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His Honour Peter Couzens, Victorian Adult Parole Board Chairman speaks at the 2018 RVAHJ Annual dinner.



**D**<sup>ear</sup> Members,

**The Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices ("RVAHJ") continues the battle of maintaining a strong membership.**

Unfortunately, the Department of Justice and Regulation "DoJ&R" no longer assists us in identifying newly-appointed Justices, consequently it is almost by accident that we are able to identify and offer membership to any new appointees.

Although the RVAHJ worked hard, and successfully, to have the status of 'BJ Retired' and 'JP Retired' included into the Honorary Justices Act 2014, it has worked against us for one main reason. The re-certification procedure, which was introduced in an effort to reduce the number of inactive JP's, had the unintended effect of causing many senior, but still active, JP's to resign their appointments. We believe this to be caused by the expectation that they complete a proficiency test of their skills, that the assessment was to be completed electronically and the inclusion of a resignation form with the initial contact from the DoJ&R. The result was that many experienced, and active, JP's found it just 'too hard' and resigned.

The RVAHJ certainly encourages its members to stay abreast of changes and remain skilled in the requirements of their role. To this end, the RVAHJ has been proactive and remains committed in assisting our members during the re-

certification process in order that members not only retain their status, but continue to act as highly competent and dedicated honorary justices in their communities and remain committed members of their association.

Difficulties continue to be present in Victorian Document Signing Centres and with declining numbers, the problem seems to exacerbate. The issue is not assisted by a slow appointment process, particularly when those new appointees are mostly in an age bracket where employment duties render them unable to assist in Document Signing Centres. This year the RVAHJ has had meetings with the Victorian Attorney General's representative, and the Victorian Shadow Attorney General to highlight the issues surrounding the re-certification and recruitment processes.

These meetings have also addressed the very real concern of the removal of Honorary Justices for alleged wrong doings and the RVAHJ has been very proactive to assist its members where ever possible in these instances.

In August this year, the RVAHJ held its Annual Dinner & it indeed was a privilege to honour the many members of our Association for their many years of loyal and committed membership. Although I do not know the exact years of membership I have no doubt the recipients' combined membership years would count in the many hundreds. This, of course, also implies hundreds and hundreds of hours in assisting their respective communities as honorary justices or Bail Justices. I sincerely thank one and all for their dedication and commitment and trust that all are able to continue in their important community role and retain their membership with the RVAHJ. The RVAHJ was delighted to have his Honour Peter Couzens, Chair of the Adult Parole Board, speak at the event and all were transfixed with his address. ⚖️

Geoffrey Legge JP CPA  
President RVAHJ



### Director, Michael Tse JP leaves the Board

At their August meeting, the President and Directors accepted, with regret, the resignation of Michael Tse JP as Company Secretary and Director.

Michael had been a Director since June 2009 and Company Secretary since May 2008. He is replaced as Company Secretary by Director, Rodney Lavin JP.





## **PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members for 2019 will be held on Thursday, 30 May 2019 at 7.30 pm at 53 Broadway, Elwood 3184.**

### **Business**

- (1) To confirm the minutes of the 108th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 31 May 2018
  - (2) To declare the Biennial Election of Directors
  - (3) To consider and, if thought fit, adopt the Annual Report of the Board
  - (4) To consider and, if thought fit, adopt the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2018.
- To appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.  
To consider any Special Resolutions

The closing date for receipt of Special Resolutions to be placed on the Agenda for this meeting will be 4.00 pm on Thursday, 31 January 2019.

### **2019 Biennial Election of the Board**

Under the Constitution, at least one half of all Board members retire every two years but are eligible for re-election.

Any Ordinary Member or Life Member of the Association may accept nomination in the prescribed form obtainable from the office and all nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer, C/- PO Box 317, Elwood, 3184 no later than 4.00 pm on Thursday, 31 January 2019.

Nominations must be signed by the proposer and seconder who shall in each case be a Life Member or an Ordinary Member of the Association who is not in arrears with his/her subscription. The consent in writing of the person nominated shall be endorsed on each nomination.

Should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies on the Board, then a ballot shall be conducted.

