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Fuel reimbursement claims period extended

Members are advised that the period for which fuel expenses may be claimed has been extended from 30 June 2009 to 12 July 2009. All claims must still be received by 31 July 2009.

Justice of the Peace review

Members will be aware of the recent media coverage regarding the appointment of Justices of the Peace and many of you have contacted the office to express your concern.

The President, Garry Runge, advises that he has met with the Attorney-General, Rob Hulls, to discuss issues relating to the appointment and training of JP's and the Board will provide the A-G with an issues paper strongly arguing for the continuation of the role of JP

New RVAHJ Directors

At the Annual General Meeting of members in May, it was announced that Harry Gibcus JP of Creswick had been duly elected a Director of the Board.

Michael Tse JP of Glen Waverley was appointed to a Casual Vacancy on the Board at the June Board meeting.

We congratulate both Harry and Michael and offer our best wishes in their new roles.

Community Accord

It was proposed at the April Board meeting that the RVAHJ become a signatory to the Community Accord which continues to be signed by community groups and organisations to demonstrate their commitment to the principles outlined in the Multicultural Victoria Act 2004.

The principles of the Accord include the following:

- Respect all ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic communities;
- Seek opportunities to work together to re-affirm our similarities as human beings and the fundamental principals which unite us as Victorians;
- Advocate for the elimination of racial and religious intolerance; and
- Reject all forms of racial and religious vilification, violence, harassment and unlawful discrimination.

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