



Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices

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### **Powers of Attorney – New 'Take Control' Booklet published**

A new 'Take Control' booklet has been published by the Office of the Public Advocate and is in force as from March 12. It is available for viewing and download from their website - [www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au)

The booklet covers making an enduring power of attorney, an advance care directive and appointing a medical treatment decision maker (this replaces the enduring .

- Each of these forms needs two adult witnesses;
- One must be an authorised witness;
- Authorised witnesses for the enduring power of attorney and the appointment of medical treatment decision maker include a person authorised to witness affidavits;
- The authorised witness to an advance care directive must be a registered medical practitioner (doctor).

Our role as witness remains the same; to satisfy ourselves as to the capacity of the person giving the power and that they appear to be doing so of their own volition and not under duress.

### **Status Confirmation & Assessment – how can we help?**

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.

We understand that some of our members may find it difficult to comply with the HJO expectation that the assessment be completed online and remind you that we are here to help.

If you are finding it difficult to comply with the requirements, please contact the office to discuss how we can assist you.

### **Cleaning tender invitation**

We invite tenders for the position of office cleaner at 53 Broadway, Elwood.

It is a two-storey building and the work includes vacuuming carpets, washing hard-surface floors cleaning the kitchen, 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](mailto:ad.officer.rvahj@gmail.com) to discuss.

## **2018 Membership fees now overdue!**

Annual fees are due and payable January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Individual invoices are not sent, but a payment form was included in your December edition of Custodes.

If you have not already forwarded your \$62 payment, we request you do so as soon as possible. *(If you have resigned your appointment, but wish to remain in membership and continue to receive Custodes, attend meetings etc., please contact the office).*

Payment may be made by credit card (MasterCard or Visa), cheque/money order or cash. Credit card payments may be made online at our website or by forwarding card details to the office by e-mail, fax or post.

EFT payments can be made directly into our account (see details below) but we remind members that information *clearly identifying you as the payer* must be included so that we can match the payment to your account. Your name and registration no. would be suitable.

If you have any difficulty in paying your account, please contact the office to discuss.

## **New website roll-out**

Our new website is now up and running and we hope you've logged on to take a look.

To log in as a member, you will need to use your name, ie. first name space surname, as your user name (old user name or e-mail addresses will not work) and the following as a first-time password. Once logged in, you can change your password. The password is -

K8ush1#03XlkaL

Please note, the password must be typed in and not cut-and-pasted.

If you experience any difficulties logging in, please contact the office.

## **Annual Dinner 2018 - Keep the date!**

Our annual dinner will be held on **Friday, 31 August** at the Treacy Centre, Parkville and the special guest speaker will be His Honour, Peter Couzens, Chairman of the Adult Parole Board. Sure to be an interesting evening!

Booking form included in the next edition of Custodes.