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Appointment of medical treatment decision maker

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Your medical treatment decision maker has legal authority to make medical treatment decisions on your behalf, if you do not have decision-making capacity to make the decision.

Your medical treatment decision maker is the first person you list below who is reasonably available, and willing and able to make the decision. Only adults can appoint a medical treatment decision maker.

Part 1: Personal details

Before you start, read the checklist of steps with this form.

You must fill in your full name, date of birth and address. A phone number is optional.

Your full name:	
Date of birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Address:	
Phone number:	

Part 2: Medical treatment decision maker details

This form allows you to appoint up to two people. To appoint more people, use the long version of this form.

Fill in the details of your first medical treatment decision maker here.

I **revoke** any other previous appointment of a medical treatment decision maker however described.

I **appoint** as my medical treatment decision maker(s):

Medical treatment decision maker 1

Full name:	
Date of birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Address:	
Phone number:	

Medical treatment decision maker 2

Full name:	
Date of birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Address:	
Phone number:	

Fill in the details of your second medical treatment decision maker here.

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New rules for Powers of Attorney apply from March 12.



Dear Members,

I thought it important to mention in my column this edition, two issues which some of us may come across.

Most of us will be aware of changes to Enduring Powers of Attorney that took

effect in 2014 & I refer you to the article in edition 1/2016 of Custodes. Minor changes occurred in 2017 which had an effect to an Attorney or Alternative Attorney. However, from March of this year it is important to note that new Medical Powers of Attorney will now also require one of the two witnesses to be able to take Affidavits, as per the Enduring Powers of Attorney.

Further reading to Powers of Attorney is available from the Office of Public Advocate web site: <http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/home/justice+system/laws+and+regulation/civil+law/powers+of+attorney+act+2014>

The other matter to which I draw your attention relates to the document "Certificate by a Qualified Witness" required by Land Use Victoria and whether or not a Justice of the Peace for Victoria is qualified to witness the document. And I acknowledge Mr. Ian Ireson, Registrar of Titles, for his assistance with this section.

1. Verification of identity (VOI) requirements for electronic conveyancing transactions have been in place for some time and were formalised for paper conveyancing in November 2015.
2. A conveyancer, lawyer or mortgagee is required to take reasonable steps to verify the identity of a client or mortgagor. How that is done is up to them. The conveyancer, lawyer or mortgagee can undertake the verification of identity of a client or may decide to have it done by an agent (including an Identity

Agent). Identity Agent's are required to maintain professional indemnity insurance and fidelity insurance having an aggregate amount for each of \$20 million. A national Verification of Identity standard has been developed for this purpose. If a conveyancer, lawyer or mortgagee complies with the standard, they will be deemed to have taken 'reasonable steps' to verify the identity of the client or mortgagor.

3. From the 1 January 2018, conveyancers, lawyers and mortgagees (who are authorised deposit-taking institutions) will be required to sign paper conveyancing transactions on behalf of their client or mortgagor and provide certifications, including a certification that they have taken reasonable steps to verify the identity of their client or mortgagor.
4. For non-representation or instances where a person is conducting their own conveyancing without a conveyancer or lawyer, Land Victoria regulations require that they must have their identity verified and their signing of a conveyancing document witnessed by Australia Post.

Although a JP is empowered by legislation to certify and witness certain documents, a JP or authorised person cannot dictate to the receiving authority, in this case Land Use Victoria, the method used to witness documents. Accordingly, Land Use Victoria requires its conveyancing documents to be witnessed by a lawyer or conveyancer acting for a client or in non-represented cases by Australia Post. In which case, conveyancing documents will be rejected if witnessed by a JP unless that JP is a lawyer or conveyancer acting for a client or a JP working within Australia Post.

In this respect it would be wise if JPs, unless they are qualified for Land use Victoria purposes, were not to provide a declaration for any document associated with a conveyancing transaction or mortgage that indicates the identification was carried out by them. This would be contrary to Land Use Victoria's verification of identity requirements.

