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Cdr Paul Naylor, Supt Andrew Allen and Norman Wittingslow JP (then) RVAHJ President

Dear RVAHJ Members,



In this my first President's column, I wish to thank Past President Norman Wittingslow & all that have gone before in shaping the RVAHJ into what it is today. I look forward to the experience, counsel and support from the Past Presidents on the Board, as well as that from the Executive and other Board directors.

My first few months as President have been exceedingly busy and not only with day to day administrative functions. In July, I represented the RVAHJ at a forum organised by the Department of Justice, the focus of which, was Youth Justice and the many issues revolving around that topic.

I had a most satisfying visit to Frankston, where I had the pleasure of presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to a member who was instrumental in setting up the Document Signing Centre at Frankston, as well as a few others within the Mornington Peninsula region.

And on that note, I congratulate all who received service, and other awards, at the recent Annual Dinner. I was truly humbled by the many years of dedicated service voluntarily offered to the community and, without any doubt, the many thousands of hours that go hand in hand with that service. I again take this opportunity to thank one and all for the dedication and service freely offered by Justices and members of the RVAHJ.

Our Annual Dinner was a great success and is an opportunity to not only appreciate and acknowledge the recipients of service and other awards, but is an excellent opportunity to meet with other Justices and, from the chatter I experienced around the tables, to perhaps also share some experiences and catch up with friends. I also acknowledge our guest speaker for the evening, Dr Andrew Colemand PhD, for his presentation on International Law. A topic in which perhaps most of us will not become involved, but I trust an interesting and different topic to all those present.

Finally, I welcome all Justices who have recently joined the RVAHJ. I wish all, a long and happy tenure as Justices within Victoria and remind all that the RVAHJ and its directors function for the interests of Victorian Justices, both BJ & JP and invite you to contact the office if there is an issue or concern with which we may be able to assist.

Geoffrey Legge JP CPA
President

Queen's Birthday Awards

Our heartiest congratulations to the following, who received awards in the Queen's Birthday Honour List

The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne Robert Bennett Doyle AC – for eminent service to the people of Melbourne through roles in local government, to the Parliament of Victoria, particularly in the areas of health and public administration and to the community as a supporter of youth, social welfare and medical research foundations.

Ann Elizabeth Tonks AM JP – for significant service to the performing arts through senior management and advisory roles, to education and as an author.
Claude G Ullin AM JP – for significant service to the community through a range of organisations, to the visual arts, to multiculturalism and to local government

Robert C Bolch OAM JP – for service to the community of the Mornington Peninsula
Phillipa Challis OAM JP – for service to the community of Geelong
May Hu OAM JP – for service to the broadcast media, to women and to the multicultural community of Victoria
John S Turner OAM JP – for service to community health
Kenneth H Whan OAM JP – for service to local government and to the community of Benalla.



First Honorary Fellow Award

Since Superintendent Andrew Allen APM was appointed to Division 3 Western Region in 2007, he has provided invaluable support to the Ballarat Branch of this Association.

Our Board of Directors, wishing to formally recognise his outstanding commitment to Honorary Justices, awarded him an Honorary Fellowship of the RVAHJ; the first such award.

Norman Wittingslow JP, RVAHJ President (now Immediate Past President) attended the Division's Medal Presentation Ceremony in Ballarat on May 4th, accompanied by Bryan Nicholls JP, Branch Chairman, to present Andrew with his award.

In making the presentation, Mr Wittingslow said "the award more than demonstrates the exemplary service and valuable commitment which Superintendent Allen has made to the Association and particularly the local Honorary Justices over a period of ten years".



L to R: Ballarat Branch Chairman, Bryan Nicholls JP, Superintendent Andrew Allen APM & Norman Wittingslow JP, RVAHJ President

Recognition of service

We congratulate the following members who, in recognition of significant contributions to the Association and the wider community have received the Award of Fellowship.

Attention
RVAHJ
Fellows...!

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Pin is now available.

Measuring just 19mm x 7mm,
this distinctive pin is an
elegant way to display your
Award with pride & at

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Robert Bolch JP FRVAHJ.....LANGWARRIN
Myra Borg JP FRVAHJ.....DIGGERS REST
Vernon Fettke BJ JP FRVAHJ.....WERRIBEE
Larry Hall JP FRVAHJ.....HEIDELBERG
Olga Jackson JP FRVAHJCAPE SCHANCK
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Bryan Nitz JP FRVAHJ.....BURWOOD
Samson Parasol OAM JP FRVAHJ.....CAULFIELD NTH
Donald Parsons BJ JP FRVAHJ.....LILYDALE
Colin Riley JP FRVAHJ.....HIGHTON
Martin Sayers OAM JP FRVAHJ.....BUNYIP
Brian Staniforth JP FRVAHJ.....DROMANA
Geoffrey Sussmann OAM JP FRVAHJ.....CAULFIELD
Gary Tragardh JP FRVAHJ.....BENTLEIGH
Michael Tubb JP FRVAHJ.....HADDON
John von Appen JP FRVAHJ.....COBRAM
Kerry Watson JP FRVAHJ.....TRARALGON
Robert Winther OAM JP FRVAHJ.....DONCASTER EAST
Colleen Woolley OAM JP FRVAHJDIAMOND CREEK

Bail Reforms

The government is making it harder for serious offenders to get bail in Victoria and community safety will be given higher priority in a complete overhaul of the state's bail system.

Under the reforms, there will be a presumption against bail for serious violent offences and sexual offences, police will be given more powers to remand accused people, and bail justices will no longer consider the most serious offences.

