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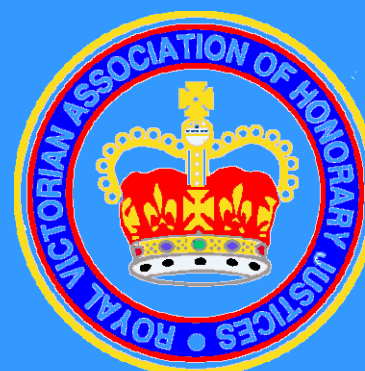
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**THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION
OF HONORARY JUSTICES**



The Honourable Kim Wells, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Minister for Bushfire Response will be guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.



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MEMBERS HONOURED

In the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours list, the following members received recognition for their service:

Doreen Stoves AM JP, Mitcham – for significant service to the community, particularly through social welfare programs.

John Patrick Lynch OAM JP, Romsey – for service to the community of Romsey.

Rodney John Meeke OAM JP, Grovedale – for service to the community, particularly veterans and their families.

The following members were recognised in the 2013 Australia Day honours:

Laurence Francis Harkin AM JP, Berwick – for significant service to the community, particularly through the care and protection of people with a disability.

David Graham OAM JP, Altona – For service to the community through a range of organisations.

Keith Albert Pretty PSM OAM JP, Drouin – For service to local government and to the community.

Heartiest congratulations to all!

from the President's desk



Dear Members, Fellow Justices,

Welcome to our new look for CUSTODES and a big thank you to Michael Cheshire for his hard work. We would welcome your feedback and any hints as to how to better communicate to you the Members.

It was a great day for those of us that were guests of the Attorney General for morning tea at Parliament House on the 31st May and a chance to network and put faces with names, the Association was duly acknowledged by Robert Clarke and appreciated.

In this edition of CUSTODES is your invitation to the Annual Dinner again at the Treacy Conference Centre located in Parkville on the 30th August. Always a good night and I encourage all members to come along and meet other Members and share in their journeys. Our guest speaker this year is the newly appointed Minister for Police, The Hon. Kim Wells who will be joined by representatives from the Department of Justice, Births Deaths and Marriages and State Trustees.

I am pleased to announce that thanks to Past President Garry Runge, we have secured the support of State Trustees for another term reflecting continued partnership between RVAHJ and State Trustees for our training and continued Professional Development. The State

Trustees relies heavily on the goodwill and availability of JP's from our Association for witnessing documents associated primarily with Powers of Attorney, and in return assist with our members training and guidance in this area.

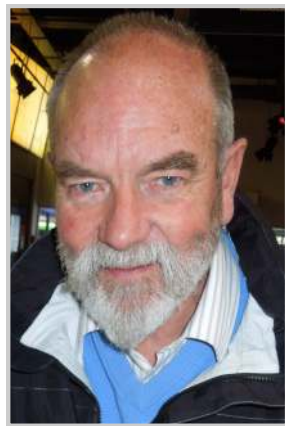
The Board is currently planning another "Conference" as we did in 2011, open to all Justice of the Peace and Bail Justices in Victoria scheduled for October. This was a huge success in 2011. Further details will be conveyed as soon as available.

The Training Committee has set dates for Training/Professional Development for your attendance in June at Morwell, August in Geelong and Royal Melbourne Hospital in September. With the increase in computer generated forms it is important that we supply and you attend regular training courses to enable members to perform their duties in a qualified and honorable manner.

I look forward to meeting members old and new in my travels around Victoria throughout the rest of the year.

Glenda Frost JP
President RVAHJ

from the Editor's desk



Fellow Readers

What a great opportunity to return to the editor's desk after many years. I am looking forward to an interchange of stories, about what is happening throughout our branches and what the association can bring forward to benefit all justices.

I have started a new section called *Quarter Sessions*. It is called *Quarter Sessions*, as it appears quarterly and provides some light hearted background to our branch executives. We hope you will enjoy them.

The Courts of Quarter Sessions or Quarter Sessions were local courts traditionally held at four set times each year in the United Kingdom and other countries in the former British Empire. They generally sat in the seat of each county and county borough.

