



## MARLBOROUGH JUSTICES OF THE PEACE INC NEWSLETTER

July 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Greetings to all Marlborough Justices of the Peace Tēnā koutou katoa

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Calendar  
**Regional Conference  
(Blenheim)**  
4 September  
**Council meetings**  
18 August  
15 September  
**KU2D**  
16 October  
**AGM**  
9 November  
**National Conference  
(New Plymouth)**  
**25 -27 February 2022**  
28 February – 1 March

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The adverse weather conditions of the last few days has placed considerable stress on our Marlborough community. I hope you have not been too adversely affected by the flooding. I am aware that some of our rural and Sounds Justices still have access restrictions and restoration activities will take considerable time and effort.

Outlined in this newsletter are two very important events that I would recommend for very serious consideration:

1) The Regional Conference on 4 September gives all members an opportunity to meet with our colleagues from Nelson / Tasman Association and also to interact with representatives from Royal Federation. The conference is always a pleasant occasion for all.

2) The review of the Associations' membership of the Royal Federation gives the chance for every member to respond, in a variety of ways, to how they view the future membership model of Royal Federation. In August, every member will receive further information and a survey form which you will be invited to complete and send to the Federation Office. In addition, members are welcome to come to our Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August and join in our discussions on the topic.

It was sad to note the passing, earlier this year, of Past Association President Graham McCulloch. Graham was described as a “nice guy”. He was very keen on getting JPs socialising and arranged some interesting group outings.

Last month Philip Middlemiss elected to take “JP Retired” status and move back to Christchurch to be near his family. Thank you Philip for your many years of service to Canterbury and Marlborough and in particular thank you for being the driving force for the Picton Service Centre and for always being ready to help me personally with Picton JP matter’s.

A recent first for our Association was our Court Panel Manager, David Whyte, sharing the regular education session for Issuing Officers with our West Coast colleagues via video link. David’s outstanding presentation and resource materials were warmly appreciated by both associations.

Finally, a thank you to Brian Cameron for building a website where we can post our local material. Thank you all again for your dedicated service.

Nāku noa, nā

Alistair Boyce

### **FROM THE REGISTRAR**

#### **Regional Conference**

The Regional Conference will be held at The Marlborough Research Centre, 65 Budge Street, Blenheim on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September with registration from 9:45am, and concluding at 3:30pm. The cost has been kept to \$20 with lunch included. The registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please note closing date for registration (for catering purposes) is 26<sup>th</sup> August.

The programme is:

9.45am-10.15am - Registration and morning tea

10.15am - Welcome

10.30am - Presentation on increased awareness of Tiriti o te Waitangi

- Tiriti o te Waitangi as a cornerstone of the Strategic Plan.
- What our values might be to reflect our commitment to Tiriti o te Waitangi.
- Presentation by local iwi of how they have introduced Te Ao Maori in their association.
- Table discussion on local responses that could be applied by associations.

11:45am - Diversity

- Presentation on Diversity by Multicultural Panel.
- Table discussion
  - What does Diversity mean?
  - How might we address Diversity?
  - How might we approach this locally to reflect Diversity in communities?

1.00pm - Lunch

1:45pm - Report on Ministerial Educators’ Seminar including:

- Key findings on “Fit for Purpose” Education/Training.
- Where does Accreditation fit?
- How do we support our trainers/educators?
- Table discussion on any improvements to local ‘learning’ options.

2:45pm - Report from Federation President on the Review of the Federation Model and other updates on Board related matters.

3:30pm - Closing.

### **Marlborough Association Website:**

Now that the national website does not host pages for local Associations, we now have our own and invite you to look around it <https://jpmarlborough.nz>  
At present our Strategic Plan, our complaints and other protocols, our Rules (Constitution) and newsletters are posted to it. There is also a password protected page where our AGM reports and financial statements will eventually be found. The password to this page will be emailed out to all our members. This page will be available to Association members only. If you have items you would like on our website, please let the Registrar know.

### **An opportunity to shape our future:**

A remit passed at the Royal Federation AGM this year has the RFNZJA Board conducting a review of the Federal model of Association membership and in August a survey will be sent inviting all Associations to contribute views to this review. In addition, you may receive the online survey that will also be sent to a sample of all Justices of the Peace who are members of associations. This sample will be randomly chosen from the RFNZJA membership database. Further information on this topic is coming at the same time as this newsletter.

### **Subscriptions still outstanding:**

Our Treasurer (Malcolm Williams) advises some subscriptions are still outstanding. If you have not already paid, please either post your subscription to Marlborough JP Assn, P.O. Box 302, Blenheim 7240 or pay into bank account Westpac 030 599 0271017 00 – please put your surname in reference space.

### **Picton Service Centre:**

History was made in Picton on 3<sup>rd</sup> March this year when, after several years of trying, there were sufficient Justices available to hold a Service Centre at the Picton Library. The Justices sit in pairs for 2 hours every Wednesday between 11am and 1pm. Alistair Boyce and Philip Middlemiss were the first Justices to sit there, and Alistair reported that they had dealt with “five very appreciative clients”. As can be seen from the table below, the numbers have grown since then.