The major reforms form part of the government's response to the Bail Review conducted by former Director of Public Prosecutions and Supreme Court Justice, Mr Paul Coghlan QC, following the Bourke Street tragedy on 20 January 2017.

While the review found that the current bail system is already arguably "the most onerous in Australia", it made further recommendations to strengthen the system.

The review made 37 recommendations in total. The government will implement, or go beyond, each of the recommendations in the first report, and conduct further consultation on the longer-term recommendations outlined in the second report.

The government will amend the Bail Act 1977 so that decision makers, including magistrates and judges, will be required to place a higher priority on community safety when making bail decisions.

Under the changes, bail will be refused for a number of new offences including aggravated home invasion and aggravated carjacking, unless there are exceptional circumstances. This brings these offences into line with murder and terrorism.

There will also be a presumption against bail for many more offences, including:

- Rape
- Kidnapping
- Armed robbery
- Intentionally or recklessly causing serious injury with gross violence
- Culpable driving causing death
- Dangerous driving causing death or serious injury
- Dangerous or negligent driving while pursued by police

- Persistent contravention of a family violence intervention order

People who commit serious indictable offences while on bail, summons, parole, under sentence or at large, will not be granted bail again unless they can prove there are exceptional circumstances. Importantly, only judges and magistrates will be able to make bail decisions for those matters.

The government will also ensure that courts prioritise community safety in the imposition of conditions when bail is granted.

A further wave of reforms will cover more complex matters, including giving police more powers to remand accused people.

The reforms will clarify the interactions of the legal tests – the 'unacceptable risk' and 'reverse onus' tests – which apply when determining whether an accused person should be granted bail.

The recommendations will be implemented progressively, as many are complex and will have significant planning considerations for the courts, Victoria Police and Corrections Victoria.

Mr Coghlan found that in recent years there has been a significant growth in the number of people who have been refused bail, resulting in a substantial increase in the number of people being held on remand.

In his second report, Mr Coghlan recommends the establishment of a new Bail & Remand Court, building on the current weekend and night court models. The government will work with relevant agencies to examine this proposal in detail.

In addition to these proposed reforms, the government has already made significant investments consistent with Mr Coghlan's recommendations. As part of the Victorian Budget 2017/18, the government is delivering \$25.2 million to continue and expand the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and the CISP Remand Outreach Pilot.

The programs ensure increased monitoring, treatment and supervision of persons on bail and remand, and target the underlying causes of offending and help reduce the rate of recidivism.

The Bail Review received 115 submissions and involved 39 consultation sessions with 34 different stakeholder groups.

Source: The Office of the Attorney General



AGM 25 May 2017 ~ Minutes

PRESENT:

Directors Norman Wittingslow (President, RVAHJ) Geoff Legge (Vice President), Glenda Frost (Immediate Past President & CFO), Rodney Lavin, Ben Loois, Nick O'Connell, Linda Rainsford & Rhonda Smith. Members Sandy Anderson, Margaret Nicholls, Damian Nosedo, Cathy Owens & Felicity Smith.

WELCOME:

Norman Wittingslow, President and Chairman, opened the meeting at 7.30pm welcoming those present and thanking them for their attendance. Apologies from the following members were received:

APOLOGIES:

Jack Davis, Cheryl Duff, Rosemary Garoni, Sil Garoni, Joe Giramondo, Cathie Irvin, Bruce Latimer, Rod Mason, Rod McConnell, Paul Mracek, Jack Rae OAM, Garry Runge, Joan Scott, David Smith, Gary Tragardh, Michael Tse & Bob Williams.

MINUTES OF THE 106th AGM:

Moved G Frost, seconded R Smith that the minutes of the 106th AGM be taken as read and approved. CARRIED

BIENNIAL ELECTION

In the absence of the Returning Officer, M Tse, the President reported that the number of nominees had not exceeded the number of seats and that consequently, all nominees (G Frost, A Harrington, R Lavin, N O'Connell, L Rainsford & N Wittingslow) were elected. The President congratulated all those elected.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The Chairman highlighted several items from the Board's Annual Report, which is reproduced herewith:

As President it gives me great pleasure to give my 2nd Presidential Report at this the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

The last year has been not only challenging but also rewarding, and I take this opportunity to sincerely thank those Directors who have assisted me and have made a genuine and valuable contribution to the RVAHJ. A special thanks Geoff Legge Vice President and Glenda Frost Immediate Past President for their continued loyalty and support. Likewise I would like to acknowledge Cathy Owens (Administration Officer) for her dedication and contribution she makes to the RVAHJ. Her knowledge and breadth of experience in dealing with questions or tricky situations, by the membership, I feel sure, is greatly appreciated.

The role of President demands a number of sacrifices, both in time and money, however, I have enjoyed every moment of the whole 2½ years as your President as it has been an honour and privilege, particularly attending so many Branches and meeting so many Justices personally.

I would also add, that under the respective leadership's of Clare Morton and Kim Eldridge our relationship with the Honorary Justice Office and in turn the Department of Justice and Regulation is sound and on a very good and respectful relationship base. My personal thanks to both Clare and Kim for their great support.

Involvement with the Australasian Council of Justices Associations is a worthy organisation to cross-fertilise ideas and meet to discuss mutual difficulties and of course opportunities. RVAHJ's continued relationship and engagement should be continued.

The Annual Dinner in August 2016 was another great evening with the rightful acknowledgement of the service many Justices give to the community. At our last dinner The Honourable Martin Pakula Attorney General was our main guest speaker who expressed his appreciation for the role of Justices and their contribution to the Community. Likewise our other guest speaker Mr Max Perry of Counsel told of his experiences at the bar table appearing before Justices of the Peace and whole heartedly supported their reintroduction as active participants in the Court system.

