



MARLBOROUGH JUSTICES OF THE PEACE INC NEWSLETTER

March 2024

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Calendar
KU2D
27 & 30 April
Regional Conference
(Blenheim)
17 August
AGM
11 November
Council meetings
(22A Scott Street at
5:30pm)
20 March
17 April (Library 5pm)
15 May (Library 5pm)
19 June
17 July
21 August
18 September



Greetings to all Marlborough Justices of the Peace Tēnā koutou katoa

Since our AGM in November, our Service Centre workload has increased and the Association has been proactive in promoting our services.

Our now permanent Service Centre at the Library is working well and I thank Chief Librarian and JP, (Glen Webster) and his staff for their support at both the Blenheim and Picton Libraries.

In November we welcomed Barbara Song to our Association having been sworn in here in Blenheim, whilst we have sadly farewelled long standing Justice Ian Bray who passed away during this current year.

It is pleasing to note that we have 5 applications for new Justices before the Minister awaiting approval and of these 3 are from Kaikoura.

A welcomed addition to our Council this current year is Graeme Faulkner who was elected at our AGM in November. We now have a full complement of Council members.

During March we had a promotional stall at the Migrant Cultural Day in Pollard Park. A good crowd on the day saw plenty of attendees view our stall which hopefully will create a greater awareness of our services in Marlborough.

March also saw Registrar Ian, Past NZ Federation President Gavin, and I attend the Centennial Conference of Justices' in NZ which was held in Wellington.

Following the formal opening at 11am on the Friday, then AGM business, we all gathered at the Grand Hall at Parliament where after some light refreshments, we were able to have a short tour of the lower house.

Saturday's 3 workshops topics covered, 'Modern Communications', Succession Planning and also 'Sovereign Citizens', the latter is still of concern to our Justices.

During the formal dinner, we were introduced to 11 Past NZ Presidents who each spoke for a few minutes on their personal highlight during their term as President. Amongst the 12 were our own representatives, Gavin Kerr, and also Greg Weake now of Southland.

A major item on the AGM agenda was to discuss recommendations on the Federal Structure Review, however after a short time of dissecting the report, this was abandoned with the recommendations to be reassessed by the authors.

Overall the Conference which was organised by the Federation Board was a great success.

Next year the Conference is heading to the West Coast where it will be centred on Greymouth and Shantytown.

Please diary for our next KU2D –Training session- on 27th April.

Kind regards

Malcolm

Association President.



Past Federation Presidents. Two of these came from our Association. Greg Weake (6th from the left) and Gavin Kerr (2nd from the right). The third Federation President from Marlborough (Julie McKendry) was unable to attend.

Photo courtesy Gisborne Association Newsletter

FROM THE REGISTRAR

KU2D Saturday 27th and Tuesday 30th April:

Both these sessions will be held in the Stubbs Lounge, Wesley Centre, 3 Henry Street. Registration for the Saturday one will be open from 9:30am and the session will start at 10am. It will finish at 12 noon with a complimentary light lunch provided.

Our trainers Alistair and Betsy are putting a programme together which will be interesting and useful. They have arranged for a Police spokesman to make a presentation on keeping ourselves safe and are also asking for specific topics which you think will be useful to discuss as a group. Can you please send me those topics by 15th April. Further information will come out after that.

Once again there will be a light lunch at 12noon for those who can stay.

For those unable to come on Saturday, the session will be repeated on Tuesday 30th April, also at the Wesley Centre, commencing at 5:30pm.

Regional meeting.

To the satisfaction of many of us, this year's Regional Conference will be a face to face one, not a Zoom Meeting and will be on 17th August. Better still it will be held in Blenheim at the Marlborough Research Centre, 65 Budge Street, Blenheim. Nelson Justices will be present and those who have attended these conferences in the past can attest to the value of these group discussions. Please keep the date free.

Service Centre:

Our Service Centres continue to grow in popularity. December and January are short months with the Centres not operating during the last weeks of December and the first weeks of January.

At the National Conference Andrew Kibblewhite, Secretary of Justice told us that Justices of the Peace with an average age of 72 are annually transacting 40,000 items. A large percentage of these are dealt with by 230 service desks.

Blenheim

	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024
Number of JPs attending	37	27	28
Total number of people served	266	220	281
Number of documents signed and stamped	1067	707	615

Picton

	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024
Number of JPs attending	10	5	6
Total number of people served	26	18	22
Number of documents signed and stamped	46	32	84

The Kiwi Access Form

Our trainers spoke about this card at our last KU2D. It was previously known as 18+ card and is a government recognised form of photographic ID and evidence of age card. It is managed by Hospitality New Zealand and makes access to goods and services easier for everyone in New Zealand. An alternative to a Drivers Licence or Passport, the Kiwi Access Card is valid for 10 years. It is available to both NZ nationals and international visitors who are over the age of 18.

It is for Seniors, those who are visually impaired, travellers, those turning 18 and anyone needing photo ID.

