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By this Commission... from *Justices of the Peace Act 2004*

You have the powers, responsibilities, authorities, jurisdictions and privileges that apply to the office of Justice of the Peace.

You are to perform conscientiously, responsibly, and in accordance with the law, the duties that the law imposes on Justices of the Peace, and you are to assist in the administration of justice and in the maintenance of peace, order and good government in the state.

Cover image

In keeping with this issue's focus away from Perth city, our cover photo is of Town Beach, Mandurah, courtesy of Greg Buck. Greg is a talented photographer from Mandurah who discovered his love for photography around 2000, at age 53, firstly as an amateur and then gaining formal qualifications. Greg's photography then took a turn to street, portrait and wedding photography for a while, to further his skills in photography before he was drawn back to his preferred genre of country, photographing old ruins and rural landscapes. He enjoys capturing the essence of country Western Australia and proudly sharing memories, history and heritage from yesterday for future generations to come. To contact Greg, see GS Buck Photography on Facebook, or email gremar.greg@gmail.com

RAJWA is pleased to support small business, and grateful to Greg for allowing us to share it with you.

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From the Registrar - Gillian Colclough JP

Welcome to our first journal for 2025. We have much to celebrate as an Association that exists only to serve the best interests of its members. Our membership continues to grow with a proactive and committed Council behind the scenes.

WA JP Forum update

Congratulations to all involved in the development of the WA JP Forum after months of discussion about what shape such a group should take. We look forward to a collaboration that will strengthen all of our voices in our relationship with government and agencies. Members are Brian Dodds JP (RAJWA), Merv Wright JP (RAJWA), Allan Jones JP (Justices of the Peace Alliance Inc.), John Alberti JP (Fremantle JP Association), Leonie Timms JP (Fremantle JP Association Inc.) and Trish O'Reilly JP (Regional Association of Justices of the Peace.)

Family Court WA morning tea for rostered FC JPs

RAJWA volunteers have taken on coordinating Family Court rosters for the Court. Our Treasurer, Kiri Campbell JP, is leading that task and was thrilled this week to receive an invitation from Judge Sutherland via her Associate for Family Court JPs to attend a morning tea later in March. I attended the last such morning tea early in the pandemic. Several Judges, Magistrates, Associates and Registrars attended and spoke to us and the snacks were great. I'm sure this visit will be as rewarding and informative. We will add photos in the next Journal. Thank you Judge Sutherland.

Our publications for you

The publications we create for you have changed over the past two years. We have gone from no journal and a brief newsletter to longer newsletters and then, in 2024, two editions of this journal, thanks to former Editor John Arthur JP. Council has responded to your positive feedback about the journal in deciding to limit the number of newsletters and increase the number of journals. This edition is one of three proposed for 2025. The newsletters will accordingly be reduced in size to allow transfer of some of their popular content, such as member profiles, to this format. In this issue, we draw on members of the Mandurah/Murray branch and will approach another branch for the next issue.

Crossword

I hope that you enjoy the news, profiles and other items in this edition. A crossword is included this time, following many emails from members who see these fun items as also having an educational value. This edition's crossword draws strongly on definitions used in Acts we often encounter: the *Criminal Investigation Act 2002* and the *Criminal Code Compilation Act 1913*. Of course, we don't need to know these terms, but many of us enjoy deepening our understanding of the laws that govern us.

Above all

We are getting closer to the point where we can look back and say that we got through a pandemic and the challenges it presented by a combination of good management and a determination to keep on serving our state, as we swore we would do. I would argue that our senses of humour helped. Well done, and keep smiling.

(The newspaper cutting here is to remind us that even when things might seem beyond our control, JPs can still meet the challenge!)

"Arrest These Dogs."

There was a lively interlude during the hearing of an inquest in the Guildford Courthouse yesterday. Two dogs that had been scuffling under the advocates' table before the proceedings commenced and had been put out, reappeared when the door of the court was opened to admit a witness. They ascended to the bench and disported themselves about the legs of the Acting Coroner (Mr L. Gibbons, JP). After the dogs had entertained the onlookers for about a minute Mr Gibbons inquired of the court orderly: "Do you think you could arrest these dogs?" The constable seized the bigger dog by the scruff of the neck and put it outside, where it was immediately joined by its companion.

