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From the President to all applicants for the office of bail justice

The purpose of this notice is to provide information to RVAHJ members who have completed their Bail Justice training course but have not as yet been appointed to act in the capacity of a Bail Justice. On Tuesday, 13 April, I received advice from the Department of Justice that this issue is currently the subject of a review before the Attorney-General. An outcome to the review is expected shortly however, at this stage, the DoJ is unable to provide any further details regarding the review or the outcome.

The Honorary Justices Office will be informing Bail Justices, current applicants and all representative groups, including the RVAHJ, of the outcome of the current review and the Attorney-General's decision as soon as it is known.

Unfortunately, I am unable to provide any further insight into this matter and ask members to be patient and await the outcome of the Attorney-General's review decision. I understand the concern of members who have completed the required training and are desirous of fulfilling their obligations and, as President of the RVAHJ, I will continue liaising with the DoJ in an attempt to obtain a satisfactory outcome. I will notify you as soon as I am informed by the DoJ.

~ Garry Runge JP - President

Professional development day for bail justices

The RVAHJ will be conducting a Professional Development day for bail justices on 17 July 2010 at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Further details will be advertised as they become available. In the meantime...

MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY!

Waiting list for May training

Any member who has booked to attend the training course on 8 May, but is unable to attend, is requested to advise the office as soon as possible to allow for members on the waiting list to attend. Contact the office by phone: (03) 9525 7099, by fax: (03) 9525 7765 or by email: admin@rvahj.org.au.

Volunteers required

Volunteers are urgently required for several of our rosters.

Anyone able to assist on the Melbourne East (Mon-Fri 10am-2pm) or Moorabbin Police Station (Tue & Fri 5pm-7pm) rosters is requested to contact coordinator Frank Corcoran to discuss their availability. Contact Frank on 0400 113 929.

To assist at the Family Court, Melbourne (Mon-Fri 9.30am-3pm) or Probate Court, Melbourne (Mon-Fri 9.00am-4.00pm) please contact Cathy Owens on 9525 7099 to discuss.

Invigilators required

The office is often requested to arrange for a Justice of the Peace to supervise examinations for off-campus students.

The RVAHJ makes its premises available with most exams taking a maximum of two hours. Invigilators are required to sit with the student to ensure the conditions of the exam are followed.

The office plans to keep a list of volunteers, to be contacted as, and when, the need arises. If you would be interested in acting in this capacity, please contact the office on Tel: (03) 9525 7099, Fax: (03) 9525 7765 or e-mail: admin@rvahj.org.au to submit your name or to discuss.

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