

E-News #19 RVAHJ Membership February 2008

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RVAHJ training opportunities

The Association is again taking its training program on the road. The 2008 RVAHJ training calendar includes:

Saturday 15 March 2008, Horsham - JP1 course covering your duties and legal responsibilities when receiving affidavits, witnessing statutory declarations, certifying true copies and completing power of attorney documentation. Venue: Meeting Room, Country Fire Authority, 35 Hamilton Street, Horsham commencing at 9.00 am. Registration: Contact the RVAHJ Office on 03 9525 7099 or email admin@rvahj.org.au

Saturday 16th March, Horsham - JP2 course covering the roles and responsibilities of an Independent Person (IP) for police interviews of young people, oversight of Australian Federal Police search warrants, and requests for extensions to police questioning time.. Venue: Meeting Room, Country Fire Authority, 35 Hamilton Street, Horsham commencing at 9.00 am. Registration: Contact the RVAHJ Office on 03 9525 7099 or email admin@rvahj.org.au

Saturday 5 July, Melbourne - JP1 course covering your duties and legal responsibilities when receiving affidavits, witnessing statutory declarations, certifying true copies and completing power of attorney documentation. Venue: Charles Latrobe Theatre at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Lunch provided. Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm .

Cost: Free to RVAHJ members or applicants for RVAHJ membership. Registration closes: Monday 9 June 2008. How to register: Send your name, contact details and JP/BJ number to RVAHJ, PO Box 317, ELWOOD 3184 or emailing admin@rvahj.org.au

Saturday 26 July, Melbourne - JP2 course covering the roles and responsibilities of an Independent Person (IP) for police interviews of young people, oversight of Australian Federal Police search warrants, and requests for extensions to police questioning time. Venue: Charles Latrobe Theatre at the Royal Melbourne Hospital . Lunch provided. Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm . Cost: Free to RVAHJ members or applicants for RVAHJ membership.

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Geelong Branch meeting

The Geelong RVAHJ Branch is holding its next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday, 3 March 2008 at the Geelong Police Station. All Geelong , Bellarine Peninsula and region members are very welcome. For more details contact the branch secretary, Mr Deema Johnston on (H) 03 5275 7099, (M) 0430 211 916 or email deema@ncable.net.au

Western Suburbs Branch Meeting

The Western Suburbs RVAHJ Branch is back with vengeance!

Its next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 31 March at the Sunshine RSL, 99 Dickson Street , Sunshine. The main topic for the night will be an informative presentation on your roles and responsibilities in Power of Attorney documentation. The speaker is Laura Mazzone, Business Development Manager , State Trustees Limited - a very entertaining and informative speaker! All JP's very welcome to attend. For more details contact the branch chairman, Sam Muscat on (h) 9363 7502 MB: 0419 381 479 E: samcjm@tecs.net.au

Changes on the RVAHJ Board

Five directors have resigned from the board in recent months due to work, health and family commitments. The outgoing directors are Helen Gilhome, Kerry Grills, Trish Vejby, Cesar Melhem and Peter Talbot.

The Association President, Rod McConnell has thanked each vacating director for their contribution whilst on the Board.

The board casual vacancies will be considered over the next few months and present an opportunity to introduce "new blood" to the Board. This is a healthy occurrence in any board, as new directors of necessity bring new ideas and a fresh viewpoint.

From a good governance perspective, a regular turnover of Directors is a positive outcome, as it allows for continuity of experience and policy, whilst also providing an opportunity for other RVAHJ members to contribute their fresh perspectives, energies and time to the Association.

Custodes

The March 2008 edition of Custodes will be delivered in about three weeks. It is shaping up to be another good read for Honorary Justices.

The cut-off date for contributions to the June edition is 21 April 2008. Please assist us by submitting your contributions on time to the Editor via email to custodes@rvahj.org.au

Legal Eagles

"Lawyers: persons who write a 10,000 word document and call it a brief."
--Franz Kafka

"When there are too many policemen, there can be no liberty;
When there are too many soldiers, there can be no peace;
When there are too many lawyers, there can be no justice."
--Lin Yutang

"It is hard to say whether the doctors of law or of divinity have made the greater advances in the lucrative business of mystery."
--Samuel Goldwyn

Mark D'Alterio JP
Membership Chairman
Royal Victorian Association of Honorary
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