*The West
Australian*
Tues 1 June,
1943, p.2

President's report



Branch Presidents and Secretaries meeting

At the Branch Presidents and Secretaries meeting held in late February, consensus was reached relating to the need for JP emergency contact details for to be available, particularly for when serving at Courts. One suggestion was that JPs carry a small card in our wallet/purse with emergency contact information and hopefully someone will look through it to find a contact. Another was to have a form that is held by a roster coordinator or by courthouse staff.

RAJWA Council will now discuss this idea further. It would also be useful to work out a system to be used throughout all courts. Other signing centres or locations could also be contacted with a similar process being put in place. It was further agreed that medical information for a JP should remain optional or voluntary on the emergency contact form. Once a decision is made, the Registrar will contact DoJ to discuss implementation with their support.

Joint Meeting of JP Associations

The name adopted by the cross-association group is WA JP Forum. It was decided not to register as a not-for-profit association, because the primary focus of the Forum will be to provide support to all JPs. It was also agreed that the JP Branch at the Department of Justice should be written to by the Secretary and advised of the establishment of the Forum. Meetings would be scheduled for every three months on a Saturday morning at 10.30am at the Fremantle Italian Club, where our previous meetings have been held. If our member associations had anything urgent they wanted the Forum to consider, it could be emailed to the Secretary and if necessary, an online meeting could be held.

Each association can appoint two delegates to represent them at the Forum. If a Delegate can't make a meeting, it was agreed that the relevant association could send a substitute. If anyone else wanted to attend as an observer, they would be welcome to do so but wouldn't be able to speak or vote on any topic. It was also agreed that we would adopt a letter head which showed the names of the four associations, as well as the name and contact details of the Secretary. Leonie Timms JP was appointed as Secretary, and I was appointed as the Chairperson. Our appointments will expire at the conclusion of the last meeting of the year in November, with the Forum then choosing two officials for the next year.

Procedures Manual

At the Presidents and Secretaries meeting, it was agreed to make the Procedures Manual a guideline, rather than compulsory procedural manual. As a result, it might also be named the Procedures Guide. The Guide needs to more clearly describe the role and responsibilities of branches and their executive, as opposed to the RAJWA Council. For example, Branches are responsible for providing social events for their members and a Mentor for new JPs. I agreed to do some further work on the manual before it goes back to the Presidents and Secretaries as well as the RAJWA Council.

Brian J. Dodds JP, President

Health & safety for JPs



The following advice was compiled by RAJWA Deputy-President Rob Green JP. It is not a DoJ publication, but JP Branch advised that it should be beneficial to many JPs.

JPs often handle documents at high-volume signing centres where every client may present with something different from here or other parts of Australia, with diverse emotions and states of health. We also work in locations where we are not considered to be staff and may not have the same spatial awareness as employees. The need for a strong focus on health, safety, and well-being is as great as ever.

INFECTION CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS

Working in public settings increases the risk of exposure to illness. Basic hygiene practices such as handwashing and the use of hand sanitiser remain essential in reducing infection risk. Handling physical documents, identification cards, and shared pens also presents an opportunity for germs to spread.

- *Wipe down surfaces between clients and avoid touching your face.*
- *Have gloves and masks on hand for higher-risk interactions such as when dealing with someone visibly unwell.*

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

JPs frequently encounter individuals who are under significant emotional strain. From probate and divorce to restraining orders, document contents can be deeply personal and, at times, distressing. While security is present in court settings, many JPs operate in libraries, community centres, or private offices where they are more vulnerable. Situational awareness is crucial, as is the ability to assess a person's emotional state before engaging further. Should an individual become aggressive or uncooperative, maintaining a calm and professional demeanour while ensuring an easy exit route is vital.

- *If a situation feels unsafe, step away and notify security or staff: don't try to defuse it alone.*
- *Record the date and brief details in your logbook or phone calendar and perhaps advise others on the roster.*

Email or phone JP Branch (08 9425 2525) with details if you have ongoing concerns about a situation.

MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

JPs do not have formal debriefing structures in place. The JP Code of Conduct prohibits sharing specific case details with others, which can make processing difficult situations more challenging. The things we see and hear in everyday documents but also in Orders to Produce or Search Warrants can take a toll. Acknowledging that these experiences may have an impact and recognising early signs of stress or burnout is essential.

- *Where confidentiality permits, speaking with fellow JPs about general concerns can provide reassurance.*
- *Introduce yourself to a RAJWA branch where you know that other JPs will have had similar experiences.*
- *If you find an experience lingering, seek confidential counselling or support services.*

OTHER BASIC PRECAUTIONS

We are not usually given a safety induction. You can ask for one, but otherwise, make sure you know where to find the nearest exit, fire extinguisher and alarm.

Family Court Help List



Public work area 1st floor at FCWA Perth, with free use of computers, printers & scanners

Applicants

1. Persons wanting to start the divorce process should visit https://www.familycourt.wa.gov.au/A/application_divorce.aspx where they will find all of the information they need.
2. There is an overview of process and costs etc on the main webpage.
3. After they have followed instructions to register on the ePortal, the applicant must complete parts A to G of the interactive form and save each part as they proceed.
4. Part H is where documents are prepared for printing and then witnessing by a JP.
5. The applicant must scroll to the bottom of the page and select the option [Preview](#).
 - A zip folder will open on their computer, containing a draft copy of the divorce application. They should select [Save for later](#) before exiting the screen.
6. The applicant/s must print their Affidavit for eFiling Application (Divorce) and preview documents for the JP.
7. We cannot witness the documents or allow them to swear them if they only bring the affidavit page.

Affidavits

1. Verify their identity and ask if they want to make an Oath or Affirmation.
2. Ask if they have read the document and it is true and correct.
3. Some affidavits have boxes at the base of each page for a deponent and witness. If there are no boxes, you and the deponent should initial the base of each page of the affidavit.
4. You do not need to initial Preview pages.
5. An affidavit can be presented signed or unsigned. A signed affidavit is acceptable because the deponent will be stating when they take the oath that this is their true name and signature.
6. If any alterations (such as corrections, cross-outs or additions) are made to the affidavit, the person making the affidavit and the witness must initial each alteration.
7. Handwritten affidavits are usually only accepted in special circumstances. (If they were using the ePortal for their Initiating Application, this would not be an issue, as they will have typed it.
8. If a FCWA affidavit is handwritten, ask the deponent if they have contacted the Court to confirm that theirs will be accepted because of circumstances.

Attachments

Where an Affidavit refers to an annexure or attachment/s, you (not deponent) must endorse the first page with the following and initial each page of the attachment/annexure/s after that.

This is the exhibit marked with the letter ' ____ ' referred to in the Affidavit of:

and sworn/affirmed before me on
this day ____/____ 20____
(Your signature)_____
(Your name printed & JP number) _____

FCWA affidavit types

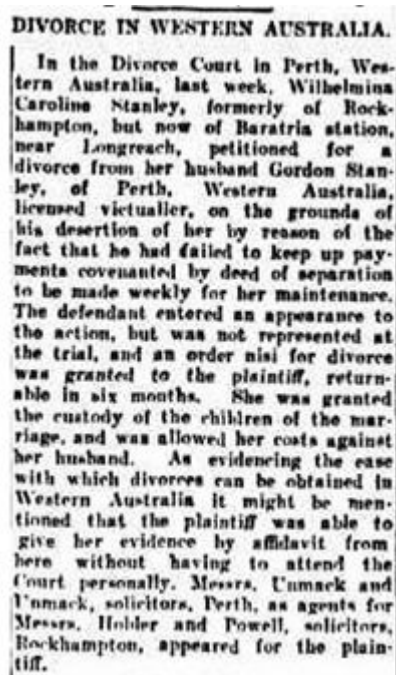
Apart from the initial affidavit, we may see Affidavits related to service, Proof of Signature, Proof of Identity & Parenting Orders. Less frequently, we may be asked to witness Affidavits of Translation of Marriage Certificate and Affidavits where a person is incapable of signing, for various reasons. These are explained on the website.