### **Proxies**

Members may appoint a proxy to act on their behalf at the AGM to attend and to exercise all rights and to discharge all duties, which that Member might have. A proxy must be a member of the Association. Notification, in the approved form, must be received by the Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the meeting. Proxy forms are available from the office.

Rodney Lavin JP  
Company Secretary



## **2018 Annual Dinner — another successful evening!**



**T**his year, we were extremely fortunate to have as our guest speaker, His Honour, Peter Couzens, Chairman of the Victorian Adult Parole Board.

Serving as a member and chairperson since 9 June 2015, he previously served as a County Court Judge and President of the Children's Court.

His Honour spoke with great feeling about the changes and improvements to the parole system since the tragic murder of Jill Meagher in 2012.

His Honour's presentation was received with great interest and RVAHJ President, Geoff Legge, expressed, on behalf of all, their sincere appreciation.

Later in the evening, presentations were made to those in attendance receiving the Association's Service Award.





# Honour Roll Updates



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

## 55 Years

Bruce Latimer JP (Retd)

CAMBERWELL

## 45 Years

Kevin Andrews JP  
Bruce Beck JP  
Peter Davey JP  
Kevin Howard OAM JP  
Kenneth Peoples JP (Retd)  
William Sommers JP  
Keith Walton JP

KYABRAM  
BRIGHTON  
ECHUCA  
WANGARATTA  
POTATO POINT  
OCEAN GROVE  
DRYSDALE

## 40 Years

Willi Carney JP  
Barry Cross JP  
Helene Dennis OAM JP  
Nancy Ead JP  
John Egan JP (Retd)  
Graeme Gillard JP (Retd)  
Margaret Harris JP  
Hurtle Lupton OAM JP  
Graeme Neill JP  
John Pearce ED JP  
Peter Penning JP  
Brian Stahl OAM JP  
John Sullivan JP  
Bob Williams JP FRVAHJ

EAGLEHAWK  
CANTERBURY  
HEYFIELD  
TALBOT  
COLAC  
BRIGHTON  
HAWTHORN EAST  
KNOXFIELD  
GISBORNE  
BERWICK  
NEWTOWN  
HASTINGS  
EUROA  
WOODEND

## 35 Years

Peter Baldwin JP  
Norman Banner OAM JP  
Robert Black JP  
Lindsay Cameron JP  
William Chapman JP  
Ian Dyett JP FRVAHJ  
Gwenda Fiedler JP  
Kenneth Foggie JP  
Rob Gersch JP  
Ivan Gilbert JP  
Neville Goldsmith JP  
Mary Grey JP  
Roger Hallam JP MLC  
George Holmes JP  
Peter Howard JP  
Leslie Kausman JP FRVAHJ  
Nell Lees OAM JP  
Norma McCausland OAM JP  
John McConachy JP  
Danny McDowell OAM JP  
Peter Natoli JP  
John Perks JP  
Norm Pollack JP  
Bob Seiffert AM JP  
Kerryn Shade PSM JP  
Peter Synan JP

WANDANA HTS  
KEILOR EAST  
TEMPLESTOWE  
TRARALGON  
SUNSHINE NTH.  
KENNINGTON  
LOCKINGTON  
BUNDOORA  
NHILL  
SHEPPARTON  
LEARMONTH  
WARRNAMBOOL  
HAMILTON  
CROYDON HILLS  
MOUNT MARTHA  
HAWTHORN  
ROCHESTER  
BERWICK  
ERICA  
BAYSWATER  
EPPING  
HOWQUA  
MALVERN EAST  
FRANKSTON  
HORSHAM  
SALE

Boniface Town JP

SURREY HILLS

## 30 Years

Dale Funcke JP  
Bob Hall JP  
John Handsaker JP  
Vern Marven JP  
Stephen Ng JP  
David Tolstrup JP