Have you logged in to our new website yet?

All user names were set up as your first and last name, eg. John Smith. [Email addresses will not work.](#) The password is:

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Once logged in, you can change your password.

Contact the office if you experience any problems on (03) 9525 7099

Geoffrey Legge JP
President RVAHJ



Stage 2 Bail reforms

Police will have new powers to remand an accused person in custody and bail justices will have a more limited role, under the second wave of bail reforms introduced by the Government.

The Bail Amendment (Stage Two) Bill will allow senior police officers to remand a person in custody for up to 48 hours until a court is available to hear their application for bail.

Under the new police remand system, where police refuse bail, an accused will be required to be brought before a court as soon as practicable and the accused will not be able to make a further application to a bail justice within the 48-hour timeframe.

In line with Justice Paul Coghlan's second report into the bail system, the increased police remand powers will not apply to children, Aboriginal people or vulnerable adults, such as those with a cognitive impairment.

The reforms will also clarify the courts' power to grant or refuse bail to an accused who is appearing on summons. This will mean that the courts may remand an accused who is appearing on summons on application by the prosecution or on their own motion.

The Bill will also clarify the tests for granting bail – the unacceptable risk, show

“Strengthening the bail tests will ensure that risk to community safety is given a higher priority when deciding whether to grant bail.” ~ Martin Pakula MP, Attorney General

compelling reason and show exceptional circumstances tests – by setting out when each of the tests for bail should apply.

The unacceptable risk test will be strengthened by emphasising the importance for decisions makers to take into account a person's potential risk to community safety.

The reforms complete the legislative actions outlined as part of the Government's response to the first report of the Bail Review, and delivers on a number of legislative reforms recommended in the second report of the review, which was conducted following the Bourke Street tragedy.

~ from the Office of the Attorney General



2018 Membership Fees ~ Reminder!

Annual membership fees became due & payable on JANUARY 1.

To reduce our postage and administration costs, individual invoices are not sent.

The ordinary membership fee for 2018 is \$62.00 (Associate/Retired Members \$20.00)

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Cheque/Money Order

Make cheques/money orders payable to: RVAHJ and post to: PO Box 317, Elwood, Vic. 3184

Credit Card – MasterCard or Visa only.

Online - go to our (new) website at www.rvahj.org.au, click on *Membership* then *Renew membership*. (Members were sent new log in details in December 2017. If you experience difficulty logging in, please contact the office for assistance).

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Bail justices still presiding over thousand's of cases despite creation of Victoria's night court

By court reporter Emma Younger—ABC News (reproduced by kind permission)

Terry McKay conducted double the amount of hearings despite the creation of the night court.

A phone ringing after 10:00pm only means one thing for Terry McKay — he is needed for an after-hours bail hearing.

It's a familiar sound for the retiree, who has responded to 233 call-outs in the past 12 months, his 15th year as a volunteer bail justice.

As usual, the only details Mr McKay is given is that it's for a "male adult offender" at Sunshine police station in Melbourne's west, a 30-minute drive from home.

When he arrives, he waits for police to calm a man who used a chair to smash the table in the interview room, before using its metal leg to punch out the power points and light fittings.

A year earlier on the other side of the city another bail justice just like Mr McKay was called to conduct a late-night hearing at St Kilda Police Station.

He couldn't ever have imagined that hearing would thrust the entire group of volunteers unwillingly into the spotlight.

That bail justice's fateful decision to release the accused Bourke Street driver just six days before he allegedly mowed down pedestrians along the busy CBD shopping strip received the most intense scrutiny in the debate over law and order in the days following.

There were calls for the volunteer to be named, and the Victorian Government stated there would be changes to the system that put responsibility for after-hours bail decisions in the hands of volunteers.

Bail justices remanding more than night magistrates

Several days later, the Government announced the establishment of a night court at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court to conduct bail and remand hearings until 9:00pm every night of the week.