The recent Bourke Street tragedy, which has put Bail Justices and their activities under a spot light has been a real challenge for the RVAHJ, but the many balanced and well researched submissions put forward to support the Bail Justices have been of such significance that their removal would have been a miscarriage of natural justice. The recent Coghlan report indicates, Bail Justices will be retained, but in order to meet public expectation mandated Bail conditions will be introduced to ensure public safety, particularly from any violent offenders.

The introduction of the Post Nominal of Fellow of the Royal Victorian Association of Justices has been a suitable mechanism to outwardly honour those worthy to be awarded the honour and I do encourage all Justices to strive to achieve the status of FRVAHJ.

The RVAHJ has an exciting future ahead, and the way forward must be guided by diligent directors and a committed membership who have the best interests of the association at heart.

Norman W. Wittingslow JP, LL.B, Grad Dip LP, Grad Dip NP, FAICD, FSNV, FANZCN President

Moved G Legge, seconded F Smith, that the Annual Report be accepted. CARRIED

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Introducing your new Director

Dear Honorary Justices.



Being elected to the Board of Directors of the RVAHJ, I believe it my duty to formally introduce myself.

My place of residence is in Horsham, country Victoria, which is three hours west of Melbourne on the Western Highway towards Adelaide. I am 52 years old and have lived in Horsham all my life. In 1981, I finished school and began an apprenticeship as a carpenter with my father's construction company. In 1992, my father retired and I took

over the reins of the company. I have one son, Lachlan, who is 22 years old and studying Criminology at Griffith University on the Gold Coast.

My qualifications are; Domestic Builder, Commercial Builder, Architectural Draftsman and I have previously undertaken studies in Business Law, Economics and Accounting.

In 2013, I was appointed as a Bail Justice and in 2016 was appointed as a Justice of the Peace. As a Bail Justice, I conduct and have conducted hearings in Horsham, Stawell, Ararat, Nhill, St Arnaud, Hamilton, Ballarat, Melbourne CBD, Melbourne Suburbs and for Australian Federal Police in Lonsdale Street. In all, I have travelled 25,231 km's and spent 376 hours in travelling and conducting hearings. As a Justice of the Peace, I perform my duties as requested and rostered on at our Document Signing Centre at the Horsham Library. Our Document Signing Centre Coordinator is Mr Don Jagger JP. Mr Jagger should be congratulated on his work and his continuing commitment to the role.



Following the Bourke Street incident in January, I forwarded a four-page submission to the Hon Justice Coghlan for his Bail Review. Acknowledgement of my review can be found at the end of his recommendations. Following the release of Justice Coghlan's recommendations, I personally e-mailed a two-page open letter to every Liberal and Independent Parliamentarian in the Upper and Lower House. The open letter was to make them aware of the broad concerns relating to proposed recommendations and the ramifications that they had on the Charter of Human Rights and the "Presumption of Innocence"; that is bestowed on every citizen and is the corner stone of civilized society.

I believe the RVAHJ needs to be heard, to be a voice that stands up for its members and be recognised as a legitimate entity by Government and other associations.

As a Director, I acknowledge that the RVAHJ Board is representative of its members, their concerns and their expectations and as a Board it is our responsibility to make our members proud, not only within our organisation but within the eyes of the community.

I would like to congratulate our new President and Chairman Mr Geoff Legge JP on his appointment and look forward to working with him and the other Board members.

I am committed to upholding the ideals and purpose of the RVAHJ and invite all members to contact me at any time to discuss their concerns and/or any items they wish to table before the Board. My contact E-mail is andrew@harringtonhomes.com.au

Kind Regards

Andrew Harrington BJ JP

New Members

The president and directors warmly welcome the following new members:

Aaron Crump JP
Mark Deakin BJ
Howard Thomas Grundell JP
Michael Alexander Hall JP
Roman Jade JP (Q)
Justin Le Guen JP

BROWN HILL
IRYMPLE
MOOLAP
DIAMOND CREEK
GLENFERRIE STH
HUNTLY

Desmond Mahoney JP
Rehmat Samiullah Mohammed BJ
Mary Agnes O'Shannassy OAM JP
Ross Symons JP
Barbara Jean Taylor JP
Karen Jane Wilmot JP

VERMONT
HALLAM
RESERVOIR
MENTONE
MENTONE
BOTANIC RIDGE

AGM 25 May 2017 ~ Minutes (cont'd)

Regarding the Bourke St tragedy, D Noseda queried the government introducing legislation before the results of the Coronial inquest were known. The President advised that the government could introduce new legislation whenever they liked and was likely to be based on the recommendations of Justice Coghlan's review.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Chairman invited the Chief Financial Officer to present the Auditor's report, with respect to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016.

F Smith queried the 'nil' figure listed for voluntary workers insurance. The explanation is one of timing, in that the account was paid after December 31. The President noted that, although all honorary justices are covered by DoJ&R insurance, members were also covered by Association insurance for attendance at official functions. However, he clarified that it was a complex issue and that insurance companies were constrained by law from covering anything covered by medical insurance.

Moved G Frost, seconded L Rainsford to accept and adopt the annual accounts as presented. CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Discussion ensued regarding the appointment of auditor. The President confirmed that the term of the Auditor's appointment was for 1 (one) year, following a query from N O'Connell.

Moved N O'Connell, seconded S Anderson, that Mr Carl Adams be re-appointed auditor for the forthcoming year. CARRIED

MATTERS WITHOUT NOTICE:

The Chairman opened the floor to any matters without notice.