MINYIP  
ARTHURS CREEK  
YEA  
SHEPPARTON  
BALWYN  
CANTERBURY

## 25 Years

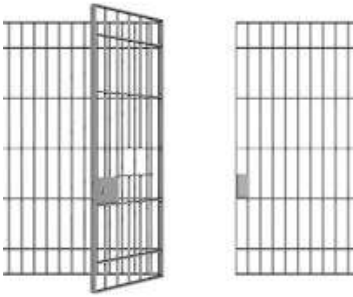
Margaret Anderson JP  
Adrian Bennetts JP  
Joanne Bibby JP  
Ron Brewer JP  
Stan Gates JP  
Toni McCormack OAM JP  
Chris Pearce JP  
Rajendra Singh JP  
Domenica Tamburrino JP  
Norm West JP  
Ted Worthington OAM JP

BRIAGOLONG  
MONTMORENCY  
HORSHAM  
SMYTHESDALE  
COWES  
TORQUAY  
BEAUMARIS  
LALOR  
PASCOE VALE  
BENDIGO  
PAKENHAM

## 20 Years

William Bennett JP  
David Edwards JP  
Don Edwards JP  
John Erickson JP  
Peter Franklin JP  
Lindsay Fromhold JP  
Ian Greenlaw JP  
Laurence Jacob JP  
Peter Jones JP  
Bernadette Khoury JP  
Mavis Kirsopp JP  
Rosario Lazzaro JP  
Vivien Leong JP  
John Lynch OAM JP FRVAHJ  
Virginia Mahony JP  
Pelagia Markogiannakis JP  
George Martin JP  
Kevin McNeill JP  
Rod Meeke OAM JP FRVAHJ  
Ngan Nguyen JP  
Terry Nisbet JP  
Kevin Potter JP  
Kerry Ralph BJ JP  
Robert Reynolds JP  
Wallace Robson JP  
Wendy Scott JP  
Brian Staniforth JP FRVAHJ  
Dein Vindigni OAM JP  
David Williams JP

VENUS BAY  
TERANG  
MONT ALBERT  
BENALLA  
SWAN HILL  
MEENIYAN  
LOWER PLENTY  
MERRIJIG  
KERANG  
BULLEEN  
HORSHAM  
YUROKE  
BEACON COVE  
CRAIGIEBURN  
WOODEND  
MURRUMBEENA  
DONCASTER  
BALWYN  
GROVEDALE  
FOOTSCRAY  
BENTLEIGH EAST  
WARRAGUL  
ST JAMES  
MIRBOO  
MILDURA  
LILYDALE  
DROMANA  
LALOR  
CROYDON



# Post-sentence scheme overhaul

**T**he state's most serious violent offenders will be subject to continued detention and supervision even after their prison sentence has expired under tough new laws.

The *Serious Offenders Bill* is intended to overhaul the post-sentence scheme and will expand it to include serious violent offenders who pose an unacceptable risk of reoffending after the end of their sentence.

The scheme already applies to serious sex offenders and allows courts to make orders for the continued detention of an offender, or to impose rigorous supervision requirements including electronic monitoring, curfews, exclusion zones or residence conditions.

Serious violent offenders captured under the new scheme include those convicted of murder, manslaughter, child homicide, causing serious injury intentionally in circumstances of gross violence, causing serious injury recklessly in circumstances of gross violence, causing serious injury (recklessly or intentionally), kidnapping and arson causing death.


The new laws will also:

- Allow for the placement of post-sentence offenders at a new secure facility that is currently under construction in Ararat. Located next to Hopkins Correctional Centre, the facility will provide inten-

*"With these reforms, Victoria is leading the country in managing our most dangerous criminals."* ~ Gayle Tierney,  
Minister for Corrections

sive treatment and interventions for up to 20 supervision order offenders and is due to open later this year.

- Create a new emergency detention order power, allowing supervision order offenders to be detained in prison for up to seven days if they pose an imminent risk of committing a serious sex or violent offence where their behaviour or circumstances change suddenly, even if they haven't breached a condition of their order.

Offenders subject to post-sentence orders will be overseen by the recently established Post-Sentence Authority chaired by former Chief Magistrate and State Coroner, His Honour Judge Ian Gray. 