In the year that has followed, some bail justices have taken themselves off the roster or decided to retire.

Mr McKay said many were tired of the public criticism and what they described as lack of support from a government department that asked a lot of its volunteers.

The latest statistics from the Justice Department showed that despite the establishment of the night court, bail justices presided over almost the same number of hearings last financial year as the 12 months before.

A bail justice isn't required to have specific qualifications but instead, must be over the age of 18, an Australian citizen and not insolvent.

They must complete a Justice of the Peace course to begin hearing after-hours bail applications.

They remanded 10 per cent more alleged offenders than magistrates sitting in the night court.

For the first time, the Government revealed its hastily established after-hours court cost about \$3.7 million last year.

It has heard more than 1,200 cases, an average of three a night.

Bail justices heard 9,600 last financial year.

The police union has always supported the initiative but wants the way the night court runs to change.

It wants the court's hours extended beyond 9:00pm and would like it to hear more than just bail and remand matters so that pressure is taken off the court's workload during the day.

But the Police Association's assistant secretary Bruce McKenzie said the most pressing issue was the absence of police prosecutors.

"It's absolutely vital that more police prosecutors are appointed to ensure that it's not the [police] informants in matters that are actually doing the role of prosecutors as well," he said.

"That's not how it ought to be."

Andrews Government gives night court \$5.5m boost

Police prosecutors, legal aid duty lawyers and bail support programs aren't funded to operate after normal court hours, so the night court currently runs with only the assistance of a police informant.

It means an alleged offender could be brought before the court without being able to obtain legal advice.

It also allows a privately funded defence lawyer to run a bail application with only the police informant present to oppose it.

The informant is the police officer responsible for charging an offender.

Victoria Legal Aid's summary crime program manager Kate Bundrock said extra funding was needed to ensure

ABC story continues...

the court capitalised on the extended hours and could reduce the pressure on an overburdened system.

"The more we can make the extended hours operate with all the services involved and everybody working together, the better we can do justice for Victoria," she said.

The Government responded to those concerns, telling the ABC it would provide an additional \$5.5 million to the night court initiative to fund police prosecutors, Victoria legal aid duty lawyers, more security and bail support program workers.

Attorney-General Martin Pakula said the night court had played an important role in the justice system but there was still a role for bail justices.

"It was set up in response to Bourke St, we thought it was an important innovation and it's proven to be so," he said.

"The night court is there for police to use when they believe it to be appropriate."

Bail justice surprised to be given the 'difficult' cases

The role of bail justices is set to change under reforms due to be debated in parliament next month.

If the changes pass, the volunteers will only preside over hearings involving children, Aboriginal people or vulnerable adults, such as people with a cognitive impairment.

Police will instead be given new powers to remand an accused person in custody for up to 48 hours until a court is available to hear their bail application.

Mr Pakula said he believed those changes struck the right balance between the role of the night court and bail justices.

But Mr McKay is concerned bail justices will be left hearing the most complex cases, involving young people and adults with a mental impairment, which have received recent media attention.

"We'll be left to address the more sensitive and difficult cases which surprises me," he said.

"I would have thought magistrates and whoever else would want to have that responsibility."

While other Victorians are getting ready for bed, Mr McKay is expecting his phone to ring.

He said he conducted double the number of bail and remand hearings in 2017 as he did the year before.

"We're not doing it for the department or the government," he said.

"We're doing it to keep Victoria safe."

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New Members

The president and directors warmly welcomes the following new members:

Lorraine M Box JP	WENDOUREE
Suzanne Coghill JP	MINERS REST
Barry C Condict JP	TARNAGULLA
John A French JP	WANTIRNA
Ross A Iudica JP	WODONGA
Ronald A Ottery JP	SOMERVILLE
Savrina Perren JP	CARRUM DOWNS
Helen Pollard-Meredith JP	WARRACKNABEAL
Brian R Samuel JP	CAULFIELD NTH
Julan R Suwanis JP	LYNDHURST
Haydn J Williams JP	DINGLEY VILLAGE

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.

