



## MARLBOROUGH JUSTICES OF THE PEACE INC NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**



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### Calendar

#### **National Federation AGM**

15 -16 March  
(Greymouth)

#### **Council meetings** (22A Scott Street at

5:30pm)

19 March

16 April

21 May

18 June

16 July

#### **AGM**

11 November 5:15pm  
Blenheim Club

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### **Greetings to all Marlborough Justices of the Peace**

#### **Tēnā koutou katoa**

Summer has official passed although with our current March Temperatures, perhaps the season is still lingering. Much has happened since our October Newsletter, with many highlights.

In February we welcomed Maria Adams (Kaikoura) and Amaroa Katu as new Justices to our Association, as well as Jan Lewis who has located to Marlborough.

We have 9 applications currently being processed for persons wishing to become Justices, whilst we have accepted Retirement Status from Mary Barnes, Geoff Jensen and Pam Siggilekow. To Mary, Geoff, and Pam, thank you for your many years of valued service to our Association.

Our welcome is extended to new Council members Catherine Donnelly and Stan Beavon who have replaced Megan Rosene and Graeme Faulkner who we thank for their contributions.

We continue to promote our presence in the community having recently had a site at the Picton Senior Expo- thank you Robyn, Val and Elizabeth for staffing the site. We are to have a site at the Multicultural Festival here in Blenheim during March.

The National Conference and AGM in March is to be held in Greymouth, with most of the functions & AGM centred on Shantytown. Thank you Ian and Gavin in representing our Association.

Our Blenheim Service Centre's growth continues with a peak recorded in February of 39 clients in one morning session. However we advise that the Seddon Service Centre has closed as a result of very low client activity. Both the Blenheim and Picton continue to operate efficiently and again I wish to convey my grateful thanks to Registrar Ian, on behalf of the Association, for his diligence in ensuring both centres are appropriately staffed.

Finally, to all our Justices, please give serious thought in attending our KU2D scheduled for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April or at 5pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April for an update on the latest on your 'need to know' -so as not being caught short on one's Justice knowledge and of what may have changed recently.

Kind regards  
Malcolm- President.

### **FROM THE REGISTRAR**

#### **Next KU2D session: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Tuesday 8 April**

Stan Beavon joins Alan Washington as our Ministerial Trainers this year. Stan has titled the 5<sup>th</sup> of April KU2D session "Back to Basics". Please bring your manual to the session. As usual, there will be a session on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April for those unable to go to the Saturday session.

Both sessions will be held at Wesley Centre. Registration for the Saturday session will commence at 9:30 with morning tea. The session will finish at 12noon. Council has noted the light lunch has become less popular with members and has discontinued them.

The Tuesday session will start at 5:30pm.

Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions. We all have a duty to keep ourselves accredited and current as far as our competency is concerned

#### **Meet Stan (in his own words)**



*Stan Beavon*

I was born in Blenheim. My family had a garage and service station in Grove Road. After finishing my school days at Marlborough Boy's College, I worked in the building industry gaining trade qualifications, then headed off to Teachers Training College and returned to Marlborough Boy's College where I taught woodwork, metalwork, technical drawing and music. Eventually I ended up at Christchurch Polytechnic lecturing in the Department of Building and Architecture. I was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 1990, spent 7 years on the Canterbury JP Council, was President for 2 years and spent 18 years as a court sitting Justice in Christchurch District

Court presiding in the remand, traffic and depositions courts. During my time in Christchurch, I was both a ministerial and judicial trainer. Before retiring, I spent some time working in the tourism industry as a chauffeur and was a wedding celebrant. These days, I am a member of the Greypower committee, the Seddon volunteer fire brigade and the Marlborough JP Council.

### Keeping them informed- the three steps:

Recently a Council member received a complaint that they had rung two Justices on the number shown in Find a JP and both numbers were no longer in use. Please check your details are still current. It is very easy to do:

#### 1. Log into the Website and click on Go to in Profile.

##### Profile

Update your contact details and availability and record your education session attendance.

Go to

#### 2. It brings up a screen called *My profile* where you can update your information.

##### Your Profile

You can update your personal details here, including specifying any times that you will be away and therefore unavailable for duties.

Username

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#### 3. When you have done that- go down to the bottom of the screen and save

French

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German

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Save

This screen is also where you record your attendance at KU2 sessions.

### JP Retired



*Federation President Nigel Tate presents Geoff Jensen with his JP Retired Certificate*

Three Justices have taken JP Retired status since our last Newsletter.

Mary Barnes was appointed in Auckland on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1996. She transferred to Marlborough and performed both Judicial and Ministerial duties. Mary was one of the Justices whose workload increased during the Covid epidemic.

Pam Sigglekow of Kaikoura was appointed on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1984. For many years Pam was the “unofficial” liaison between Council and the Kaikoura Justices. She arranged KU2D sessions there, as well as assisting in many other ways. It was said that Justices attended the sessions for the pleasure of her sausage rolls.

Geoff Jensen was appointed a JP, magistrate, in 1989 in the UK when he retired from British Airways.

Although brought up in Nelson he came to Blenheim and became involved in the wine industry.

He was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace on 28 September 1994 after an approach from Sir Douglas Lorimer Kidd KNZM.

Geoffrey says it was a pity that his continual travelling for business prevented him taking a more active part.