Case affidavits relate to more complex matters and can be long. Again, see website.

How it was...



Brisbane Courier 16 Sept 1905 p5



Morning Bulletin
17 Oct 1928

Some Eastern newspapers were reporting on WA divorces as if they were easier to obtain than elsewhere: the 1928 plaintiff was able to submit an Affidavit and not appear personally.

Cameos from Mandurah/Murray Branch



Julie Coxall JP

President Mandurah/Murray branch.

'Becoming a Nana is the best role I've ever had. The love and joy that my grandchildren bring to my life is immeasurable. Watching them develop their own personalities is a delightful experience. I am blessed with a healthy and happy granddaughter and grandson who fill my days with laughter and love.'

Julie became a JP in 2010. With a strong interest in contributing to community service, she was working in local government and inspired to become a JP by the model set by her manager. Once commissioned, her first client was an elderly lady and her son. The lady was preparing her EPA. Julie continues: 'being a diligent JP I needed to ensure myself that she was willingly doing this and not being coerced. So I asked the crucial question "Are you sure you want to do this of your own free will?" Her response, however was far from what I expected 'I don't know why I am doing this' she then turned to her son and asked him "why am I doing this?" Horrified, I realised this was not how it was supposed to go. My heart raced as panic set in. I quickly rung my manager, who was onsite, and he came to my assistance!

This was not quite what Julie envisioned my first encounter as a JP, but 'despite the initial panic, the lady was lovely and her son, although visibly embarrassed, was very understanding. Reflecting on that day, I can still feel the trepidation mingled with a bit of panic. It's a reminder that every role carries unexpected challenges, and sometimes, it's these moments that teach us the most.'

After a rewarding career in management consulting, Julie now lives at Lake Clifton on 5 acres of bushland, where she is 'the proud owner of 85 rose bushes, much to the delight of the local rabbits. We enjoy the sound of birds and the presence of kangaroos in our yard, a true pleasure (fortunately, they don't particularly enjoy the roses). We are also developing an orchard that promises to bring us lots of fruit in a couple of years, once we have shared some with the birds!'

Following so many years of hard work, Julie managed to take some her-time with the 'trip of a lifetime to the UK in 2024', where she enjoyed the chance to catch up with some relatives that she had never met to visit where her father lived as a child. 'This', she says 'was an emotional and fulfilling experience that I will treasure forever. This trip ended on a two-week European river cruise that was breathtaking and so relaxing. The scenery was unreal and beautiful, and we are planning another river cruise in 2026. During this time, I lost both my parents, which left a hole in my life as a presence that can never be replaced.'

Back in WA, Julie regularly travels to Mandurah for branch meetings and serves on several signing-centre rosters. Passionate about gardening and sewing, she is always ready to create patchwork quilts for her two grandchildren. She is also currently learning the art of wool-spinning, which goes to prove yet again that we are always all capable of acquiring new skills - when there's time off from bulk pruning rose bushes.



Lina Look JP



Lina became a JP in 2011, as part of her commitment to her community. She and husband John are at Waroona, where Lina has lived all of her life. John has dairy-farmed for 52 years and this became a big part of Lina's life when they married 47 years ago. The Looks switched from dairy to to beef cattle five years ago and currently run both Angus and Speckle Park cattle, the latter being a Canadian breed. They have one son on the farm with their grandsons, and another close by in Waroona. Somehow, Lina balances being a JP while maintaining her commitment to her community and her JP work and when not managing these responsibilities supports junior basketball and her church.

Lina is a Family Support Officer at Waroona Community Resource Centre. While she routinely assists police with warrants and documents which are sometimes related to family violence, she often sees the other side of this problem in clients who seek support when they are experiencing difficult times. Lina would like to see more human resources made available for rural families in these circumstances.