Ronald M Alexander FRVAHJ	MT MACEDON
Brian K Buxton JP FRVAHJ	DONCASTER
Barry C Condict AFSM JP FRVAHJ	TARNAGULLA
Wayne A Deacon JP FRVAHJ	SALE
Alan Free JP	KEILOR
Rodney J Meeke OAM JP FRVAHJ	GROVEDALE
(Sr) Mary A O'Shannassy OAM JP FRVAHJ	RESERVOIR
Vishnu Prasad JP FRVAHJ	SKYE
(Dr) Terrence W Shannon JP FRVAHJ	INVERLOCH

New post-sentence authority starts work

A new statutory authority charged with overseeing many of Victoria's most serious criminals has officially started work.

The Post-Sentence Authority came into effect in February, as the Government continues to implement all 35 recommendations from the Harper Review into the management of serious sex offenders.

The authority will provide independent oversight of the state's post-sentence scheme, which allows for the ongoing detention and supervision of serious sex offenders who pose an unacceptable risk to the community after being released from prison.

The post-sentence scheme will also be expanded to include serious violent offenders later this year.

The Government has invested \$390 million to implement every recommendation of the Harper Review, including the building of two new secure facilities that will house serious sex and violent offenders subject to post-sentence orders.

Former Chief Magistrate and State Coroner, His Honour Ian Gray, has been appointed as Chair of the authority.

He will be supported by former Adult Parole Board member Carmel Arthur as a full-time

“The main purpose of the Authority is to enhance the protection of the community.”

~ His Honour, Judge Ian Gray,
Chairman

member, former Senior Crown Prosecutor Peter Rose QC, and Peter Martin – who has extensive experience on community advisory committees, reference groups and boards of management – as sessional members.

The members will be charged with a range of functions, including monitoring the progress and compliance of offenders subject to post-sentence orders and issuing instructions and directions regarding conditions.

In addition, a Multi-Agency Panel will be formed to share information and prepare a service delivery plan for each offender and will include Victoria Police, the Department of Justice and Regulation and the Department of Health and Human Services.

~ From the office of Gayle Tierney, Minister for Corrections

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of members 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Annual general Meeting of members for 2018 will be held on Thursday, 31 May 2018 at 7.30 pm at 53 Broadway, Elwood, 3184.

Business

- (1) to confirm the minutes of the 107th AGM held on Thursday, 26 May 2017;
- (2) to consider and, if thought fit, adopt the Annual Report of the Board;
- (3) to consider and, if thought fit, adopt the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 December, 2017;
- (4) to appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.

No other business for inclusion in the Agenda was lodged in writing prior to the closing date. Proxies must be received by the Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. Proxy forms are available from the office.

Branch news

The Sunraysia Branch held its Annual General meeting on 12 December 2017 when re-elected Chair Geoffrey Jones JP presented Mrs Penelope Hodgetts JP with a Distinguished Branch Member Award.

At the meeting, Mrs Janine Reid JP and Mr Robert Reid JP were named the 2017 Justices of the Year and were jointly awarded the John Malcolm Perpetual Trophy.

Trevor Aust OAM JP presented the Branch with a copy of a publication he has been working on for many years titled "Through the Eyes of the Print Media" –extracts from newspapers about Justices of the Peace residing in Murrayville, Underbool, Ouyen, Werrimull, Cullulleraine, Mildura, Red Cliffs and surrounding districts.

A morning tea was hosted by Snr Sergeant Stephen Phelan at the Mildura Police Station on Thursday 21 December 2017 to thank Justices who volunteered their time at the Mildura Police signing centre throughout the year.

Superintendent Rebecca Olsen presented awards to JPs Janine Reid, Robert Reid and Trevor Aust for their induction into the 200 Attendance Club, which recognised their attendance at the signing centre on 200 occasions.

JPs Geoffrey Jones, Penelope Hodgetts and Anthony Dal Corobbo were also inducted into the 100 Attendance Club.

