corryong	1152	1075	1236	3463
Wonthaggi	525	727	485	1737
<b>Monthly Total:</b>	<b>46182</b>	<b>54159</b>	<b>69434</b>	<b>169775</b>

Thank you to all those who again provide these figures.

If you wish to have your signing centre recorded in Custodes, please forward your figures to Cathy at [rosters@rvahj.org.au](mailto:rosters@rvahj.org.au)



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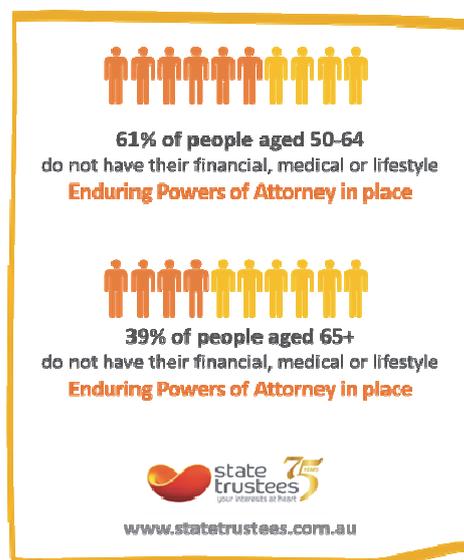
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State Trustees has relocated its head office from Melbourne to Footscray with a new state-of-the-art building that reflects the broader transformation of the organisation into a modern, service-focused and world-leading trustee organisation.

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## FIGURES PROVE NOTHING?

The Zulu War began in 1880, it lasted one year, making 1881. Add the separate figures 1,8,8,1 to 1881 and you get 1899, the date of the Boer War, which lasted three years, making 1902. To 1902 add the separate figures 1,9,0,2 and you get 1914, the date of the Great War. That lasted four full years, making 1918. Add the separate figures 1,9,1,8 and you get 1937. What is going to happen then?

We know what happens in 1937: World War II, which lasted until 1945. Add the numbers 1,9,4,5 to 1945 and you get 1964, and the start of the Vietnam War which lasted until 1973. Again add 1,9,7,3 to 1973 and you get 1993.

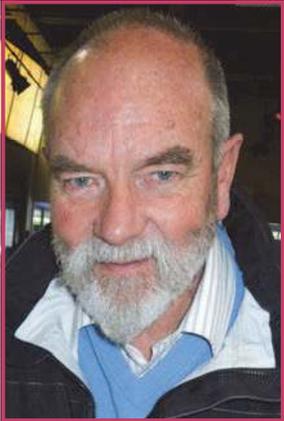
What happened in 1993? **This is the question left in the story, from the RVAHJ journal of Winter 1998.** Well, the Iraq War ran from 1993 until 2003!

Do we now add 2,0,0,3 to 2003 to get 2008? Yes - there was a conflict called the South Ossetia War or Russo-Georgian War which ran for 5 days. We now add 2,0,0,8 to 2008 and we get 2018. What next?

Coincidence is a funny thing!

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Fellow Readers

This Spring edition of *Custodes* provides a pictorial coverage of this year's annual dinner. Copies of these photos will be available from the association website, together with more photos taken on the night.

Quarter Sessions provides more interesting information about our members. I would welcome anyone who would like to participate in this section by contacting me at [jp33@bigpond.com](mailto:jp33@bigpond.com) and I shall send you a form to complete. This section of *Custodes* has shown what interests justices have outside their duties.

Congratulations to Garry Runge JP who has been awarded with a Distinguished Member Award. Garry was most active during our association's centenary celebrations.

This is a reminder to all members to give consideration to nominating another member for an award.

All the criteria and way in which to nominate, can be found on the RVAHJ website. Over the years, the board has developed a good number of awards and I am sure you know someone who is worthy of nomination for one of them.

My thanks goes to president Glenda Frost JP and my fellow directors for recognizing my 25 years of service as a director of the association by presenting me with a Certificate of Service. I have enjoyed contributing on the board, with some highlights being, marketing the 800th anniversary of the *Custodes Pacis* (JP) throughout Australia, chaired the RVAHJ centenary celebrations, organized two justice conferences, being editor of *Custodes*, working to seek harmonization of justice duties throughout the Australian jurisdictions on the Australasian Council of Justices' Associations and seen the association gain free accommodation from the government.

Members should seriously consider nominating as a director of the association. I am sure you would find it, as I have, a most rewarding contribution of your time in volunteering.

Michael Cheshire JP  
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