



## MARLBOROUGH JUSTICES OF THE PEACE INC NEWSLETTER

September 2023

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Calendar  
**KU2D**  
23 & 27 September  
**AGM**  
14 November  
**Council meetings**  
(22A Scott Street at  
5:30pm)  
20 September  
18 October  
15 November  
17 January  
21 February  
20 March  
17 April

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

Now that it's Spring, there is a freshness in the air, along with a colourful outpouring of new blossom.

After nearly 6 months at the new Library, I believe our Service Centre operation has settled in what most of Justices will thoroughly appreciate in the bright and refreshing surroundings.

To Library manager and fellow Justice, Glenn Webster, and his staff thank you very much for accommodating our Association and in welcoming us to your new home.

Our brief 3 weeks at the Community Centre in Alfred Street ensured that our service centre facility could remain operational during the relocation of the library.

During July we welcomed 2 new Justices to our Association, namely Catherine Donnelly and Rhonda Payne, with both providing a valuable contribution in their specific areas.

With several new Justices having joined our Association, I know all are keen to contribute and this will I'm sure make Registrar Ian's role in filling our Service Centre positions, approximately 40 each month, much more tenable.

Thank you again to all Justices who volunteer to assist at our two Service Centres and I know that the statistics of our activities at the centres each month certainly justifies our need to support our communities.

Another thank you to the Justices who participated in the Regional Zoom Conference last month, and I trust that those who participated gained new ideas from the items raised by the various associations.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September saw Alistair and Matilde attend a special promotion for migrants at Welcoming Communities Week, which for us resulted in Redwood several good connections being established. Thank you Alistair and Matilde for your time and to Ian for organising the event, complete with several brochures translated into other Pacific countries' language.

With our AGM scheduled for Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, I do hope that you will join us for the AGM, and dinner where our guest speaker will keep us all entertained.

With Best Wishes  
Malcolm Williams  
President  
Marlborough JP Association.

### **FROM THE REGISTRAR**

#### **KU2D Saturday 23rd and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September:**

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 12noon with a complimentary light lunch provided.

Our trainers Alistair and Betsy will lead off with discussions of various interesting scenarios that they have garnered. There will be some revision around the AML requirements which are still causing some anxiety among Justices. There will also be a time set aside for discussion of shared experiences from those attending. Alistair commented that he has intended to have this segment in previous sessions, but time has run out. He is determined it will be held this September!

For those unable to come on Saturday, the session will be repeated on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 5:30pm.

### **Annual General Meeting: 14 November**

This year we will be holding our Annual General Meeting in the beautiful Blenheim Club, 92 High Street on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. As usual there will be complimentary nibbles and a drink from 4:30pm and we will start the meeting at 5:15pm. We need a quorum of 20 members so please endeavour to attend.

Please also give some thought to being on the 2023 -2024 Council. Bringing new blood into our administration is beneficial to our Association as well giving a deeper understanding of the organisation. The nomination form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### **Annual Dinner**

The Blenheim Club will also be the venue for our Annual Dinner which will commence at 7pm. Catering will be by Blenheim Beavertown Lions Club and those who have experienced their cuisine can testify that it is excellent. The Association will subsidize the cost of the two-course meal so the cost to members and partners remains at \$30. The form to confirm attendance at the dinner is also at the end of the newsletter. If the dinner cost is a hinderance for attendance, please inform Ian Cameron in confidence and that concern can be overcome.



We are very fortunate to have obtained Glenn Kirby as our guest speaker. Glenn is well-known to Marlbarians with his radio work, his commitment to community causes, St Mary's School among many others and now as a Real Estate agent. He is a witty and knowledgeable speaker and has entitled his address "A Passion for Marlborough"

### **Service Centre:**

The room we have been allocated in the new Blenheim Library building is proving very popular with the volunteers. It is an airy, spacious room and provides confidentiality to our clients. Those who volunteer can be reimbursed for parking fees. Claims can be sent to our Treasurer, Robyn Richards, email [robyn.richards6@gmail.com](mailto:robyn.richards6@gmail.com) monthly or when claims amount to \$10. If you have mislaid the claim form emailed out, please contact Robyn or the Registrar.