The Quarter Sessions were named after the four annual meetings they held in England and Wales from 1388. These days were later settled as Epiphany, Easter, Midsummer (The Translation of St. Thomas) and Michaelmas sessions.

Thanks to all who supported my appointment and those who have contributed to this edition.

Michael
Michael Cheshire JP
Editor

MINUTES OF THE 103rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**HELD AT 53 BROADWAY, ELWOOD ON THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2013
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Directors: Glenda Frost (President RVAHJ), Norman Wittingslow (Vice President), Linda Rainsford, (Immediate Past President), Michael Cheshire, Ben Loois, Terry McKay, Garry Runge, Rhonda Smith, Michael Tse and John Wellington.

Members: Bob Bailey, Terry Bull, May Hu, Alston Park and Cathy Owens.

APOLOGIES:

Angelo Auciello, Trevor Aust, Patricia Brown OAM, Brian Buxton, Robert Campbell, Robyn Desmond, Timothy Desmond, Cheryl Duff, Yvonne Flanders, Joe Giramondo, Cathie Irvin, Jim Kerin, Reg Kinnersley, Bruce Latimer, Geoff Legge, Rod McConnell, Paul Mracek, Damian Nosedo, Clive Pattie, Joan Scott, John Shilliday, Constance Smith and Bob Williams.

Moved M Cheshire, seconded L Rainsford that apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

WELCOME:

Glenda Frost, Association President and AGM Chairperson, welcomed those present and invited Board members to introduce themselves.

MINUTES OF THE 102nd AGM:

Moved M Cheshire, seconded N Wittingslow that the minutes of the 102nd AGM be taken as read and approved.

CARRIED

BIENNIAL ELECTION:

The Returning Officer, Michael Tse, reported that, as the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions advertised, no ballot had been required and all nominees were declared elected. Nominees so elected were Glenda Frost, Linda Rainsford, Garry Runge and Norman Wittingslow.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The Chairman invited the Immediate Past President to present the Board's Annual Report for 2012.

I am pleased to present my report to the Annual General Meeting of the RVAHJ for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.

During the year the board has worked on a number of initiatives. The Department of Justice invited honorary justices to make a submission on two topics. These were the Oaths and Affirmations legislation and the Justice of the Peace initiatives consultation paper. After consultation by the board and the members these were presented to reflect the view of the membership of the RVAHJ.

The RVAHJ continues to assist the Department of justice with their training initiatives and providing active JPs and bail justices (BJ) to sit on panels at JP induction sessions and training for new BJs.

Births Deaths and Marriages have finalised the roll out of training to document signing centres and the membership committee has supported the roster members and branches to facilitate this initiative.

Membership numbers continue to remain constant at 2058 despite the reduction of Honorary Justices numbers state wide. New roster locations are continuing to be requested and for the 2012 calendar year the evaluation of statistics submitted from established signing centres to the RVAHJ indicated an excess of 567,000 documents signed.

The training committee has expanded its membership to support the current training and assist with the development of new training programs. Our directors consider training to be the most significant service that we offer to our members.

A new committee has been established to manage the public relations of the association. This includes the publication of Custodes and the reviewing of products that are available for purchase.

One of the highlights of the year was the annual dinner held in August. The guest speaker for the evening was the Attorney-General the Honourable Robert Clark Minister for Finance. The board and members of the association are extremely grateful for the ongoing support that the Attorney-General has given and his commitment to the future role of JPs and BJs.

During the year the RVAHJ expanded its branch network with the formation of the Wellington Branch and the planning for the commencement of the Westgate Branch due to commence in 2013.

I have been fortunate to have worked with a committed and talented group of board members. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their contributions that ensures that the RVAHJ continues to support the work of its members.

Finally I wish to thank Cathy Owens our office administrator for all of the assistance that she has given to myself, the board and most importantly to the members.

Moved N Wittingslow, seconded G Runge that the Annual Report be accepted. CARRIED.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer, the Chairman reported that the Auditor's report, regarding the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012, had been received and reviewed and that the CFO had no query with them. Questions were invited from the floor. None were received.

Moved L Rainsford, seconded B Loois to accept the annual accounts as presented. CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

Moved M Tse, seconded R Smith to re-appoint the auditors, Anderson & Associates. CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Chairman opened the floor to any matters without notice.