Philip Middlemiss at Picton Service Centre on his final day- 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Our Service Centres:



Now that several of the Justices who have served at the Service Centre since it began are no longer able to attend regularly, we are desperately looking to Justices to undertake this important duty for two hours, once or twice a month even. Please give this your earnest consideration. The Court staff are friendly and supportive, and it is a great way to keep revising your skills.

*Thanks to Gisborne Association for the graphics.*

### Courthouse statistics

	April 2021	May	June
Number of JPs attending	38	42	40
Total number of people served	220	211	240
Number of documents signed and stamped	568	594	568

### Saturday Library statistics

	April 2021	May	June
Number of JPs attending	6	10	8
Total number of people served	26	20	52
Number of documents signed and stamped	57	192	114

### Picton Library statistics

	April 2021	May	June
Number of JPs attending	8	8	10
Total number of people served	21	18	20
Number of documents signed and stamped	38	58	79

## Keeping your information current:

Please remember that if you change your address, your email address, or your phone number (including dropping your landline) you need to complete two actions:

You need to let Ian Cameron know, so that our local Association records can be updated.

He cannot update the website for you, so you also need to go to The Royal Federation website [www.jpfed.org.nz](http://www.jpfed.org.nz) and log on. Your username is your last name and JP number (e.g., smith 11039) and the password is one of your choice. If you have forgotten your password, just click on the hyperlink (forgot your password) and a temporary one will be emailed to you.

Go to **Your Profile** to update details or availability. Availability is in two parts - right under phone number information, you will find “Not available” where you can enter the dates you are going to be away or for the time through sickness a JP”., etc, it is not appropriate to have clients call. Your name will automatically be removed from “Find a JP” for that time.

Below “address details” is a box called “availability”. A drop-down menu gives you a choice of times you are available, and the one you select will appear on “Find a JP”.

**Your profile** is also the place you go to, to update the last KU2D session you attended, to keep your accreditation current. You will find this box called “Education session” and it is right under “Not available”. You need to use the calendar on the system for it to work, rather than typing in the date.

**Remember to go all the way to the bottom to press save.**

### **Client identification requirements:**

*This interesting piece appeared in the Rotorua and District Newsletter (June 2021).*

#### **ASK JULIE**

Those of you who attended the last KU2D session may remember that we had a discussion about client identification requirements, in particular regard to Affidavits.

The discussion centred around a client who had appeared before a JP and urgently needed her affidavit taken because she had only a short amount of time to get it to the court for inclusion in a pending case. The client had no form of photo ID on her, and no way to get any in time.

The JP in question felt that she needed to see some form of photo ID, and at the time I totally agreed. However, on reflection I admit that I was wrong. There is no legal requirement to see photo ID for a client who presents with an affidavit, a statutory declaration or for witnessing of a signature. Of course, sighting the ID would be **best practice**, and the best way to be satisfied of the person’s identity. However, if no ID is available, the JP could ask reasonable, non-intrusive questions, such as full name, address or occupation to satisfy themselves that the person sitting before them is who they say they are. It isn’t a legal requirement and we can’t refuse to administer a person’s document because they don’t have photo ID. Remember, we only need to be reasonably satisfied of our clients identity.

Most importantly, “Identifying your client” must not be confused with the task of “Verifying the identity of a client” as in the case of AML-CFT or specific agency requirements. Please check sections 3.3 and 2.3.1 in your new manual for clarity in these cases.



### **Presentation of Long Service Certificates:**

At the commencement of the KU2D session on 24<sup>th</sup> April, Life Members Gavin Kerr and Roger Rose were called upon to present Certificates of Appreciation signed by the Secretary for Justice to four of our Justices who have completed over 30 years' service. At the same time, Gavin presented Brenda Carr with her JP Retired certificate and medallion. Brenda was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in September 1980.



L to R: Rob Grigg (40 years), Peter Simmons (30 years), Bob Penington (40 years), Brenda Carr (JP Retired), Roger Brown ( 50 years), Gavin Kerr QSO and Roger Rose MNZM . These Justices will be recognised at the Mayoral reception in 2022.



Gavin shares a joke with Bob Penington while Roger Rose looks on.

## Council 2021-2022

The members of Council for 2021- 2022 are:

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**Court Panel Manager, Judicial Educator and Issuing Officer Co-ordinator:** David Whyte

**Ministerial Educators and Induction Trainers:** Tim Marshall, Azher Mir, Jim Anderson

**Social Subcommittee:** Kate Bristed, Ian Cameron

**Welfare Officer:** Alistair Boyce

**Complaints Subcommittee:** Kate Bristed, Tim Marshall, Robyn Richards, Greta Firth

**Membership Committee:** Tim Marshall, Jim Anderson, Azher Mir.

Please let me know of suggestions for future newsletters.

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# **REGISTRATION FOR CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE (TOP OF THE SOUTH)**

**Saturday 4 September 2021 (10:00am – 3.30pm)**

**Marlborough Research Centre, 65 Budge Street, Blenheim**

**Registration cost \$20**

- I will be attending the conference
- I cannot attend the conference on this day
- Special dietary needs

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Justice of the Peace

Please email to Ian Cameron: [ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz) or ring 574 2558