Source: Office of the Minister for Corrections

## New Members

*The president and directors warmly welcome the following new members:*



Carolyn Dickinson JP  
Maria Edmondson JP  
Debra Hatfield JP  
Patricia Hume JP  
Royce Keirl JP  
Michelle Jacobs JP  
Stuart Peterson JP

Glen Waverley  
Nerrina  
Sale  
Point Cook  
Nintingbool  
Caulfield Sth  
Cranbourne East

Andrew Poulter JP  
Penelope Scott JP  
Beryl Small JP  
Peta Thomas JP  
Lyneve Whiting JP  
Graham Wigg JP

Narre Warren Sth  
Woodstock  
Pakenham  
Mentone  
Woodford  
Bairnsdale

# Branch & roster news

## Central Gippsland

Detective Senior Constable Mandy Hourigan was guest speaker at the recent Central Gippsland Branch meeting.

Mandy works with the Sexual Offenses and Child Abuse Team and gave a wonderful, eye-opening account of what goes on in the fight to address this shocking scourge on our children.

She was gratefully received, and all members were impressed with her, and her team's, commitment and determination.



Don Ferguson (above) with Det. Snr. Const. Mandy Hourigan stepped down as Branch Secretary after 30 years' service. His dedicated service to the branch was recognised with a Certificate of Appreciation from the RVAHJ Board.

Jim Hood (below right) also received a Certificate of Appreciation, presented by RVAHJ Director, Rod Lavin JP for his many years of dedicated service to the branch in a number of capacities, particularly his many terms as Chairman of the Branch.



## Westgate Roster Group

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June a social dinner given by the members of the Westgate (RVAHJ) roster group was given at the Altona RSL.

Snr Sgt Chris Allen from the Williamstown Police Station welcomed RVAHJ President Mr Geoff Legge JP and extended a warm welcome to all the Bail Justices and Justices of the Peace attending the dinner.

Snr Sgt Allen in his welcome spoke of the benefits of signing centres in both police stations and other venues and of how well the community has responded to the signing centres.

Guest speaker of the evening and President of the RVAHJ Mr Geoff Legge JP was made very welcome by all present at the dinner and later



Above L-R: Loretta Cormack JP, RVAHJ President Geoff Legge JP, Vicki Howitt JP, Metka McDonald JP & Snr Sgt Chris Allen.

in the evening he gave a very interesting talk on some of the difficulties that may face JP's while on duty at signing centres.

Mr Legge also reassured those present that if they found that they had any difficulties in completing the review that the RVAHJ was able to offer JPs some guidance in understanding the review.

He concluded his speech by thanking all the JPs and BJ's for their service.

The main prize of the evening was the raffle of a beautiful painting donated by well-known Aboriginal artist Jenna Galvin whose work was recently unveiled at the Williamstown police station by Hobson Bay Mayor Angela Altair to mark the start of Reconciliation Week.

The painting was won by Mr Keith Bryan, husband of Williamstown JP Mrs Metka McDonald.



# Young parolees subject to tough new laws



**P**arolees as young as 16 could be forced to wear electronic monitoring devices, and subject to drug and alcohol tests regardless of age as a condition of their parole, under tough new laws introduced in July.

Electronic monitoring will be targeted at young offenders who have committed serious offences such as murder, rape, home invasions, car jackings and culpable driving resulting in death.

Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos said the new laws will better protect the community by improving the monitoring of young parolees transitioning back into the community.

Under the legislation, the independent Youth Parole Board will be required to cancel parole if a young offender breaches a condition of parole, such as tampering with a monitoring device or being charged with a serious offence while on parole.


This presumption of cancellation brings the law into line with adult offenders convicted of serious crimes such as sexual offending and serious assault, who then offend while on parole.

Electronic monitoring keeps track of parolees, ensuring they maintain curfew and restrict their movements to certain areas, such as a school or workplace.

*“Electronic monitoring will be a constant reminder to some of our most serious young offenders to comply with their orders – if they do the wrong thing, we will know.”*

Jenny Mikakos ~ Minister for Families & Children

The government is providing over \$2 million over two years to trial the scheme. The funding will support infrastructure costs involved in the trial, along with the management of compliance for young people, analysis and evaluation of both schemes.

The trial is expected to launch in the first half of 2019 following the roll out of new technology by Corrections Victoria. 