City of Monash marks contribution of Norm Gibbs OAM JP

In recognition of years of service to the local community, Cr Rebecca Paterson, Mayor of the City of Monash, recently dedicated a special bench seat to Norm Gibbs OAM JP.

The seat, provided by his family, is situated outside the Mount Waverley Community Centre and is a fitting tribute to someone who has contributed so many hours as a volunteer in his community.

Photo courtesy Rae Kum, SE Volunteers

Superintendent Olsen also presented The Hon Ken Wright OAM JP FRVAHJ with a Certificate of Appreciation for 164 attendances between 2009 and 2017. Ken recently turned 92 and whilst he no longer attends the Signing Centre, he continues to provide his JP services to others in the village complex where he lives.

Jennifer Bennett PSM; JP
Media Officer, Sunraysia Branch.
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Above L-R: Superintendent Rebecca Olsen, Geoffrey Jones, Janine Reid, Ken Wright, Anthony Dal Corobbo, Trevor Aust



The President and Directors cordially invite members and friends to our

Annual Dinner 2018

Join us for a 3-course meal and hear our

Special Guest Speaker

His Honour

Peter Couzens

Chairman, Victorian Adult Parole Board

When: Friday 31 August, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

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

Cost: \$80 per head Dress: Suit & tie/After 5
(Drinks at bar prices)



Seats are limited! Order your tickets now

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2.		7.
3.		8.
4.		9.
5.		10.
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Credit card details		
Card type - <u>Visa</u> or <u>Mastercard</u> only:		
Credit card number:		
Expiry date:		
Cardholder's name:		
Cardholder's signature		
Your postal address (for delivery of tickets)		
Name:		
Street Address / PO Box:		
Suburb / Town:		
Postcode:		
Contact Ph:		

RSVP: 20 August (or until sold out!)

Branch news

The first meeting for 2018 of Mornington Peninsula Branch Honorary Justices, was recently held at Frankston police headquarters.

Shirley St. George, Veronica Whitaker and Erica McDonagh from Clothes 4U Inc. "Rosebud Boutique" were guest speakers for the evening.

Veronica, founder and president of the organisation, a retired lawyer, pointed out that Clothes 4U is a not-for-profit charity which helps to raise confidence and self-esteem in women and girls that need it most, damaged through domestic violence and other challenging situations.

Picture:: left to right --Shirley St. George, Erica McDonagh, Veronica Whittaker, JPs -Terry Walton, Fay Hunter, Graham Unwin & Bob Seiffert.



More than 50 Mornington Peninsula women are assisted by the organisation on a monthly basis, providing them with free clothes and toiletries.

C4U is totally operated by 48 volunteers who bring kindness and understanding to their clients, providing them with clothes for job interviews, court appearances, rental application interviews, any situation that disadvantaged women find themselves in.

A new initiative (in the pipeline) for the organisation is dressing male candidates, to provide good

quality clothing, accessories and toiletries to disadvantaged men, totally free of charge and to encourage them to enter the workforce through an education program which will be operated by C4U.

C4U is a registered charity and a deductible gift recipient. The ladies were presented with a RVAHJ certificate in appreciation for their address to the JP's present.

C4U welcomes donations, contact 0490158596. Operation hours are Tuesday-Friday

Snr Sergeant 'MEL' and her side kick 'FE', presented the Cranbourne Group with Certificates of Recognition for "the best JP service at Cranbourne Police Station".

Back Row: Norm Hansen, Barry Blak, 'MEL', Frank Fullarton, Warren Ritchie, Karen Wilmot.
Middle Row: Sue Martin, 'FE', Robert Gwynne, Garry Luxford, Ian Earle.
Front Row: Lloma Shaw, Jenni Garnham, John Richardson, Preety Sharma, Jenny Nicholls.