D Noseda noted the suggestion from the 2016 meeting that Honorary Justices at Signing Stations could further assist Police if they were authorised to deal with persons reporting on Bail and asked whether a written submission, as requested, had been received. The President reported that no further information had been received and that, in the current climate, it was unlikely that such a suggestion would succeed.

General discussion ensued regarding the introduction of the Night Court, the expense of proposed changes to bail laws and the training of bail justices which emphasised bail over remand.

D Noseda questioned the requirement for honorary justices, when moving to other jurisdictions, to go through the same process as any other person for appointment. The President advised that it would be impossible to reach cross-state agreements and that, although a previous appointment does not circumvent the appointment process, it would be taken into account within the process.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.14 pm and invited those present to stay for a light supper.



Oaths & Affirmations Bill 2017

The Oaths & Affirmations Bill 2017 was introduced in Parliament on 6 June to consolidate, modernise and streamline legal processes and improve accessibility and equality before the law.

The reforms will ensure that some people, who are capable of giving evidence, are not confused or discouraged from doing so by the formal wording of an oath or affirmation.

The changes will enable a child or person with a cognitive impairment to use a simpler form of words, such as 'I promise to tell the truth', when making an oath or affirmation in court.

The list of people who can witness a statutory declaration will be expanded to include Common-

wealth statutory declaration witnesses, such as certain Australia Post staff and agents, nurses, full-time teachers and more Commonwealth and local government public servants.

Expanding the range of people who can witness a statutory declaration will make legal processes more accessible to people living in remote or regional areas and help to reduce pressure on frontline police.

A new offence will also be created for making a false statutory declaration, instead of relying on the general offence of perjury under the Crimes Act 1958. The maximum penalty for the new offence will be five years in jail.

Source: Office of the Attorney General





**With speakers
from:**

RVAHJ

**Office of the
Public Advocate**

State Trustees

Legal Aid

Q&A

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**18 OCTOBER 2017
~ 8.00PM**

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Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear from an excellent panel of speakers and have your questions answered!

**For further info
or to book**

Contact:

Colin Rimington JP

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Ballarat Branch

Marta Ago, Honorary Justice Office Principal Legal Officer, was the guest speaker at the May 2017 meeting of the Ballarat Branch.

Marta's wide-ranging presentation covered topical issues of the role of honorary justices; JPs performance: document signing centre commitments; insurances and personal safety. Marta also gave a brief overview of the Coghlan Reports 1 and 2 following the review of the Bail System as an outcome of the Bourke Street Tragedy which occurred earlier in the year.

Marta's address, accompanied by a comprehensive question and answer time, was warmly welcomed by all those in attendance. Bryan Nicholls JP FRAVHJ, Branch Chairman, presented Marta with a gavel set at the end of the meeting.

Submitted by Bryan Nicholls



Bryan Nicholls JP, (centre) Marta Ago, Principal Legal Officer, HJO (left), Rhonda Smith JP FRVAHJ, RVAHJ director (right). Photo: Michael Cheshire.



Mornington Peninsula Branch



Peter Newman JP, (right) presents Phill Jones (left) with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Mornington Peninsula Branch of JPs / Bail Justices recently held their meeting at Frankston Police Headquarters.

At the commencement of the meeting, Frankston Signing Station Co-ordinator Peter Newman presented a "Certificate of Appreciation to Mr Phill Jones, the manager of the International Motel (adjacent to Frankston Police Headquarters) for allowing DSS members the use of his car park and providing a meeting room with refreshments for their meetings.

Phill was most surprised by this gesture and spoke of his admiration for what members of the Document Signing Station (DSS) do and assured members that he will continue to support the JPs / BJs with the programme.

Fay Hunter, Treasurer, asked members if there were any suggestions for donations. Vice Chairman Barry Lewis advised he would be appreciative of a donation to Yarrabah, a specialist school that caters for students with intellectual, physical and / or multiple disabilities in a bayside suburb. Our small group of volunteers were delighted to donate \$100 to Yarrabah.

Leading Senior Constable, Greg Krause from Mornington Police Station was guest speaker at the second meeting for the Mornington Peninsula Honorary Justices Group at Frankston Police Station.

Greg is well known in the Mornington area for his eclectic historical interests and as an avid collector of old bicycles and police memorabilia. He brought to the meeting a collection of police helmets from various parts of the world, along with replica guns, batons, torches, sprays etc which were used in the past -

interesting to compare with modern day items.

Although it was a very informal, light hearted presentation, the Justices of the Peace & Bail Justices present were most appreciative of the time Greg & colleague Snr Constable John Abbott spent with them as they answered many questions relating to policing in today's world.

Fay Hunter (Secretary) presented Greg with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked them both for their time.

The JPs staff Signing Centres at Police Stations in Frankston, Mornington, Rosebud, Hastings, Carrum Downs & Cranbourne.

From Ian Lyons, Publicity; Mornington Peninsula Branch of Hon. Justices.



L to r: Fay Hunter, Leading Constable Greg Krause, Terry Walton & Sue Martin.

Glen Waverley Branch

Mr Norm Gibbs, OAM, JP, (on the left of the photo), with a commemorative wreath he had laid at the Glen Waverley Cenotaph during the ANZAC Day Ceremony on Sunday 23rd April 2017, outside the City of Monash offices in Glen Waverley.

Mr Gibbs, on behalf of the Glen Waverley Branch of the RVAHJ, has for many years participated in the ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony by laying a wreath on behalf of the RVAHJ branch. In the photo Mr Gibbs, accompanied by Mr Tony Allan, JP, a past chairman of the Glen Waverley branch, holds the wreath which he had laid.