## Blenheim

	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023
Number of JPs attending	36	30	38
Total number of people served	249	278	168
Number of documents signed and stamped	601	392	581

	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023
Number of JPs attending	32	36	
Total number of people served	271	306	
Number of documents signed and stamped	926	770	

## Picton

	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023
Number of JPs attending	10	8	9
Total number of people served	31	15	28
Number of documents signed and stamped	84	35	52

	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023
Number of JPs attending	7	7	
Total number of people served	19	30	
Number of documents signed and stamped	40	72	



Last Day of sitting in the old Blenheim Library- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

### Changes to Client Identification at MSD

MSD have advised that they will no longer accept certified copies. They require to see the original documents.



### **Jim Mears**

One of our longest serving Justices, James Alfred Mears was presented with his JP Retired Certificate and medallion on 30 May by Immediate Past President Alistair Boyce at Redwood Home. Jim was appointed a Justice of the Peace on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1985. Jim was originally asked to become a Justice of the Peace by Doug Kidd (now Sir Doug) because of the shortage of Justices in country areas. Jim said there was no training in those days and “he didn’t know what he was in for”. In later years he shifted to Linkwater and covered the area from Anakiwa to Ngakuta Bay with many referrals from Outward Bound.



Shirley and Jim Mears with Registrar Ian Cameron

### **Out and about in the Community:**

Our Association responded to an invitation from Welcoming Communities to explain what a New Zealand Justice of the Peace does and how they are appointed. President Malcolm Williams and Matilde Tayawa-Figuracion set up in the Blenheim Library on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Many new arrivals are surprised that we provide a free service.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September our Association have booked a site at Pacifica Festival at St Mary’s School. Lapu Oliver, Elisabeth Balderston, Richard Hunter, Greta Firth Judith MacDonald. Jeffery Ho and Ian Cameron will be there during the day. We would welcome your visit.



Alistair Boyce and Matilde Tayawa-Figuracion ready to pass on information during Welcoming Communities week

### **New Justices sworn:**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July Judge R Russell conducted the swearing in ceremony for Marlborough's two recently appointed Justices, Catherine Donnelly (Blenheim) and Rhonda Payne (Seddon).

**Catherine Donnelly:** Catherine has been the Manager of Alzheimers Marlborough since 2021, having been a Community Welfare Officer for Age Concern Marlborough for the preceding seven years. She is currently studying for a Diploma in Management and Leadership.

She sits on the Older Persons Forum run through the Marlborough District Council with a special interest in making Marlborough an age and dementia-friendly place and to promote the Mate Wareware dementia plan.

Catherine has been heavily involved in community activities for a number of years including organising events for seniors, fundraising, health promotion activities. She also sits on various community and national committees and is an episodic volunteer for the local Lions club, her husband being a member.

Catherine is married to John and has two grown children. Her hobbies are gardening, royalty and crafts.



Catherine Donnelly

**Rhonda Payne:** Rhonda and her husband moved to Seddon over 17 years ago where their family was born and grew up. She joined Plunket and, as she says, “years of catering and other fundraising activities then followed in many areas which directly benefitted the children of the area, as well as other areas”. She was the treasurer of the Awatere Kindergarten for a number of years.

Her recent activities included being a member of Friends of Seddon School, and she is still involved in the Health and Safety aspect of the local Pony Club.

She is described as a kind and thoughtful person who demonstrates a high degree of personal integrity in all she does. She is described as well-known and liked within the district.

Rhonda runs her own catering business and also works in a vineyard. There are no Justices currently in the Seddon township and Rhonda stated that her reason for applying to become a Justice of the Peace was to contribute to the local community.



Rhonda Payne

**Honoured at our KU2D session on 13<sup>th</sup> May:**

Mayor Nadine Taylor made the following presentations on 13<sup>th</sup> May at the conclusion of the session and before members enjoyed a shared lunch:

**Long Service Certificates (30-year service)**

**Catherine (Kate) Bristed.** Kate was appointed as a Justice of the Peace on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1993. She has served as President of the Marlborough Justice of the Peace Association from 2011 – 2014 and remained on Council until 2021. She was Chair of the very successful 2019 National Convention Committee. She has been a Judicial Justice of the Peace and helps at the Blenheim Service on a weekly basis. She is a Life Member of this Association.