City & Northern Group

Upcoming meeting dates and speakers for 2018

June 4 at Broadmeadows
Guest speaker, Mr Craig Sandy LS,
Surveyor-General of Victoria

August 6 at Fawkner – AGM

Branch news

40 more police divisional vans available for Ballarat

“The Justice of the Peace Signing Centre at the Ballarat Police Station, has freed up police officers to allow an extra 40 divisional vans with two officers, on the road on an annual basis.” said Commander Paul Naylor APM, attached to the Western Region Victoria.

Commander Naylor was one of the speakers at the Annual Dinner of the Ballarat Branch of the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices; at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat. “I applaud the Justices of the Peace (JPs) for their commitment in running a 5 day a week roster to assist the community with signing and witnessing documents”, he went on to say.

Justices of the Peace signed and witnessed an average of over 50,000 documents per annum at the Ballarat Signing Centre, over the last 3 years. This is the third largest number in signing centres in Victoria and the largest in Country Victoria.

Guest Speaker was His Honour Peter Couzens, Chairperson of the Adult Parole Board of Victoria, who spoke on “The times they are a changing”. His Honour gave the 70-person audience an interesting and colourful talk on the history of his work as a judicial officer from the days as a solicitor appearing before Justices of the Peace when they sat on the 2nd division of the Magistrates Court throughout the 1970s and 1980s, when 3 JPs sat on the bench. The changes made have more recently focussed on finding a solution to the problem rather than just dispensing justice after the crime.

Both speakers hinted to the affect that family violence has on young children, and so carries forward to teenage years and crime. Commander Naylor confirmed that 44% of police work is now related to family



Vale Stan Baker JP

With the death late last year of one of its most valuable branch members, Stanley (Stan) Baker, the Ballarat Branch has lost a person of great wisdom, who had a strong commitment to serving the community in his role as an honorary justice.

Stan was a JP for thirty-six years and in earlier days served on the bench at the Heidelberg Magistrates Court before moving to Creswick. As a member of the Ballarat Branch he served at the Ballarat Police Station Document Signing Centre on a regular basis until his failing health necessitated that he relinquish this demanding role for a 90 year old JP.

Stan was presented with a 35 year service award as a JP in early 2017 and later the same year, when he relocated to an aged care facility in Creswick, Louise Staley MLA and Member for Ripon visited Stan to present him with a letter of commendation for his role as a JP in the region. Later the Attorney General, The Honourable Martin Pakula, presented Stan with a certificate of appreciation.

Stan will be remembered for his passionate commitment as an honorary justice, his more than wise counsel and diligence as a roster member at the Ballarat Document Signing Centre.

Perhaps the last word should come from a local café in Creswick which displayed this vale notice in a prominent position for all to see “Rest in peace Stan. Thank you for sharing your stories and touching our lives. We miss you”.

Stan’s funeral service was conducted on January 2nd at the Creswick Uniting Church where he was a prominent and much-loved member.

Submitted by Bryan Nicholls JP FRVAHJ

violence. The Judiciary and the police are now better focussed on addressing family violence as a priority to meet the problem where it starts.



Left to right: Acting Superintendent Trevor Cornwill, Divisional Commander for Western Region Division 3; Norman Wittingslow JP, Immediate Past President RVAHJ; Glenda Frost JP, Past President RVAHJ; His Honour Peter Couzens, Chairperson of the Adult Parole Board of Victoria; Frank Stuart JP, Chair Ballarat Branch RVAHJ and Commander Paul Naylor APM, Western Region Victoria. Photo: Michael Cheshire.

Youth justice reforms

\$ 23.9 million is being invested in the Children's Court to implement key youth justice reforms to crack down on youth crime.

The funding will help to deliver the Government's Youth Control Orders introduced as part of the *Children and Justice Legislation (Youth Justice Reform) Act 2017*, and the Intensive Monitoring and Control Bail Supervision Scheme.

The funding will allow the Children's Court to hire additional staff including new magistrates, registry officers and court employed convenors to support the state-wide delivery of the reforms.