Speckle Park cattle, Waroona

Lina is quietly proud of her Italian heritage. The Waroona to Harvey area with Collie, Australind and surrounds was settled by many Italian immigrants who initially worked on the developing potato industry and later bought farms in the area, with some further contributing to primary resource development in dairy production. Lina recalls that of 56 dairy farmers in the area in her childhood with that heritage, only two remain. To those who travel South Western Highway, the landscape today seems perennially lush, still with rich soils that make roadside stalls a fruit and vegetable utopia, but all of these areas were once swampy and difficult to work with machines before drainage became effective. It is a heritage to honour.

Jenny Green JP



Jenny attending a Cafe Connect (Wayfarer's Group) where those over the age of 55 can meet to discuss volunteering opportunities in the Mandurah region.

Jenny was sworn in as a JP on 29 December, 2022. Her decision to become a JP was influenced by her background as a psychologist and experiences as a Councillor, which reinforced her desire to help people dealing with Government and community matters. Having parents who migrated from Holland post WW2 and experienced confusion with government policies and by-laws, she said, 'they were always grateful for assistance when needed. My parents were also rigid about abiding with the law and improving our academic endeavors. I have a Bachelor of Applied Science-Psychology and a Grad-Dip in Counselling Psychology'.

Jenny's training was through TAFE Leederville. The course provided a great opportunity to meet other JPs and discuss areas of interest relating to the course subject matter. Like many of us, her first experiences as a JP were 'a mixture of anxiety and confidence. 'Within the first few weeks, I was signing Search Warrants that required immediate approval. The training provided a level of ability to understand the content of the document but the process of "eye balling" the Detective Inspector and controlling the session, released another level of elevated pulse rate.' Her confidence increased with repetition and 'great support from fellow JPs.'

Jenny served as a City of Mandurah Councillor from 2019-2023. She reached out to members at our Mandurah/Murray branch even before her JP commission came through and her ability to engage with the community was evident to members there from the start. She remains actively involved with community groups like the Peel Zonta club, Soroptimist International Mandurah, Wayfarers Mandurah and RSL Dawesville, as well as serving on some JP signing rosters and co-ordinating the Mandurah Courthouse roster. Those of us who know Jenny well know that she's always on the go, but it was a surprise to find that she still makes time to knit, crochet, swim and read!

Leon Hodge JP

Leon became a JP because a long-serving JP friend encouraged him to 'give it a go'. With his application accepted, he began correspondence training: 'JP section ... provided me with a copy of the JP Manual and a set of training DVDs. I was given several assignments to complete after which I arranged to sit for a written examination under the close supervision of an experienced JP. This was then submitted to DoJ who advised me that I was deemed to be "competent". I was granted a commission and allocated a JP number', but his first day as a commissioned JP had challenges.

'A lot of the training material dealt with judicial matters, but I was advised not to be concerned', he said. 'Apparently, they expected me to deal with administrative matters before I would be allowed anywhere near a court house. That's not how it worked out.' 'The day after receiving my commission I was asked to sit on the bench with another JP at the Mandurah Magistrates court to deal with a breach of bail offence.' Unfortunately, both Leon and the other JP forgot to take their reading glasses. It was 'quite a memorable introduction into the JP world'.

Leon has strong feelings about his work as a volunteer and says that 'when asked to name volunteer groups that I have been associated with. I always put "JP" at the top of the list. Strangely, that is not always accepted by community groups. I have been told on several occasion that not all people can elect to be a JP so it is pretty much a closed shop.that " He is disappointed 'so many JPs sit on their commission and contribute very little in regard to providing a service', which certainly hasn't been true for him.

Leon was previously involved at management level with the aviation industry, which 'equipped me to absorb new concepts. After a few years as a JP I somehow accepted a role as a councillor on the RAJWA Council. At the same time I got tricked into being secretary of the Mandurah/Murray branch which I did for quite a few years, followed inevitably by accepting the role of branch president. I found my previous management experience to be of great help throughout all of those activities.' (He still has a commercial pilot's licence, which doesn't get much use these days).

When not stocking the freezer, Leon and his wife enjoy spending time with 'five wonderful grand children' living close by. 'Grand kids certainly stop you from taking yourself seriously', he says: 'someone once said that grand children are God's gift to you for not actually killing your own children.'