The ceremony was well attended by past and serving members of the Australian Military Forces and it followed a march from the local RSL Sub-Branch. ⚖️



Box Hill Roster Group

A meeting was held on 5th April by the members of the DSC, at Box Hill Town Hall, Boyland Room. This is the first of two scheduled meetings for the year, to discuss operational matters and to update all 18 JP's on the Roster. We had as a guest speaker, Sylvia Lemke from the Honorary Justice Office.

This was a valuable meeting with a lot of information proffered by Sylvia. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we were not able to handle all our agenda items. Therefore, we will have to have another meeting to complete it. Too many questions and too little time.

Our DSC is strong and busy, operating five days a week from 10-00am to 6-00pm on most days, and until 7-00pm on some days.



The Centre is expanding as we become more known by the public. In 2016, we averaged about 4000 documents a month, but in 2017 we are approaching 6000. Box Hill is surrounded by educational establishments, and this creates a lot of work.

We hope to expand our operations to give service to the public, and to save our Police force from the drudgery. The local Police really appreciate what we do.

If you would like to join us, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact our coordinator Lyn King on lmking2104@gmail.com, or ring on 9874 4243. We need regular, temporary, or Emergency help, as many hands make light work. At this centre, we have five JP's who have 100 or more attendances, and two who are approaching 200.

Photo by:-
Bryan Nitz JP FRVAHJ
Collector of Statistics



Westgate Roster Group

On 19 August, the Westgate [RVAHJ] roster group was welcomed to the Williamstown police station by S/C Steve Ellis who gave a clear and detailed talk on the duties of the search and rescue squad which was followed by an interesting tour of the water police compound.

The Westgate group was pleased to welcome JPs Bruce Knight from Moonee Ponds and Melissa Curtis from Werribee to join us for the day.

- from Loretta Cormack



Where do you sign?

As Justices of the Peace and Bail Justices for Victoria, we are authorised to witness documentation anywhere within the State.

Whether we witness documentation in the home, at work, at a roster venue, or whether we meet clients in a public place, will depend on personal preference and circumstance. However, roster venues are clearly becoming the preferred choice for many Honorary Justices as well as the public.

Sometimes, in the course of our duties, we must refuse to witness documentation because it has not

been prepared properly or is outside our authority or for other reasons. Roster venues, many of them Police Stations, offer the security of having other people at hand should a member of the public become agitated or abusive. For members of the public, roster venues offer the flexibility of not having to make appointments and many of them are open in the evening or on weekends.

Roster coordinators are eager to hear from anyone interested in joining a roster. For contact details of local coordinators, please contact the Admin. Officer on (03) 9525 7099 or ad.officer.rvahj@gmail.com

| DSC | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Year Total |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Altona Library | | 89 | 189 | | 113 | 128 | 258 | 777 |
| Altona RSL | | 75 | 112 | | 189 | 141 | 153 | 670 |
| Ballarat | 3771 | 3727 | 4478 | 3199 | 4014 | 3668 | 9646 | 32503 |
| Benalla | 0 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 103 | | | 198 |
| Bendigo | 763 | 706 | 734 | 751 | 1489 | 1362 | | 5805 |
| Box Hill | 2845 | 5084 | 5837 | 3669 | 4156 | 6054 | 5862 | 33507 |
| Bright | 50 | 36 | 54 | 37 | 45 | 58 | | 280 |
| Broadmeadows | 3062 | 3664 | 3872 | 3020 | 4273 | 4127 | 5347 | 27365 |
| Carrum Downs | 226 | 242 | 333 | 153 | 298 | 364 | 398 | 2014 |
| Caulfield | 1405 | | | | | | | 1405 |
| Corio | | 518 | 357 | 504 | | 174 | 590 | 2143 |
| Corryong | 19 | 23 | 38 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 3 | 154 |
| Craigieburn | | 1356 | 1320 | 1484 | 1823 | 1603 | 2248 | 9834 |
| Cranbourne | 2219 | 3433 | 3714 | | | | | 9366 |
| Dandenong | 6803 | | 7759 | 7104 | 8539 | 8581 | 8955 | 47741 |
| Drysdale | 0 | 202 | 31 | 23 | 23 | 21 | | 300 |
| Eltham | 112 | 156 | 190 | 319 | 327 | 185 | | 1289 |
| Epping | | 1777 | 2182 | 1788 | 2317 | 1893 | 2064 | 12021 |
| Family Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6297 | | 6297 |
| Fawkner | | 2380 | 1804 | 3155 | 5526 | 3119 | 2786 | 18770 |
| Flemington | 13 | 95 | 20 | 30 | 72 | 29 | 108 | 367 |
| Frankston | 2162 | 3256 | 4767 | 3612 | 3721 | 3498 | 4319 | 25335 |
| Geelong | | 2356 | 2598 | 2728 | | 2460 | 3025 | 13167 |
| Glen Waverley | 4499 | 4344 | 3088 | 3485 | 5042 | | | 20458 |
| Hamilton | 31 | 34 | 61 | 55 | 68 | 38 | 81 | 368 |
| Hastings | 64 | 122 | 100 | 76 | 95 | 90 | 114 | 661 |
| Horsham | | 96 | 207 | | 39 | | | 342 |
| Keilor Downs | | | | 1592 | 2469 | 2433 | 2450 | 8944 |
| Laverton Hub | | 6 | 34 | | 36 | | 87 | 163 |
| Mansfield | 15 | 74 | 63 | 43 | 49 | 20 | 70 | 334 |
| Melbourne Town Hall | | 1629 | 1928 | 1748 | 1909 | | | 7214 |
| Mercy - Austin Health | 444 | 534 | 546 | 822 | 902 | | | 3248 |
| Mildura | 2130 | 1854 | 1877 | 1293 | 1711 | 1892 | 2268 | 13025 |
| Moonee Valley | | 1584 | 2188 | 1634 | 2004 | 2059 | 2236 | 11705 |
| Myrtleford | 114 | 57 | 57 | 44 | 315 | 112 | | 699 |
| Narre Warren | 2770 | 3336 | 3308 | 2140 | 3364 | 3033 | | 17951 |
| Northcote | 124 | 188 | 285 | 168 | 270 | 440 | | 1475 |
| Oakleigh | 377 | 549 | | | | | | 926 |
| Pakenham | 898 | 977 | 1237 | 993 | 926 | 1024 | 951 | 7006 |
| Preston | 439 | 648 | 1032 | 487 | 768 | 784 | | 4158 |
| Reservoir | 138 | 188 | 191 | 120 | 136 | 168 | | 941 |
| Ringwood | | | | | 364 | 465 | | 829 |
| RMH | 984 | 1096 | 1463 | | | | | 3543 |
| Rosebud | | 279 | | | 225 | 357 | 246 | 1107 |
| Sale | | 469 | 469 | | | 351 | 412 | 1701 |
| Springvale | 8273 | 8252 | 8985 | 7169 | 8615 | 8385 | 7633 | 57312 |
| Sunshine | | | | 1516 | 1633 | 2282 | 3216 | 8647 |
| Traralgon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2756 | | 2756 |
| Wangaratta | 489 | 447 | 463 | 438 | 1263 | 627 | | 3727 |
| Wangaratta Library | 172 | 74 | 155 | 89 | 338 | 146 | | 974 |
| Warrnambool | 387 | 373 | 689 | 424 | 668 | 675 | 798 | 4014 |
| Werribee | 8024 | 7839 | 10526 | 6569 | 7292 | | 9640 | 49890 |
| Williamstown | | 367 | 807 | | 458 | 507 | 565 | 2704 |
| Wodonga | 1082 | 1006 | 1043 | 766 | 1264 | 1194 | 3058 | 9413 |
| Wonthaggi | 730 | 891 | 688 | 537 | 998 | 868 | | 4712 |
| Monthly Total | 55634 | 66488 | 81974 | 63808 | 80272 | 74492 | 79587 | 502255 |