### Service Centre news:

Life never gets boring at our Service Centres. Maria was recently asked to write a letter to the King. A couple had recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and had hope to get acknowledgement from Buckingham Palace. The Justices on duty suggested what steps they should take to get the congratulatory card.

#### Blenheim

	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
Number of JPs attending	32	22	25
Total number of people served	319	203	247
Number of documents signed and stamped	786	460	686

#### Picton

	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
Number of JPs attending	8	6	7
Total number of people served	23	16	17
Number of documents signed and stamped	61	34	46

### Taking oaths of office:

There are two newly sworn Justices in the Marlborough Region.

On 29 January 2025 Amaroa Katu was sworn as a Justice of the Peace before Nelson/Blenheim District Court Judge Reilly and Judge Harrop of Wellington. It is the first occasion for many years that two Judges have presided over such a ceremony.

Amaroa is affiliated to all Iwi across Te Tau Ihu inclusive of Ngai Tahu and several in the North Island. She holds a Diploma in Human Resource Management.

She is employed as the Community Health and Operations Manager of Marlborough Primary Health and has since 2019, been the General Manager of the Marlborough Pacific Trust .In addition she holds a number of Governance roles including being a Board member of Crossroads Marlborough Trust, the Chair of Ngati Toa Rangatira Ki Wairau Trust and the Secretary of the Marlborough Youth Trust.



*L to R: DCJ Harrop, Amaroa ,  
DCJ Reilly.*

*Judge Harrop is wearing the new  
District Court Judge Robe.*



Two days later, on 31<sup>st</sup> January in the Kaikoura District Court Maria Adams took her oaths before Judge T.J. Gilbert of Christchurch. This was the first Justice of the Peace sworn in Kaikoura since 2017.

Maria works at a Pre-school Centre and, since 2009, has been the Administrator and Butchery Assistant for a Home Kill Butchery. She has been a Trustee on St Josephs School Board of Trustees since 2015, having been the Presiding Member for three of those years. In addition she has been the Safeguarding Administrator for Te Whetu o Te Moana Marlborough since 2021 with responsibilities for acquiring police vetting information, collating and reporting data as well as distributing information and updates. In 2005 she graduated with a science-based Bachelor of Viticulture and Oenology degree.



*L to R: Judge T.J. Gilbert, Maria and  
her parents, Angela and  
Joe van Rooyen  
Joe was appointed as a Justice in  
1998.*

### **Welcoming Jan:**

Jan Lewis transferred to our Association from Bay of Plenty at the end of December and now lives in Blenheim. She was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in October 2021. Jan worked in Service Centres in and around Tauranga and is keen to assist at the library.

### **Separation Agreements:**

A Separation Agreement is an agreement between spouses or partners concerning childcare, division of property and maintenance arrangements.

These agreements can be used as evidence at a later date to show the couple has lived apart for the necessary two years when applying for a dissolution. You will probably have seen an agreement amongst exhibits used in an application for dissolution of marriage.

A separation agreement is considered a way by which couples may contract out of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976, however for the agreement to be valid it must comply with the requirements set out in Section 21F of that Act which states that:

- 1) The agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.
- 2) Each party to the agreement must have independent legal advice before signing the agreement.
- 3) The signature of each party to the agreement must be witnessed by a lawyer.
- 4) The lawyer who witnesses the signature of a party must certify that, before the party signed the agreement, they explained to that party the effect and implications of the agreement. Agreements to contract out of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976 can be made at any time. This means that pre-nuptial agreements are also subject to the same requirements.

If a client asks you to witness a relationship property agreement, you should decline to do so and advise them to seek independent legal advice.

*Thanks to Bay of Plenty JP Association Newsletter December 2024*

### **Kaikoura representation on Council**

Under our recently adopted constitution Council may appoint other Officers until the next Annual General Meeting. Council have exercised this provision and invited the Justices who live in and around Kaikoura to elect one of their members to fill this role. Joe van Rooyen has been elected with Neroli Gold as back up.

### **Council 2024-2025**

The members of Council for 2024- 2025 are:

President:	Malcolm Williams	Phone 578 5142	Email <a href="mailto:m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz">m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz</a>
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### **Council Members:**

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Joe van Rooyen	Phone 03 319 5178	Email <a href="mailto:KaikouraRealty@xtra.co.nz">KaikouraRealty@xtra.co.nz</a>

**Welfare Officers:** (Female) Catherine Donnelly, (Male) Alan Washington

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

**Induction trainer:** Jeffery Ho

**Ministerial Educators:** Stan Beavon, Allan Washington, Alistair Boyce

**Social Subcommittee:** Catherine Donnelly

**Complaints Subcommittee:** Alan Washinton, Greta Firth, Betsy Wynne. (as required to be coopted)

**Membership Committee:** Malcolm Williams, Alistair Boyce, Alan Washington.

Please let me know of suggestions for future newsletters.  
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**REGISTRATION FOR KEEPING UP TO DATE SESSION**

**SATURDAY 5th April 2025 (9:30am -12noon)**

**Wesley Centre, 3 Henry Street, Blenheim**

**Please email to Ian Cameron: [ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz) or ring 574 2558 by 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

- I will be attending on Saturday 5th April
- I will be attending on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm (at the Wesley Centre).
- I am unable to attend on either day.

(signed) Justice of the Peace.