G Runge reported that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed between the RVAHJ and State Trustees Ltd for a further 12 months. He further reported that development of an online training module neared completion. It would shortly be circulated to the Board for testing and then be made available to members.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.56 pm and invited those present to stay for a light supper.

Meeting ends

Income Statement for the year ended 31 December 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Revenue	115,215	123,631
Other income	8,561	49,032
Employee benefits expense	-	-
Depreciation, amortization and impairments	(3,085)	(4,025)
Administration expenses	<u>(128,485)</u>	<u>(134,531)</u>
Profit from ordinary activities	<u>(7,794)</u>	<u>34,107</u>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>(7,794)</u>	<u>34,107</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	313,038	301,630
Trade and other receivables	191	95
Inventories	<u>8,190</u>	<u>11,496</u>
TOTAL CURRENTS ASSETS	<u>321,419</u>	<u>313,221</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment	<u>9,712</u>	<u>12,796</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>9,712</u>	<u>12,796</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>331,131</u>	<u>326,017</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	26,243	15,457
Current tax liabilities	(641)	(1,910)
Provisions	<u>19,815</u>	<u>18,962</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>45,417</u>	<u>32,509</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>45,417</u>	<u>32,509</u>
NETT ASSETS	<u>285,714</u>	<u>293,508</u>
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	<u>285,714</u>	<u>293,508</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>285,714</u>	<u>293,508</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report of Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices Ltd does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices Ltd as at 31 December 2012, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001.

John V Anderson CPA
Anderson & Associates
Registered Company Auditor
Dated: 18 April 2013

The President and Directors cordially invite members and friends to our ...

Annual Dinner 2013

Guest Speaker

The Honourable Kim Wells MP
Minister for Police & Emergency Services
and Minister for Bushfire Response



When: Friday 30 August 2013 at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Where: Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville (Mel ref: Map 29 F12)

Cost: \$75 per head **Dress:** After 5/Suit & tie

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Don't miss out! Order your tickets now

By post:	Attn: Cathy Owens PO Box 317 ELWOOD 3184		
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List first and last name of all attendees:			
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ROLE OF THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PERSON (ITP) AT A BAIL JUSTICE REMAND HEARING



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Up until early 2011, Independent Third Persons were not expected to attend out of hours bail hearings at police stations held before a Bail Justice.

The rationale for this policy appeared to be based on a concern that attending bail hearings would place ITPs at risk of breaching the requirement that they must maintain their independence at all times when performing their role, thus creating a possible conflict of interest.

This perceived conflict of interest developed from a misunderstanding of the role of an ITP at a bail hearing, in so far as there was a concern that ITPs would be put in a position of being questioned about whether a person should or should not be granted bail.

By the end of 2010 and early 2011 it became very clear that ITPs were frequently requested by police to attend bail hearings, and many ITPs,

in disregard of the policy, were agreeing to attend at hearings.

This prompted a review of the policy which resulted in it being revised in May 2011, in such a way as to extend the role of the ITP to supporting a client at a remand hearing held before a Bail Justice at a police station.

The policy states; if after an interview the police are considering refusing a client bail and are intending to call a Bail Justice to the police station (or any other location where the interview has been conducted), and the ITP is requested by any party (police, Bail Justice or person being interviewed) to be present during a remand hearing, the ITP should attend, but should discuss their intention to attend with all the parties concerned.

If any party refuses to have an ITP present at a remand hearing the ITP should not be present at or participate in any way in the remand

hearing. However, having an ITP present may enhance or assist facilitating the process.

The role of an ITP at a bail hearing is no different from the role at an interview. The ITP would be there to facilitate communication between the person with the cognitive disability or mental illness, the police and the Bail Justice and to ensure the alleged offender understands what bail is and what the conditions of bail are (including the need to attend court) if granted or if denied bail, understand the consequences.

At no stage does an ITP provide advice in relation to a person's suitability for bail or take any steps to facilitate or advocate for the granting of or denial of bail.

An ITP should not give any undertaking on behalf of a young person or agree to sign bail papers for a young person between 10 and 17 years of age as this is the responsibility of a parent or guardian.