The building will be upgraded to facilitate the reforms and the court's IT case management system will be updated to incorporate the new orders, including the Youth Control Orders and the Intensive Monitoring and Control Bail Supervision Scheme.

The Intensive Monitoring and Control Bail Supervision Scheme requires young offenders on bail to report more regularly to court, youth justice officers and police. The court can also require young offenders to comply with orders to attend work, training, school or education programs.

The Government also created new Youth

We are providing the Children's Court with the resources it needs to ensure that young offenders are subject to intensive supervision and held to account for their actions ~ Attorney-General Martin Pakula.

Control Orders to require young offenders to engage in education, work or training and may include curfews and anti-association conditions.

A young person sentenced to a Youth Control Order can be subject to intensive supervision and monitoring by the court for up to a year to ensure they comply with the conditions of their order.

From the Office of the Attorney-General



Australia Day Honours

We offer our heartiest congratulations to our members

Terrence I Black OAM JP – Black Rock

For service to veterans and their families;

Carmel Clemson OAM JP – Gisborne

For service to the community of Macedon Ranges;

Alan M Samuel OAM JP – Caulfield Nth

For service to the community of Glen Eira through a range of organisations.

ONLINE STATUS CONFIRMATION & ACCREDITATION

Under the new rules, honorary justices are required, every 5 years (based on appointment date) to confirm whether they wish to continue in their appointment/s and to complete the accreditation assessment.

Don't forget,

if you're having difficulty completing the assessment because of a lack of, or inexperience with, computers or internet access,

WE CAN HELP!

Contact the office on (03) 9525 7099 to discuss.

Branch news

“The members of the RVAHJ Wimmera Branch voted that our Branch be represented at the Horsham R.S.L. ANZAC Day Services.

Mrs Kola Kennedy, JP, volunteered to organise a wreath, the poppies being knitted by a friend of hers. She has also volunteered to represent the Branch at the Dawn Service. Another Justice will represent the Branch at the morning service.

The wreath will be a Perpetual Wreath, and as stated made with knitted poppies. The red poppies in honour of the Service Men and Women, and the purple poppies are for the animals.”



Invitation to tender -

For the position of office cleaner at 53 Broadway, Elwood.

Two-storey office; work includes vacuuming carpets, washing hard-surface floors, cleaning kitchen and bathrooms/toilets, dusting, emptying bins etc.

Interested persons are requested to contact Cathy by 31 May on (03) 9525 7099 or by e-mail:

ad.officer.rvahj@gmail.com to discuss

19,000+ REASONS FOR THANKYOU

Early in February the 16 dedicated JPs who staff the Signing Station at Warragul Police Station were thanked by Police members for their services over a cuppa and nibbles. Those able to attend appreciated the thanks expressed by Snr Sergeant Anne-Marie Stevens on behalf of Police.

The 19436 documents witnessed and certified represent a very significant time saving and absence of interruptions for Police members who can remain focussed on their duties. This probably explains the enthusiastic welcome that the morning shift JP receives each day.

The occasion was reported in The Warragul Gazette as a means of publicising the hours of operation of the Signing Station, 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday as well as including the range of documents and services that a JP is able to certify/witness.

2018 has started with a rush and already the monthly figures are indicating that there will be an even greater number of documents handled for the full year. This is not surprising considering the rapid growth of the Warragul-Drouin district.

Further information contact Ian Symons, Roster Co-ordinator 0418 380 322



Back L to R: Sgt Melissa Mitchell, Ian Symons, Don McLean, Acting Snr Sgt Dean Wadell, Ian Pattie, Barrie Gilbert, Martin Sayers & Snr Sgt Ann-Marie Stevens.
Front L to R: Kevin Potter, Margaret Wilson, Molcolm Dickson, Bernard Kingsley & Alan Potter.

Photo courtesy of Warragul Regional Newspapers

New Fixated Threat Assessment Centre unveiled

In February, Victoria Police unveiled the new Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (FTAC), designed to combat terrorist and lone actor attacks.