Linda Kennedy JP & Bob Kennedy JP



At home in North Pinjarra. Not shown: Bob's artistic collection of wooden toys and models which are displayed on walls and hanging from the ceiling.

Bob and Linda Kennedy have served the Mandurah/Murray area as JPs, and a large piece of the north west as well. Bob became a JP in 1974, and Linda followed in 1984. They were living in Pannawonica at the time. Linda found work as a cleaner at the primary school. They had come to the west from Victoria, where Bob was at Puckapunyal in 1958 after being conscripted for National Service. They initially went to Paraburdoo with Hamersley Iron, before switching company and town to move to Cliffs Robe River. Bob was asked to become a JP by the Mine Manager, while doing the same was suggested later on to Linda by local police.

As senior JPs know, those were different days, particularly in isolated areas. Both assisted police with warrants and various orders, whilst also taking their turn on the bench. Another often forgotten role is that of the JP as Deputy Coroner, with Bob assisting in that capacity as needed, while both engaged socially and at work with a vibrant, culturally diverse and often eclectic community, some of whom may or may not also have been fond of a beer or two, which may or may not have got them into a spot of trouble now and then. Linda mentions the challenges faced by the court in a place where a one month (compulsory) sentence for what in present times would be considered a minor offense presented some logistical and custodial difficulties in such an isolated place: but between the company and the courts and police, it was all worked out to the satisfaction of the law and the community.

After moving to their present home in 1991, Linda carried on her work at Mandurah Courthouse for many years. Both remain busy. They have two children not too far away and enjoy visits from their grandchildren.

Merchandise



Plain A5 notebooks with logo

We have a few of these handy notebooks left at \$15 each.



NEW personalised RAJWA badge - \$18

These badges can be made with a magnet attachment or a pin. People with pacemakers should avoid the magnet version.



Lanyards: our most popular item. \$10 each.



As you asked:

We have arranged for personalised polo shirts with or without names. The shirts can be ordered in navy blue or black, but we need an order of 20 or more to keep to the quoted price of \$50 with a name or \$55 with name.

Our logo will be printed, and your names will be embroidered. You can choose to show your full name or just your given name. The name is larger on this sample to give the idea.



Black ink pens with RAJWA details.

Plastic: single \$3.50, bunch of 5 \$15, bunch of 10 for \$26.

From the Archives

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, 1925-26

The annual meeting of the above was held at 191 Murray-street, on Wednesday, June 9, the President presiding.

The election of officers resulted in the same officers being appointed to carry on.

The hon. secretary's report was adopted as follows:—

Formation of a Women Justices' Association.

We have much pleasure in presenting the first annual report, which clearly demonstrates that the organisation is serving a useful purpose as a co-ordinating medium between those women all over the State, al-

bers out of a possible twenty-six have joined the association.

The association was formed as an outcome of a meeting held on June 10, convened by Mrs. A. Macdonald, J.P., when all the women justices were invited to attend if possible.

The following officers were elected. —President, Mrs. A. Macdonald; vice-president, Mrs. Jean Beadle; treasurer, Mrs. Mellows. Mrs. Macdonald offered to act as secretary pro tem.

At subsequent meetings, held on July 8 and August 12, respectively, Mesdames W. Hamilton, J.P. (Boulder) and James Cowan, J.P., were unanimously elected vice-presidents, and Mrs. Rischbieth hon. secretary.

Women Justices Association
This is the centenary of the
Association, founded to give
female JPs a united voice.
(Transcript below.)

Dawn, 15 June 1926, p.12

We have much pleasure in presenting the first annual report, which clearly demonstrates that the organisation is serving a useful purpose as a co-ordinating medium between those women all over the State, already appointed by the Commission of the Peace, and twenty-two members out of a possible twenty-six have joined the association. The association was formed as an outcome of a meeting held on June 10, convened by Mrs. A. Macdonald, J.B., when all the women justices were invited to attend if possible. The following officers were elected. —President, Mrs. A. Macdonald; vice-president, Mrs. Jean Beadle; treasurer, Mrs. Mellows. Mrs. Macdonald offered to act as secretary pro tem. At subsequent meetings, held on July 8 and August 12, respectively, Mesdames W. Hamilton, J.P. (Boulder) and James Cowan, J.P., were unanimously elected vice-presidents, and Mrs. Rischbieth hon. secretary.