New post-sentence authority created

A new statutory authority will keep watch over the state's most serious offenders – a key recommendation of the Harper Review.

The *Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Amendment (Governance) Bill 2017* was introduced into Parliament in August to create the Post Sentence Authority.

The authority will provide independent and rigorous oversight of the post-sentence scheme, which provides for the detention or supervision of serious sex offenders who pose an unacceptable risk to the community after prison.

The authority will also oversee the detention or supervision of serious violent offenders when the scheme starts next year.

The authority will consist of up to 10 members, who will be a mix of former judges and magistrates, lawyers and community members with relevant expertise.

Currently, the Independent Adult Parole Board (APB) deals with the supervision and detention of serious offenders. The new authority will allow the APB to focus solely on parole.

Multi-agency panels, consisting of Victoria Police, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice and Regulation will be created to reduce the risk of reoffending.

The panels will be responsible for managing offenders subject to the post-sentence scheme, ensuring all relevant authorities are focused on reducing the risk of reoffending and keeping the community safe.

The Government is currently expanding the post-sentence scheme to include serious violent offenders, and building two new secure facilities to detain and supervise offenders.

Source: Office of the Minister for Corrections



Family violence programs funded

Programs are being expanded that make men who have committed family violence take accountability for their actions and stop abusing women and children.

Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos has announced more than \$12.4 million for family violence programs and referral services, encouraging men to acknowledge the impact of their violence and change their behaviour through group-based intervention.

The investment will support 32 agencies to deliver men's behavioural change programs and services across the state.

It will also support the No to Violence and Men's Referral Services to provide information and guidance on men's family violence to perpetrators, frontline staff and the community.

The funding supports a recommendation from the Royal Commission into Family Violence that more men's behavioural change programs be made available to meet the demands of the community and of court orders.

The Government is working to end family violence through its \$1.9 billion package of measures in the *Victorian Budget 2017/18*. This investment includes \$49.4 million over four years for the Changing Perpetrator Behaviour initiative.

Funding will also go to establishing 17 support and safety hubs across the state, delivering after-hours crisis support, counselling and therapy for victims of family violence, and developing a 10-year plan.