L to R: Kate Bristed Mayor Nadine Taylor

**Brigadier Anthony Thomas Mortiboy MBE ED.** Tony was appointed a Justice of the Peace on 19 June 1993 after a long and distinguished career in the military and other fields. He was posted to the Territorial Force Retired list with effect from 31 May 1983. Tony was a well-known and popular identity in Picton and was held in high esteem by the locals. Until his later years he was an active participant in our training sessions and was clearly dedicated to maintaining a high standard in the service he provided. The feedback he provided to Council was valued.

Tony died on 3<sup>rd</sup> March this year and is today represented by his eldest son, Paul.



Tony's eldest son, Paul, receives the certificate from Mayor Nadine Taylor

### **Justice of the Peace Retired presentation of certificates and medallions.**

**Ian Roy Bray:** (appointed 27 March 1982) Times have certainly changed over the past 40 years since I was invited to become a Justice of the Peace.

Indeed such an invitation would probably not be made in the same way today.

In 1974 newly arrived from the UK I was working for the Tourist Hotel Corporation. After a brief period in Rotorua I was assigned to Twizel. I introduced myself to the most important contacts a hotel manager can have namely the Bank Manager, the doctor and the Senior Sergeant of Police. I became involved with community council and deputy rep on the McKenzie Council.

After some months I was approached by the Sergeant as to my interest in becoming a JP. Practically everyone in Twizel was associated with the Ministry of Works. Keeping anything a secret was an impossibility. They needed to sign off Search warrants. Who better than the hotel GM who was independent. So after references sent to MP, presto I'm appointed. It worked as we closed several groups of drug providers and thieves dealing in stolen property.

That was the beginning of my JP career. I have been used as a JP in communities where I lived with THC and worked in Hotel Catering Industry training, Waikanae Safety Community Trust, various roles with Hotel and Hospitality associations, as GM of Pub Charity and continued as JP working after retirement out of Havelock.

I've had some funny situations as a JP. One in particular. When the US nuclear armed ship, Thruxton, arrived in Wellington I presented the Commander with a beautifully illustrated book on NZ. Subsequently I received an invitation to visit the ship. I was asked for identification on arrival. I gave my warrant card as JP. The officer returned after 10



minutes and was delayed as their protocol officer determined who took priority to board first. Me with my Governor General appointment or Minister waiting round the corner in his car. I graciously deferred!

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as JP for forty years



Ian Bray with Mayor Nadine Taylor

**Charles Robin Christian Grigg** (appointed 7 February 1981).

Living in the Hakataramea Valley with only about 50 residents, it was distance not numbers that prompted appointments.

I was recommended for appointment by the Hon Jonathan Elworthy, our local MP at the time in 1981. I can't recall much training for a start and as we lived an hour and a half away from Oamaru, the local association centre, the first year the manual was all I had.

On retirement from farming in 2004 we moved to Renwick and as we were not well known for a start, my services numbers were slow to build up. I decided to join the service team at the Court House and that's when I really earned my keep. Everything from the bread and butter witnessing signatures to Marriage Dissolutions and a few harangues from people with something to get off their chest, in between times.

A big "thank you" to the Association for your training sessions and the Court Staff for answering the more tricky questions.



Rob Grigg receives his certificate from Mayor Nadine Taylor

## **Council 2022-2023**

The members of Council for 2022- 2023 are:

President: Malcolm Williams Phone 578 5142 Email [m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz](mailto:m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz)  
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### **Council Members:**

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**Welfare Officer:** Alistair Boyce

**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

**Social Subcommittee:** Robyn Richards, Ian Cameron

**Complaints Subcommittee:** Betsy Wynne, Greta Firth, Alan Washington

**Membership Committee:** Malcolm Williams, Alan Washington, Megan Rosene.

Please let me know of suggestions for future newsletters.  
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## **REGISTRATION FOR KEEPING UP TO DATE SESSION SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 (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 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

- I will be attending on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, and I can (cannot) stay for the complimentary light lunch.
- (If staying for lunch) Dietary requirements.
- I will be attending on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm (at the Wesley Centre).
- I am unable to attend on either day.

(signed) Justice of the Peace.