Source: Office of the Minister for Families & Children



## 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*

Anthony Allan JP FRVAHJ  
Ugo Lo Iacono JP FRVAHJ  
Ivan McGillivray JP FRVAHJ  
Richard Sluggett JP FRVAHJ

Mt Waverley  
Wendouree  
Bendigo  
Mt Waverley

Keith Thomas JP FRVAHJ  
Michael Tse JP FRVAHJ  
Deepak Vinayak OAM JP FRVAHJ  
Murray Wilson JP FRVAHJ

Warburton  
Glen Waverley  
Craigieburn  
Rowville

*The following members received recognition in the Queen's Birthday Awards and we applaud them for their service*

Margaret Haycroft OAM JP  
Brendan Kincade OAM JP  
Kenneth Missen OAM JP (Dec'd)  
Felicity Smith OAM JP

FOSTER  
HASTINGS  
EYNESBURY  
OAKLEIGH STH

For service to the community of Sth Gippsland  
For service to veterans and their families  
For service to the community through a range of roles  
For service to community health and to a range of organisations

Lee Tarlamis OAM JP  
Deepak Vinayak OAM JP

NOBLE PARK  
CRAIGIEBURN

For service to the people and Parliament of Victoria  
For service to the multicultural community of Victoria



# Trials to address family violence

**N**ew and innovative approaches to end family violence and hold perpetrators to account are to be tested.

In August, Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos announced \$4.8 million to trial and evaluate seven new perpetrator intervention programs which target diverse groups.

These trials encourage community-based initiatives and recognise the importance of keeping all perpetrators accountable.

The trials will run until July 2019 and include:

- Bethany Community Support (in the Greater Geelong, Queenscliff and Surf Coast regions) to work with men who have cognitive impairments
- Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative & Centre for Non-Violence (in Bendigo) delivering health interventions, with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal fathers
- InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence (in Greater Dandenong) to deliver in-language interventions for those from culturally diverse backgrounds
- Baptcare & Berry Street (in Ballarat and Melbourne) to work with female perpetrators including Aboriginal women.

The new programs respond to Recommendation 87 of the Royal Commission into Family Violence, which urged further interventions for perpetrators beyond the current men's behaviour change programs. ⚖️

Source: Office of the Minister for Families and Children

*"Unfortunately, family violence is a scourge that knows no boundaries and these new trials acknowledge we have more work to do addressing it in all of our communities.."* ~ Jenny Mikakos, Minister for Families and Children.

## Branch & roster news

### Ballarat

**Justices of the Peace met with Ballarat police for an afternoon tea thank you, for their roster work at the police station signing centre.**

Some sixteen justices of the peace joined members of the Ballarat police for afternoon tea where Inspector Dan Davison thanked the justices of the peace for their roster work at the Ballarat police station where they provide a service to the community signing and witnessing documents.

The number of documents signed at the police station last year was just short of 50,000 making

it the largest number in country Victoria and the third largest in the State.

Inspector Davidson reported that this frees up working police members for their regular duty of policing in the Ballarat area.

Justices of the peace have been practicing since their creation by Richard the Lionheart in 1195. In many places around the world and in some States of Australia, JPs serve on Magistrates courts, saving governments many millions of dollars.

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## Q&A ~ Asking for ID...Yes or No?

**The Mornington Peninsula Branch discussed whether photo ID should be requested when witnessing a Statutory Declaration/Affidavit.**

As noted in the May Newsletter from the HJO, there is currently \*no legal requirement in Victoria for a Declarant/Deponent to produce ID when making a Stat. Dec./Affidavit. After all, there are many people who would not have photo ID who, nevertheless, are legally entitled to make these documents such as the elderly, the homeless and even children.

If you ask for ID and they can't produce it, you are put in the position of either witnessing the document anyway or refusing to witness the document, for insufficient cause.

When we witness Stat. Dec's./Affidavits, the Declarant/Deponent verbally declares/swears or affirms that *they are the person named on the docu-*

*ment*. They will be held accountable, and liable to a charge of perjury, if that statement is false; not the witness.