Source: Office of the Minister for Families and Children



| | 2016 | 2015 | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|--------|
| | \$ | \$ | | |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Government Grant | | NIL | | NIL |
| Sales of Merchandise (See Note 1) | 9457 | 11779 | | |
| Cost of Goods sold | (7079) | (9564) | | 2215 |
| Annual Dinner | 8800 | 9227 | | |
| Cost of Annual Dinner | (7113) | (8378) | | 849 |
| State Trustees Grant | | NIL | | 15000 |
| Photocopy Services | | 18 | | 9 |
| Correction of 2014 Accounts | | 27182 | | Nil |
| Members Subscriptions | | 87437 | | 90996 |
| Joining Fee | | 640 | | 920 |
| Bank interest | | 31 | | 26 |
| Term Deposit Interest | | 3411 | | 6548 |
| Donations and Grants | | 221 | | 770 |
| Awards | | 2305 | | NIL |
| TOTAL INCOME | 125310 | 117333 | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Depreciation of Plant & Equipment | | 1800 | | NIL |
| Seminars & Meetings | | 37 | | 168 |
| Provision for Non-renewals of Membership | | 1320 | | NIL |
| Administration (See Note 2) | | 47612 | | 47612 |
| Bank Charges | | 847 | | 1137 |
| Subscriptions | | 211 | | 206 |
| Awards | | 158 | | NIL |
| Insurance (See Note 3) | | 3231 | | 4639 |
| Postage | | 1704 | | 806 |
| Journal Costs (See Note 4) | | 14658 | | 21047 |
| ASIC Fee | | 47 | | 46 |
| Consultants Office | | 270 | | 1028 |
| Audit Fee | | 2500 | | 2500 |
| Repairs & Maintenance (See Note 5) | | 2550 | | 2485 |
| Telephone & Internet | | 7020 | | 7943 |
| Travelling Expenses (See Note 5) | | 221 | | NIL |
| Occupancy Expenses (See Note 7) | | 4008 | | 4471 |
| Amortisation of leased premises | | 18080 | | 18080 |
| Staff Amenities | | 416 | | 663 |
| Printing & Stationery | | (180) | | 1487 |
| General Expenses | | 96 | | 328 |
| Accountancy Fee | | 2750 | | NIL |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 109356 | 114646 | | |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | 15954 | 2687 | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| NAB Cash Management Account | 75887 | 74946 | | |
| NAB Cheque Account | 68614 | 52561 | | |
| Petty Cash | 509 | 177 | | |
| Internet Account | 6024 | 9176 | | |
| Credit Card | 444 | 306 | | |
| Accounts Receivable | 5280 | 3747 | | |
| Term Deposit – NAB (1) | 105000 | 102484 | | |
| Term Deposit – NAB (2) | NIL | NIL | | |
| Inventory | 4953 | 6743 | | 250142 |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Plant, Property & Equipment (At written down value) | 3242 | 5041 | | |
| Leasehold Improvements (At written down value) | 49518 | 67599 | | 72640 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 319471 | 322782 | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Sundry Creditors (See Note 8) | 13573 | 25098 | | |
| Provisions (See Note 9) | 24279 | 26358 | | |
| Australian Taxation Office | 459 | 6120 | | |
| | | 38311 | | 57576 |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | |
| | | NIL | | NIL |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 38311 | 57576 | | |
| MEMBERS EQUITY | | | | |
| | 281160 | 265206 | | |
| MEMBERS FUNDS | | | | |
| Accumulated Funds at 1 st Jan 2016 | | 265206 | | 262519 |
| Surplus for the Year | | 15954 | | 2687 |
| Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec 2016 | 281160 | 265206 | | |

NOTES**1 SALES OF MERCHANDISE**

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Books and Documentation | 1789 | 2286 |
| Display Items | 378 | 335 |
| Dresswear | 622 | 1030 |
| Postage & Handling | 1037 | 1220 |
| Promotion | 93 | 58 |
| Stamps | 3899 | 5278 |
| Markets and Industry | 1639 | 1572 |
| | 9457 | 11779 |

2 ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Salaries | 33235 | 33235 |
| Superannuation Provision | 4032 | 4032 |
| Annual Leave Provision | 3537 | 3537 |
| Long Service Leave Provision | 85 | 85 |
| WorkCover | 531 | 531 |
| PAYG | 6192 | 6192 |
| | 47612 | 47612 |

3 INSURANCE

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Business | 1466 | 1467 |
| Directors' & Officers' Liability | 1765 | 1765 |
| Voluntary Workers | NIL | 1407 |
| | 3231 | 4639 |

4 JOURNAL COSTS

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Binding and Copying | 6260 | 7460 |
| Editing | 1909 | 4909 |
| Mailhouse Processing | 433 | 732 |
| Postage | 5508 | 7440 |
| Photocopying | 548 | 505 |
| | 14658 | 21047 |

5 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fixtures & Fittings | 2550 | 2238 |
| Computer including software | NIL | 247 |
| | 2550 | 2485 |

6 TRAVELLING EXPENSES

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Airfares and Transport | 31 | NIL |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses | NIL | NIL |
| Members Reimbursement | NIL | NIL |
| Catering | NIL | NIL |
| Accommodation | 190 | NIL |
| | 221 | NIL |

7 OCCUPANCY EXPENSES

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Light and power | 3382 | 3852 |
| Water Rates | 626 | 619 |
| | 24279 | 26358 |

8 SUNDRY CREDITORS

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Subscriptions in Advance | 4275 | 24755 |
| Training Grant Accrual | NIL | NIL |
| Accounts Payable | 9298 | 343 |
| | 13573 | 25098 |

9 PROVISIONS

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Annual Leave | 4372 | 3855 |
| Long Service Leave | 16079 | 15994 |
| Australian Taxation Office | 1548 | 4512 |
| Super Guarantee Levy | 1100 | 1149 |
| WorkCover | 1180 | 848 |
| | 24279 | 26358 |

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- Now giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31st December 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Carl Adams
FIPA ACIS ACSA AGIA
19 April 2017



New laws ban synthetic drugs

New laws banning synthetic drugs and increasing the penalties for ice dealers

were recently passed in Parliament.

From 1 November, it will be illegal to produce, sell or advertise any substances that have a psychoactive effect, including synthetic cannabinoids.

Not only do these changes ban the sale and advertising of these drugs, this Act will also ensure that current police search, seizure and forfeiture powers will apply to psychoactive drugs.

Tough new penalties will apply to anyone peddling these drugs, including up to two years in prison or more than \$38,000 in fines.

Synthetic drugs are designed to mimic the effects of illicit drugs like cannabis and ecstasy, while trying to avoid existing drug control measures.

"We are giving police the power to put away ice dealers for longer by reducing the amount of ice required for commercial drug trafficking offences." said Police Minister, Lisa Neville.