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LOST & FOUND

Glen Eira Bayside CIU police have in their possession a bag. The bag was found on 30 April this year in a laneway in Caulfield North.

This bag contained an assortment of jewellery & watches - no identification was in the bag.

A set of cuff links & tie pin with 'Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices' was in the bag.

They have been unable to locate the owner of this property.

I'm hoping one of your members may have mentioned the loss of this item or perhaps you may be able to tell me of any members who live in that area. They are assuming they may be the proceeds from a burglary. Unfortunately not every victim of a crime reports it to the police.

If you think you can help with finding the owner, please contact the Glen Eira Bayside CIU.

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL 2013 INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN



Lor Davies

Lor is a cancer survivor, a woman who believes in going forward and never taking a backward step. She devotes so much of her time to others. She is always cheerful and well mannered to the public. She is admired for her selfless and caring attitude towards the Hobson's Bay community.

Lor has worked in a voluntary capacity since the late 1980's. She has volunteered her services as an honorary probation officer working with children for

several years. Duties included visiting homes, writing reports and attending court with them over the last five years.

Lor has volunteered her time as a justice of the peace, firstly, for two years at the Williamstown Library and now in her third year as a volunteer JP at the Williamstown Police Station. She is also an ITP—Independent Third Person on call seven days a week to assist the young and disabled when they are brought in for questioning. All this of course, is done on a voluntary basis.

The Hobsons Bay Inspirational Women's Awards has been developed as a local celebration of the diversity of outstanding women in the community and in acknowledgement of the International Women's Day. The inaugural awards ceremony took place in 2012 as an initiative of the Hobsons Bay Women's Advisory Committee.

Lorraine Davis is a JP and a member since 2009

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CONTINUING APPOINTMENT AS A PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA AMBASSADOR

Judge Rauf Soulio, chair of the Australian Multicultural Council has extended the appointment of justice of the peace Deepak Vinayak as a *People of Australia Ambassador* for a further 12 month term.

"In 2012, Council members were struck, not only by the commitment and enthusiasm of the inaugural Ambassadors, but by the insights that have been offered by your local communities. The Council is honoured to be involved with the program and we are very

pleased to see you returning for a further year. That the vast majority of your fellow 2012 Ambassadors have also committed to a further 12 months is a very pleasing and encouraging result." Judge Soulio wrote to Mr Vinayak.

"In consultation with the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the AMC has called for further nominations for a modest number of new Ambassadors to join the program in 2013. Our focus is on regional areas and encouraging applications from young people however I

anticipate that the program will see some fresh faces from many walks of life." Judge Soulio continued.

Judge Soulio said he was pleased to advise that a dedicated contact point for Ambassadors has been established within the Multicultural and Settlement Policy Branch of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Deepak Vinayak is a JP and a member since 2008

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DISABILITIES NO BARRIER



Overcoming challenges: awards were presented to Peter Carruthers, Alex Welsh and Doug Prescott, pictured with South Gippsland Shire council's Access and inclusion Committee acting officer Peter Hinton (second from left) and mayor, Cr Kieran Kennedy (second from right).

IN CONJUNCTION with International Day of People with Disability, South Gippsland Shire Council held a small celebration on 3rd December 2012.

It also recognised three people who have overcome obstacles to excel in their own lives and the local community.

Mayor Cr Kieran Kennedy presented the council's Access and Inclusion Committee's inaugural South Gippsland Achievement Award for a Person with Disability to Peter Carruthers.

Peter actively participates in the community with the support of an electric buggy, despite suffering a major stroke 17 years ago, losing the use of his right arm and impairment of the right side of his body.

With a life history of community leadership and contribution, Peter has continued to make a difference, demonstrating honesty and integrity in his endeavours.

He is an active member of the Leongatha RSL, and also assists with the Leongatha Fire Brigade and the district's Veteran Welfare Centre.

Two recognition awards were also presented on the day, with the first given to Doug Prescott, who was described as a capable man who contributes in many valuable ways to his community.

Mr Prescott is a Justice of the Peace, making himself readily available to the police and the community to add his authority and friendly advice when needed.

He is also president of his local senior citizens club and has worked with local councils to provide advice on disability issues, and still has time to be a devoted father and family man who lives life to the fullest, playing bowls and pottering in the garden.