Specialist police will team up with forensic and mental health experts at the new centre in a bid to target high-risk persons who pose a serious threat to the Victorian community to intervene early and prevent violence.

Minister for Police Lisa Neville helped officially open the \$31.6 million centre, which aims to better identify and respond to individuals who may threaten the safety of themselves and the public.

These individuals may have come to the attention of counter-terrorism police and other agencies because they may exhibit extremist ideology, show indicators of being radicalised or have extreme grievances.

The centre, at the City West Police Complex on Spencer Street, will be staffed by 13 specialist police, forensic and mental health experts and is expected to process up to 300 people in its first year.

It brings together senior, experienced police and mental health clinicians, and a senior analyst to respond to individuals who may have complex needs and who pose a risk to themselves and others by engaging in problematic and high-risk behaviour.

This provides a structured and coordinated approach to respond to serious threats of violence posed by people with complex needs that could result in terrorism or other extreme violence.

The team will assess and determine appropriate interventions, which could include mental health, alcohol and drug treatment.

The Victorian FTAC model was developed with input from leading forensic mental health specialists including Forensicare, Melbourne Health and Monash Health.

Similar centres also operate in New South Wales, Queensland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Source: Office of Lisa Neville, Minister of Police



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A Document Signing Service (DSS) has been operating for the past few years at the Boroondara Police Station, 34 Harp Road, Kew East 3102.

The DSS is staffed by a roster of volunteer Justices of the Peace and is available each Monday and Wednesday from 11am to 1pm.

The community need is so great and these sessions so popular, we would like to add another session per week. Our service is of great support to the Police Officers who are asked to sign documents regularly.

If you are interested and would like to be on our roster, once a month for only two hours is all that it would entail.

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Altona RSL	1249	Mercy - Austin Health	8750
Ballarat	48853	Mernda (New)*	
Benalla	622	Mildura	20569
Bendigo	11306	Moonee Valley	20998
Boroondara (New)*		Mornington	518
Box Hill	58108	Morwell	3806
Bright	534	Myrtleford	1072
Broadmeadows	46560	Narre Warren	17951
Caroline Springs	6498	Northcote	2908
Carrum Downs	3648	Oakleigh	15898
Caulfield	1405	Pakenham	11715
Corio	4631	Portland - New	230
Corryong	243	Preston	8644
Craigieburn	22677	Reservoir	2144
Cranbourne	43686	Ringwood	3201
Dandenong	98303	RMH	16075
Drysdale	516	Rosebud	2693
Eltham*	1289	Sale	4157
Epping	21987	Springvale	93323
Family Court	14549	St Kilda	1669
Fawkner	34463	Sunbury	2942
Flemington	568	Sunshine	8647
Footscray	0	Traralgon	6133
Frankston	36257	Wangaratta	6368
Geelong	23508	Wangaratta Library	1611
Glen Waverley	48421	Warragul	19436
Hamilton	803	Warrnambool	6396
Hastings	962	Werribee	84097
Horsham	1084	Williamstown	5751
Keilor Downs	8944	Wodonga	14350
Laverton Hub	754	Wyndham North	5798
Mansfield	654	Wonthaggi	4712
		Total	973530

*Boroondara – Mon & Wed 11am-1pm

*Eltham – closed

*Mernda - 1st & 3rd Mon 1am-2pm

New Powers of Attorney rules from 12 March 2018

New Take Control booklet available for download from:

www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au

This publication covers —

Appointing a medical treatment decision maker

Making an enduring power of attorney

Making an advance care directive

Witnesses:

Both the **Medical Treatment Decision Maker form** and the **Enduring Power of Attorney form** require two adult witnesses, one of whom must be either a registered medical practitioner (doctor) or someone authorised to witness affidavits.

The **Advance Care Directive** also requires two adult witnesses, however, one of them *must be* a registered medical practitioner. A person who can witness affidavits may not act as witness *instead of* the doctor.

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