It would be appropriate however, before proceeding, to *ask* the person if they are the person named on the document and to check that they haven't left out their middle name/s or used a nickname. If so, this should be corrected and appropriately initialled.

It might also be that the person before you is signing on behalf of another, under Power of Attorney, in which case, you should sight the Power of Attorney, confirm their authority and make the appropriate notation on the jurat.

\*Note: NSW documents *do* contain a requirement that the witness sights photo ID and records the details on the form. ⚖️



## Appeal system being modernised

**The government is modernising Victoria's appeals system, reducing the burden on victims and witnesses and making appeal processes more efficient.**

The *Justice Legislation Amendment (Unlawful Association and Criminal Appeals) Bill 2018* will abolish 'de novo' appeals of criminal cases to the County Court.

Currently, when a person is found guilty by the Magistrates' or Children's court and appeals their conviction, the County Court must hear all evidence again and reach a new decision. Essentially, appeals are a new – or *de novo* – hearing.

The current system places a considerable burden on victims and witnesses, who are required to give their evidence again during appeal proceedings. The system also consumes large amounts of County Court time and resources.

The reforms will see conviction appeals decided on transcripts of evidence from the original trial, with further evidence received only if the County Court considers it to be in the interests of justice.

"This is about ensuring that the time and resources of the state's higher courts are used in a more efficient and effective way." ~ Attorney-General Martin Pakula.

An accused will no longer be able to change their plea on appeal without leave under the new laws.

Sentence appeals will also be determined on evidence and materials before the original court and may only be allowed if the County Court considers there is a compelling reason to impose a different sentence. The Magistrate's reasons for the original sentence must be taken into account when considering the appeal.

Additional evidence, material or information relating to matters that occurred after sentencing may also be considered.

*De novo* appeals against final orders made by the Family Division of the Children's Court will similarly be abolished under the reforms. ⚖️

Source: Office of the Attorney-General



# Branch & roster news

## Mornington Peninsula Justices join the 100 Club

Three Justices (JPs) were presented with certificates from the Victorian Police Department at a special morning tea at Rosebud Police Station for attending to Signing Centre duties over 100 times, certifying National and International documents.

Their services are greatly appreciated by the Rosebud police and the general public. They are Reg Griffin JP, Helen Alcock JP & John Dartnell JP

Brent Clyne JP and Patrick McCormack JP also became members of the 100 Club for their work at the Carrum Downs Police Station.

Brent became the Coordinator of the roster in 2017 and he leads a hardworking group who administer to the area's needs.

Mornington Peninsula Signing Centres operate from Police Stations at Frankston, Carrum Downs, Hastings, Mornington, Rosebud and Cranbourne.

JP's and BJ's are encouraged to participate in this very important programme and should contact Helen on 0425 782 072 or Bob on 0412 155 634.



Above: Bob Bolch JP, Frankston DSC Coordinator, (left) watches as Brent Clyne JP receives his 100 Club certificate from Victoria Police..

Right: Superintendent Adrian White and Acting Inspector Neil Aubert present Rex Griffin JP, Helen Alcock JP & John Dartnell with their 100 Club certificates.



Above: Patrick McCormack JP is presented with his 100 Club certificate.



## Mornington Peninsula Branch meeting

Bob Bolch OAM JP, co-ordinator, Frankston DSS and initiator of signing centres on the Mornington Peninsula accepted our invitation to attend and speak about the changes to Medical Treatment decision making and Advanced Care Directives.

Bob gave comprehensive explanations of changes set out in "Take Control" and cleared up any misunderstandings or questions we had. Members showed their appreciation of his time and willingness to share his knowledge.

During General Business a lengthy discussion took place on the directive as to asking for ID when presented with Stat Decs or Affidavits, with

many varied opinions being put forward. Mainly the possible ramifications with the Supreme Court and High Court in the event that a fraudulent document comes to light. Will the JP be the one held responsible? Most agreed that we would be. What assurance or support do we have, should the situation arise? When looking at the overall picture, even though the Dept of Justice has instigated this ruling, has the issue been passed through the Courts?\*

from Ian Lyons JP, Publicity Officer; Mornington Peninsula Branch. 03 59814540.