The next award went to Alex Walsh, who at 21 years old has not let a motor cycle accident, which left him confined to a wheel chair in 2009, impair his great spirit.

Alex has overcome personal challenges and achieved outcomes that he never imagined possible, focusing on his capability rather than his disability.

Employed by Oz Sport, he now gives talks and works with school children to encourage them to become involved in sport after school.

Alex is passionate about hand cycling and also works with others in the motorcycling community who have suffered similar accidents to become involved in cycling and other sports.

from *THE STAR*, Tuesday December 11, 2012.

Doug Prescott is a JP and a member since 2008

MORNINGTON PENINSULA BRANCH REPRESENTED ON ANZAC DAY



Ben Loois JP prepares to lay a wreath, on behalf of the Mornington Peninsula branch of the RVAHJ, at Pearcedale on ANZAC Day.

April 25, 2013 started as every ANZAC day with the dawn service. Normally I would ride with fellow motorcyclists to the Shrine for the dawn service. This year I attended the dawn service at Pearcedale a small rural township, 40 minutes south east from Melbourne's CBD. The service was well attended by the people of Pearcedale and district including school children, coming to remember Australians who died in the service of the Commonwealth of Australia. I was honoured to be a part of the service among so many young

families. I felt even more strongly that ANZAC day should continue to be recognised as it is. In saying that, we must not just remember those who fell in the First World War but include all military conflicts where Australian service personnel fought. Otherwise those contributions will be forgotten and be diminished with time.

At 10.45am I attended Hastings RSL as the nominated Justice of the Peace from our Mornington RVAHJ Branch to lay the wreath on behalf of the membership. This ANZAC service was also well

attended by the community and school children from the district. The military guard was from HMAS Cerberus at both the Pearcedale and the Hastings service. We were fortunate to have the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir singing during this service. As at all ANZAC day services the day wouldn't run without volunteers who put in so many hours before and after the event.

On behalf of the branch membership and community I represent: thank you, and I look forward to meeting you again in fellowship next ANZAC day.

by Ben Loois JP

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Pioneer surfer & photographer Barrie Sutherland (left) with chair of the Geelong Branch, Bob Bailey JP

PIONEER SURFER & PHOTOGRAPHER SPEAKS AT GEELONG BRANCH MEETING

Geelong Branch of the RVAHJ

Although members continued over the Christmas/New Year with roster duties at both the Geelong and Corio Police Stations our first official meeting was held on Monday 4 March 2013 at the Geelong Police complex.

The guest Speaker for the evening was Barrie Sutherland – Pioneer Surfer and Surf Photographer, his subject being “The heritage of surfing in Victoria and especially Bells Beach”. Surfing owes so much to the great black and white images shot by Barrie in the 60's and 70's.

Barrie's talk was most interesting together with the range of black and white photographs taken by him in

the 50s, 60s and 70s, not only of the surf beaches, but also including a number of prints of the Geelong area at that period.

He spoke on the developing of surfing beaches including Bells Beach, Jan Juc, Point Addis and Torquay but also experiences surfing at Kennett River, Wye River, Apollo Bay and other places along the Great Ocean Road which were as popular then as they are today.

Barrie also spoke on the development of industries such as Rip Curl, manufacturing surfing equipment and clothing and the many “local” champion surfers produced during that era.

His talk brought back many

memories and questions of the times to local Justices who lived and grew up in Geelong during the 50s, 60, and 70's.

Training and refresher course

The RVAHJ has programmed a training course to be held at the Geelong Police Complex on Saturday 17th August 2013 and all members will receive an invitation to attend this update. In due course members will receive an official invitation to attend but in the meantime note in your diary the date and place.

by Alston Park AM JP
Honorary Secretary

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BEFORE SMART PHONES

Some time ago, an inquest at the Coroner's Court was into its twelfth day when the accused, finally stepped into the witness box. In the middle of questioning, a small piece of paper was handed to the Coroner's Assistant by one of the detectives in the

case. The paper then passed by way of the defence counsel and bench clerk, until finally it reached the Coroner. Press reporters stirred in anticipation of viewing this piece of paper. However, much to their disappointment, the paper was retained by the bench clerk at the conclusion of the proceedings. Written on the paper were the words “West Indies, 9 for 275.”