They have been linked to hospital emergency admissions and three Victorian deaths over a four-month period between 2013 and 2014.

The Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Miscellaneous Amendment Bill 2017 also includes amendments to crack down on ice dealers.

Dealers will soon face significantly longer sentences with the government cutting:

- The large commercial traffickable quantities for methylamphetamine from 750g to 500g (when pure) and from 1kg to 750g (when mixed)
- The commercial traffickable quantities for methylamphetamine from 100g to 50g (when pure) and from 500g to 250g (when mixed).

The Government's \$184 million Ice Action Plan is expanding treatment services, providing more support for families, protecting frontline workers, and giving extra powers to close down manufacturers and make our community safer.

Source: Office of the Minister for Police



Police anti-gangs division increases

Three new teams have joined Victoria Police's Anti-Gangs Division to help combat organised crime.

Minister for Police Lisa Neville announced that 20 new officers will be added to the Gang Crime Squad, who will investigate networked offending and organised crime, including outlaw motorcycle gangs and Middle Eastern crime gangs.

The officers will work in three teams and expand on the work being done across our regions to address gang crime. This work has already led to more than 600 arrests for crimes including car jackings and home invasions, since Operation Cosmas began.

Funding for the new officers was provided in the 2016/17 Victorian Budget, which also funded two new illicit firearms teams within Victoria Police's Armed Crime Squad.

The ground-breaking \$2 billion Community Safety Statement includes more police, and better strategies to tackle youth crime, drug crime and outlaw motorcycle gangs.

The Government has introduced tough new drug laws that carry jail terms of up to 25 years for ice dealers, along with laws to tackle the illicit firearms market.

Legislation will be introduced into parliament this year to target drive-by shootings and people who shoot at buildings.

These laws will help police reduce gun crime, break up outlaw motorcycle gangs and target other crime groups.

Source: Office of the Minister for Police



2017 Annual Dinner



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Key safety reforms pass Parliament

The Sentencing Amendment (Sentencing Standards) Bill 2017 was passed by Parliament in August and will introduce a new sentencing regime to increase the jail terms for 12 of the most serious crimes.

The reforms will replace current sentencing practice with higher sentencing standards more in line with community expectations. A new sentencing standard will apply to the following crimes:

- Murder: 25 years
- Murder of an emergency service worker or custodial officer: 30 years
- Culpable driving causing death: 8 years
- Trafficking a large commercial quantity drug of dependence: 16 years
- Rape: 10 years
- Sexual penetration of a lineal descendant under 18 years-old : 10 years
- Sexual penetration of a step-child under 18 years-old : 10 years
- Persistent sexual abuse of a child under 16 years-old: 10 years
- Sexual penetration with a child under 12 years-old: 10 years
- Sexual penetration with a child under 16 years-old: 6 years
- Sexual assault of a child under 16 years-old: 4 years

- Sexual activity in the presence of a child under 16 years-old: 4 years
- Causing a child under 16 to be present during sexual activity: 4 years

Courts will be able to deviate from the sentencing standards due to aggravating or mitigating factors but they will need to provide reasons if they do so.

The Crimes Legislation Amendment (Public Order) Bill 2017 also passed Parliament and includes new statutory offences of affray and violent disorder, and additional police powers to keep the community safe.

Under the reforms, police will be able to direct a person within a designated area to remove a face covering if it's being worn to hide their identity or to stop the effects of capsicum spray. Police will also be able to direct a person to leave the designated area if they reasonably believe the person intends to commit affray or violent disorder.

Affray will carry a maximum penalty of five years jail, or seven years if committed while wearing a face covering. Violent disorder will have a maximum of 10 years jail, or 15 years if committed while wearing a face covering.

Source: Office of the Attorney General 

Members receive Certificates of Appreciation

One of our most active and dedicated members recently had the distinction of receiving not one, but two, Certificates of Appreciation.

Joe de Souza JP FRVAHJ, has been the roster coordinator at the Springvale Police Station for the last 8 years and he, and the rest of the volunteers there, do a remarkable job relieving the local police of a significant workload.

For his service, the Board of Directors awarded Joe their Certificate of Appreciation which was recently presented by Director Glenda Frost JP.

On 22 February, Inspector Mark Langhorn, Greater Dandenong Local Area Commander, presented Joe with a Victoria Police Certificate of Appreciation at a morning tea shared by volunteers from the Springvale and Dandenong Signing Stations.

Joe said he was “deeply honoured yet humble” to receive the awards.

The RVAHJ Board of Directors also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Robert Bolch JP FRVAHJ, for his years of dedicated service as the coordinator of the Frankston Signing Station.

Robert recently handed over the reins to Peter Newman JP and will shortly be moving from the area.

We heartily congratulate these two dedicated Honorary Justices and express our appreciation to all of the Honorary Justices serving on rosters around the state.



2017 Honour Roll Update

We congratulate the following members who, this year, reached a new milestone of membership.

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50 Years

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TRARALGON
ROCHESTER

40 Years

George Bennett AM JP
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Please note the office will be closed:

Friday, 15 December 2017

To

**Friday, 12 January 2018
inclusive.**

If you require assistance with procedural matters whilst the office is closed, please contact one of the Directors listed in this edition of *Custodes*.

Donations gratefully received!

We would like to acknowledge our member, Mrs Kwai Choi JP who, over several years, has made a significant annual donation to the RVAHJ.

These have been gratefully received and used for the benefit of the membership.

We would also like to recognise Norman Wittingslow JP, Immediate Past President and Paul Mracek JP, Vice President, for their generous donations which were used to upgrade our computer hardware.

From us, and on behalf of our members, our sincere thanks for your generosity!

~ RVAHJ Board



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