*\*See page ? for information on this topic*

## **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. The Honorary Justices Office will make contact with you directly, when your term is due to expire to invite you to renew.

If you have difficulty,

completing the assessment because of a lack of, or inexperience with, computers or internet access,

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## **Youth outreach program**

**Y**outh workers and police officers will target and prevent youth offending in Melbourne's north-west and south as part of a 12-month pilot program.

Minister for Police Lisa Neville joined Victoria Police at Werribee Police Station to launch the pilot that will see a police officer paired with a youth worker every night in the Wyndham, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia areas.

The \$1.7 million Embedded Youth Outreach Program pilot is part of the *Community Safety Statement 2018-19* and will see Youth Support and Advocacy Service youth workers working with police to identify what services will assist at-risk young people, and they'll also make and case manage referrals.

The program will operate outside business hours when police most commonly encounter at-risk young people. It will not only prevent offending but also hold young people to account for their actions.

The program was funded in the 2018-19 Budget as part of a \$15 million initiative to target youth

offending and is in addition to 42 new Youth Specialist Officers, currently rolling out in local communities across Victoria, to divert young people from a life of crime.

There are also more than 90 full-time Youth Resource Officers operating across Victoria, and \$16 million Youth Crime Prevention Grants, helping to address offending behaviour and recidivism by young people.

The government is also establishing Multi-Agency Panels, which bring together schools, community organisations, police and government departments. These panels have assisted a significant number of young people in Wyndham, Melton, Brimbank and Dandenong areas.

Victoria Police's Operation Wayward and Operation Regnant has made over 700 arrests in the past 14 months to crackdown on youth offending. ⚖️

Source: Office of the Minister for Police

# Branch & roster news

## Gippsland

Members met on Phillip Island for a training presentation on 12 May this year.

Training Director, Paul Mracek JP, made presentations on Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advanced Care Directives and the Reconfirmation process.

The members in attendance expressed their appreciation for a most informative session.

Branches interested in hosting a training day are invited to contact the office.



## Dandenong co-ordinator clocks up 500 shifts

The Dandenong Branch has brought to our attention that Margaret Tinschert JP is the first to complete 500 shifts at the Dandenong Signing Centre.

Margaret is also the roster Co-ordinator so it's quite a remarkable effort.

Well done, and thank you Margaret!



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# Signing Centre Statistics Jan-Jul 2018