DOCUMENT WITNESSING TRAINING

The Training Team have scheduled several sessions of the Document Witnessing course in the coming months. This training 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, 17 August 2013** (9.00am – 3.00pm approx)
Registration commences 8.45am
Where: **Geelong Police Station, Mercer St, GEELONG**
Cost: **Free** – RVAHJ Members (or applied)
\$100 – Non RVAHJ Members
RSVP: Wednesday, 31 July 2013

When: **Saturday, 21 September 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, 4 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 ...*

☐ Geelong - 17 August 2013 ☐ RMH - 21 September 2013

Name:

BJ/JP Registration Number Email

Postal Address.....

.....Postcode

Contact Phone: Landline Mobile

Payment details: Cheque / Money Order / MasterCard / Visa

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

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Name of Cardholder:

Cardholder's Signature:

Graeme Alston Park (Alston)

Position in RVAHJ: Secretary
Branch: Geelong
Year appointed: 2009
Birth place: Essendon
Present home town/suburb: Belmont, Geelong
Wife: Coral Park
Children: Debbie, Graeme, Julie (Adults)
Occupation: Retired Insurance Manager
Football team: Essendon
Like Dog or Cat: Dog
Favourite book: Not a reader
Favourite film: Battle of Britain
Favourite food: Lamb roast & vegetables
Which 4 people would you invite to dinner: Family
Hobbies: Mainly Scouting - recently retired Chief Commissioner
Sport played: Football, Cricket



Fay Hunter

Position in RVAHJ: Secretary / Treasurer
Branch: Mornington Peninsula
Year appointed: Qld 1994 and in Victoria 2004
Birthplace: East Brunswick
Present home town/suburb: Mornington
Partner: Brian (married June 2012)
Children: 4 between us
Occupation: Retired Admin. Officer with Corrective Services
Football team: Western Bulldogs
Like Dog or Cat: Cat
Favourite book: My father's autobiography
Favourite film: Japanese Story
Favourite food: Depends on the day!
Which 4 people would you invite to dinner: Tracey Grimshaw,
 Karl Stefanovich, Magda Szubanski & Kevin Rudd
Hobbies: Knitting, Piano & Crosswords
Sport played: Dabbled in many – excelled at none



Richard Sluggett

Position in RVAHJ: Secretary
Branch: Glen Waverley
Year appointed: 2009
Birthplace: Nhill, Victoria
Present home town/suburb: Mount Waverley
Partner: Rosemary
Children: Amy, Matthew and Russell
Occupation: Teacher at Wesley College
Football team: Melbourne
Like Dog or Cat: Dog
Favourite book: On this day by Sharon Dalglish
Favourite film: Dave
Favourite food: Pasta
Which 4 people would you invite to dinner: Packer, Hockey, Obama
 and Gale Kelly
Hobbies: Model trains
Sport played: Bowls



Bryan Nicholls

Position in RVAHJ: Branch Chairman
Branch: Ballarat
Year appointed: 2009
Birthplace: Melbourne
Present home town/suburb: Sebastopol / Ballarat
Partner: Sue
Children: Three children and 13 grandchildren
Occupation: Minister of Religion,
 Former Automobile Manufacturing Executive & Soldier
Football team: Collingwood
Like Dog or Cat: No
Favourite book: Any military history book
Favourite film: The Runaway Jury
Favourite food: Lamb Chops
Which 4 people would you invite to dinner: Four of my Vietnam mates
Hobbies: Watching football, readings and walking
Sport played: Once upon a time I played rugby union, baseball and volleyball



Raymond L Walker (Ray)

Position in RVAHJ: Branch Chair
Branch: Buloke
Year appointed: 2000
Birthplace: Avoca, Victoria
Present home town/suburb: Donald
Partner: Sue
Children: David & Jenni
Occupation: Fully employed at being retired
Football team: Geelong
Like Dog or Cat: Dog
Favourite book: Any of the Dan Brown Series
Favourite film: None
Favourite food: Any
Which 4 people would you invite to dinner: . Me, myself, I and Sue
Hobbies: Fishing
Sport played: Baseball