The link to the card is <https://kiwiaccess.co.nz/download-application-kiwi-access-card/>

Australian Statutory Declarations

NZ Justices could now witness Australian State based Declarations. This means that if the Statutory Declaration was for New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Victoria then a NZ Justice would be recognised. The wording of the declaration is not to be altered.

However, if the Statutory Declaration is Federal or Commonwealth then a NZ Justice cannot witness these documents.

There was a presentation on this topic at this year's National Justices Conference. For a comprehensive list of what documents we can and cannot execute, go to "AGM 2024" on our website, and open "[Inter jurisdictional witnessing authority](#)."



Ian and Mayor Nadine Taylor

Ian Roy Bray R.I.P.

Sadly, one of the real characters in our Association passed away on 5th October 2023. Ian Bray was appointed as a Justice of the Peace on 27 March 1982 and took JP Retired Status in 2023, having been awarded his 40-year Certificate of Appreciation the previous year. The bio he was asked to furnish for the 2023 ceremony was printed in the September newsletter. It recounted an anecdote of the confusion around who should have precedence - him or the Governor General when he was asked to produce his JP warrant card on a visit on US Thruxton.

New Justice – Zhuoqin (Barbara) Song

Barbara was sworn as a Justice on 16th November 2023. She is fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin as well as English. Barbara is well known for her involvement in the Marlborough musical scene. She was the Director of the Marlborough Youth Orchestra (which later developed into the Marlborough Civic Orchestra) for seven years. Her involvement with the orchestra continued after she stepped down from that role and she is the piano soloist and percussionist.

She teaches at Marlborough Boys College and has led their bands to perform at community events. She has also been involved in the Colleges' shows.

She believes she can effectively serve the community with her strength in music and multicultural background to enrich and strengthen Marlborough as a community.



Barbara Song receives her certificate from Judge Gary Barkle

Additional members of our Association.

We welcome the following members to our Association. Both have transferred from the Canterbury Association:

Stan Beavon joined our Association on 23rd September 2023. He was appointed as a Justice in 1990, was a Judicial Justice for 18 years. He was on the Canterbury Association for six years, two of which were as President (1995 -1997). He resides in Seddon.

Daphne Lewis-Mannix joined us on 8 November 2023. She was appointed as a Justice in 2006. She resides in Kaikoura and met the other Kaikoura Justices at a KU2D session held there this month.

National Conference 1 - 3 March 2024

The Mihi Whakatau and official opening took place on the Friday and during the afternoon the delegates were addressed by Hon Nicole McKee Associate Minister of Justice and Minister for Courts, as well as Chief District Court Judge Heemi Taumaunu. Did you know that of the over 1 million events in our Courts each year are dealt with by 200 Judges, 200 plus Judicial JPs and 20 Community Magistrates. There are 300 Issuing Officers. New Zealand has 1 Justice of the Peace for every 937 persons.

The Board put the recommendations arising from the Federation Review document during the AGM. Quite some time was spent on the first recommendation but during the discussion on the second one (disestablishing the role of Regional Representatives), it became increasingly apparent that delegates were dissatisfied with the lack of detail in the report and the answers we were receiving. The Nelson delegate moved that the report be withdrawn. This Motion was carried 28/22. Our Association supported this Motion.

Other business:

Notice of Motion by South Taranaki to amend constitution for National Conference to be held every second year with an AGM to be held on alternative years by zoom was lost. We opposed the Notice of Motion.

Remit by Wairarapa that Justices who have been sworn in and successfully completed induction training be granted automatic accreditation for 2 years. The remit was lost. Our Association voted for it.



The centenary of the Federation this year was celebrated at a reception held in Parliament's Grand Hall hosted by Rt Hon Gerry Brownlee

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Council 2023-2024

The members of Council for 2023- 2024 are:

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Court Panel Manager, Judicial Educator, Issuing Officer Co-ordinator and joint interviews (new candidates): David Whyte

Induction trainer: Jeffery Ho

Ministerial Educators: Alistair Boyce, Betsy Wynne, Greta Firth, Megan Rosene (Social Media coordinator).

Social Subcommittee: Robyn Richards, Ian Cameron

Complaints Subcommittee: Alan Washinton, Greta Firth, Graeme Faulkner, Betsy Wynne.

Membership Committee: Malcolm Williams, Alan Washington.

Please let me know of suggestions for future newsletters.
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REGISTRATION FOR KEEPING UP TO DATE SESSION SATURDAY 27th April (9: 30am -12noon) Wesley Centre, 3 Henry Street, Blenheim

Please email to Ian Cameron: ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz or ring 574 2558 by 22nd April

- I will be attending on Saturday 27th April, and I can (cannot) stay for the complimentary light lunch.
- (If staying for lunch) Dietary requirements.
- I will be attending on Tuesday 30th April at 5.30pm (at the Wesley Centre).
- I am unable to attend on either day.

(signed) Justice of the Peace.