| DSC                   | Jan          | Feb          | Mar          | Apr          | May          | Jun          | Jul          | Year Total    |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Altona Library        | 29           | 155          | 121          | 52           | 162          | 151          |              | 670           |
| Altona RSL            | 20           | 203          | 120          | 106          | 154          | 96           |              | 699           |
| Ballarat              | 12554        |              | 3869         |              |              |              |              | 16423         |
| Benalla               | 72           | 50           | 65           | 73           | 58           | 107          | 67           | 492           |
| Bendigo               | 952          |              |              |              |              |              |              | 952           |
| Boroondara            | 187          |              |              |              |              |              |              | 187           |
| Box Hill              | 2562         | 6272         | 4253         | 4702         | 4125         | 4713         | 4151         | 30778         |
| Bright                | 24           |              |              |              |              |              |              | 24            |
| Broadmeadows          | 2146         | 3535         | 3625         | 3935         | 3720         | 3278         | 3654         | 23893         |
| Carrum Downs          | 284          | 229          | 256          | 339          | 713          | 408          |              | 2229          |
| Caulfield             | 929          | 1926         |              |              |              |              |              | 2855          |
| Corio                 | 325          |              | 316          | 326          | 400          | 186          | 379          | 1932          |
| Corryong              | 16           | 32           | 9            | 4            | 16           | 46           | 7            | 130           |
| Craigieburn           | 1926         | 2034         | 1689         | 1627         | 2362         |              |              | 9638          |
| Cranbourne            | 2578         | 3887         | 4002         | 3318         | 4275         | 3735         |              | 21795         |
| Dandenong             | 4584         | 6768         | 6236         | 7204         | 5292         | 7526         | 6288         | 43898         |
| Drysdale              | 70           | 45           | 18           | 18           | 14           | 36           |              | 201           |
| Epping                | 1539         |              |              |              |              |              |              | 1539          |
| Family Court          |              |              |              |              |              | 5051         |              | 5051          |
| Fawkner               | 2997         |              |              | 2890         |              |              |              | 5887          |
| Flemington            | 21           | 28           | 160          | 37           | 30           | 10           | 75           | 361           |
| Footscray             | 2251         | 2873         | 2731         | 2676         | 3063         | 2433         |              | 16027         |
| Frankston             | 3172         |              |              |              |              |              |              | 3172          |
| Geelong               | 1873         |              | 1895         | 1781         | 1953         | 2508         | 1779         | 11789         |
| Hamilton              | 45           | 66           | 135          | 175          | 68           | 50           | 63           | 602           |
| Horsham               | 104          | 179          | 334          | 200          | 113          | 84           | 116          | 1130          |
| Laverton Hub          | 80           | 22           | 30           | 92           | 81           | 27           |              | 332           |
| Mansfield             | 63           | 33           | 51           | 50           | 38           | 143          | 59           | 437           |
| Mercy - Austin Health | 546          | 1073         | 1217         | 1455         | 1197         | 1518         | 3459         | 10465         |
| Mernda                | 64           | 95           | 88           | 247          | 52           | 194          |              | 740           |
| Mildura               | 1737         | 1743         | 1437         | 1228         | 2284         | 2214         |              | 10643         |
| Moonee Ponds          | 321          | 2051         | 2237         | 1941         | 1853         | 1995         | 2255         | 12653         |
| Mornington            | 224          |              |              |              |              |              |              | 224           |
| Morwell               | 129          | 244          | 224          | 290          | 434          | 363          | 338          | 2022          |
| Myrtleford            | 112          |              |              |              |              |              |              | 112           |
| Northcote             | 75           | 152          | 117          | 151          | 124          | 137          |              | 756           |
| Oakleigh              | 1505         | 1358         | 1229         | 1153         | 1900         | 1840         |              | 8985          |
| Pakenham              | 745          | 948          | 960          | 1034         | 310          | 1393         | 1043         | 6433          |
| Preston               | 606          | 510          | 848          | 488          | 587          | 544          |              | 3583          |
| Probate Court         | 3500         | 4972         | 5123         | 5039         | 5411         | 5830         | 8103         | 37978         |
| Reservoir             | 196          | 283          | 123          | 151          | 124          | 137          |              | 1014          |
| Ringwood              | 226          | 372          | 456          | 499          | 290          | 612          | 652          | 3107          |
| RMH                   | 979          | 1640         | 1464         | 1688         | 1764         | 1123         |              | 8658          |
| Rosebud               |              | 235          | 357          | 222          | 255          | 192          | 195          | 1456          |
| Sale                  | 119          | 284          | 313          | 215          | 358          | 251          |              | 1540          |
| Springvale            | 7713         | 7065         | 6415         | 6251         | 7950         | 7173         | 9084         | 51651         |
| Sunbury               |              |              | 630          |              |              |              |              | 630           |
| Traralgon             |              |              |              |              |              | 2948         |              | 2948          |
| Wangaratta            | 893          |              |              |              |              |              |              | 893           |
| Wangaratta Library    | 209          |              |              |              |              |              |              | 209           |
| Warragul              | 1955         | 1442         | 1768         | 1680         | 1764         | 1473         |              | 10082         |
| Warrnambool           | 489          | 686          | 446          | 297          | 666          | 548          |              | 3132          |
| Werribee              | 6639         |              |              | 5798         | 7053         | 6557         | 6804         | 32851         |
| Williamstown          | 84           | 484          | 318          | 415          | 504          | 413          |              | 2218          |
| Wodonga               | 766          | 996          | 787          | 711          | 737          | 1275         | 975          | 6247          |
| Wyndham North         |              |              | 666          | 1129         | 882          | 1807         |              | 4484          |
| <b>Monthly Total</b>  | <b>71235</b> | <b>54970</b> | <b>57138</b> | <b>61687</b> | <b>63136</b> | <b>71125</b> | <b>49546</b> | <b>428837</b> |

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