Angelo Auciello

Position in RVAHJ: Branch Chairman
Branch: Westgate Branch
Year appointed: 1989
Birthplace: Italy
Present home town/suburb: Laverton
Partner: Serafina
Children: 2 boys & 1 Girl
Occupation: Commonwealth Registered Marriage Celebrant & Retired
Football team: Essendon
Like Dog or Cat: Dog
Favourite book?: Da Vinci Code
Favourite film: Western Classics
Favourite food: Vegetarian
Which 4 people would you invite to dinner: The Pope, Silvio Berlusconi,
 Abraham Lincoln, Michael Cheshire JP
Hobbies: Gardening
Sport played: Soccer



MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

**Congratulations to the following members who, this year, reach a new milestone in membership.
Your service and long-standing support of this association is appreciated.**

50 Years

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45 Years

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40 Years

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25 Years

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E-LEARNING FOR ALL MEMBERS

The board of the RVAHJ is keen to ensure JPs and BJs are provided with the best possible training and continuous improvement opportunities and have recently approved a new e-learning program for RVAHJ members. E-learning is a computer based program designed to test the knowledge of JPs and BJs to enable them to better fulfil their role witnessing documents. The program will be rolled out shortly to all financial members of the RVAHJ and consists of 20 questions for members to answer in your own time on your own PC.

The e-learning program is in addition to regular training sessions provided by the RVAHJ. The program enables members to select one of four answers for each question and provides an explanation of each question. The board believes e-learning will benefit members and become another way to continually improve our service to the community. More details about e-learning will be made available when the program "goes live".

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RVAHJ Justices' Conference



Saturday 26 October 2013

Mark it in your diary now

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

To be opened by ...
The Attorney-General, the Hon. Robert Clark

As Justices, we need to stay abreast of new trends, familiarise ourselves with other stakeholders within the justice system and make contributions to the betterment of the role. It is planned to have a wide variety of speakers who will both inform and challenge our future.

Further details will be in our next edition of Custodes

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Q. Can I certify copies of e-mails or other electronically-generated documents?

A. Increasingly, you may be presented with documents, such as printouts of e-mails or computer-generated bank statements, with the request that you certify copies of these documents as copies of original documents. But, should you?

Confirmation has been received from the Department of Justice Victoria that such documents should not be accepted as original documents.

So what can you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Suggest they seek an original document from the issuer;
- Suggest they seek certification of the copy from the issuer;
- Suggest they make the printout an attachment to a Statutory Declaration where they declare the said attachment to be an unaltered, computer-generated printout. (It should be noted that no guarantee is made that such a declaration will be acceptable to the end recipient.)

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Esqire. (Old French, **esquire** from Latin **scutarius**, shield bearer). One who carried the shield of a Knight and which ranked immediately below him. In 1893 the College of Heralds held that:

The following persons as legally "Esquires": The sons of peers, the sons of baronets, the sons of knights, the eldest sons of the younger sons of peers, and their eldest sons in perpetuity, the eldest son of

the eldest son of a knight, and his eldest son in perpetuity, the knight of arms, the herald of arms, officers in the Army or Navy of the rank of captain and upwards, sheriffs of counties for life, justices of the peace of counties whilst in commission, serjeants-at-law, Queen's counsel, serjeants-at-arms, Companions of the Orders of Knighthood, certain principal officers in the Royal household, deputy

lieutenants, commissioners of the Court of Bankruptcy, masters of the Supreme Court, those whom the Sovereign, in any commission or warrant, styles esquire, and any person who, in virtue of his office, takes precedence of esquires.

Such efforts to restrict the title proved abortive and it is widely applied in correspondence, etc: (abbreviated to "Esq"), as an alternative to "Mr".

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THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

South Australia is the State which not only was the first State to give women the vote, but may be the first Justice Association in the Commonwealth.

The RVAHJ journal "The Justice of the Peace" April

1960 states that: *A new Honorary Registrar has been appointed by the Justices' Association Incorporated, the South Australian counterpart to this association, and in fact the parent Association of Justices of the Peace within the British Empire, being founded in 1898 and incorporated in 1904.*

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