To recapitulate a few of the interesting items since our inception.—

1. The initiative step was taken as an outcome of a letter received from N.S.W., re the formation of a Federal Women Justices' Association.
2. An endeavour was made to become affiliated with the Justices' Association, of Western Australia, in the hope that we might have representatives on their Council. However, their rules do not provide for kindred bodies.
3. A local constitution was compiled and submitted to the Minister for Justice, at his request.
4. A Federal constitution has been compiled, draft of which was forwarded to the Eastern States.
5. Steps were taken to have three women Justices appointed as special members of the Children's Court at Midland Junction, viz., Mesdames Macdonald, Manning and Finch.
6. Two women, who were already members of the Children's Courts have been made Justices also, viz., Miss Kidson, Perth and Mrs. Clark, Fremantle.
7. Letters have been forwarded to all members of the Legislative Assembly, urging them to use their power in obtaining additional appointments of women Justices, more especially for the country districts.
8. Considerable correspondence has taken place with country members, and the minutes of regular meetings have been forwarded to those desiring same.
9. Nine regular meetings have been held, which have been of an interesting nature, when members have been enabled to discuss their difficulties together.
10. Cinema and the Child.—Answers to a questionnaire re harmful effects of the cinema on the child were forwarded to the Justices' Association of Western Australia, and a letter was received in reply, thanking us for the valuable information therein.
11. A letter of congratulation was forwarded to the Minister for Justice (Victoria) on the decision of the Victorian Cabinet to bring in an amending Bill in favor of Women Justices being appointed in that State; copies of same were also forwarded to the lady editors of the leading papers.

We desire to express our appreciation for valuable help and many favors received from the Government Department. Our belief is that walls of prejudice must fall before the onslaught of earnest, competent women, able to stand their ground and demand, not by favor, but ability, their claims to full citizenship of the State, sharing its responsibilities as well as its privileges for public service.

BESSIE M. RISCHBIETH,
Hon. Secretary.

JP training from JP Branch, DoJ
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Date & time	Location	Topic	Contact
Saturday 15 March 9am-12.30pm	Mercure, Perth	Search warrants Witnessing documents	JP Branch
Friday 30 May To be confirmed	Southwest		WARAJ
Wednesday 4 June 10.00am - 12.00pm	MS Teams	An Introduction to Enduring Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Guardianship and Advance Health Directives.	JP Branch
Friday 18 July 10.00am-12.00pm	North Metropolitan TAFE, Northbridge	Surety/Bail	JP Branch
Saturday 11 October 0.00am-12.30pm	Mercure, Perth	Search Warrants, Witnessing Documents	JP Branch
Friday 24 October To be confirmed	TBA	TBA	WARAJ
Tuesday 18 November 9.30am-12.15pm	Mercure, Perth	An Introduction to Enduring Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Guardianship and Advance Health Directives.	JP Branch

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If you are aware of a JP who has passed away or is very unwell, please advise the Registrar so that we can send any relevant message.

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Code of Conduct for Justices of the Peace

General behaviour

- We will maintain and promote, in both our public and professional lives, standards of conduct that uphold the integrity and independence of our office.
- We will respect and comply with the law and conduct ourselves in a way that promotes public confidence in the integrity and independence of our office.
- We will always act impartially, not allowing conduct in our role to be influenced by political, business, family or social interests.
- We will at all times separate the functions of our office from any personal or political interests.
- We will not convey, or permit others to convey, the impression that we are in a special position of influence.

Judicial responsibilities

- We will give due precedence to our judicial and administrative duties without causing undue detriment to our personal or business life.
- We will perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice.

Confidentiality

- We will respect the confidentiality of all who appear before us or use our services and not disclose information of a private, confidential or commercially sensitive nature received in the course of our duties.

Conflict of interest

- We will disqualify ourselves from any proceedings in which our impartiality might reasonably be questioned.
- If it is seen that a conflict may arise, we will disclose all actual and potential conflicts of interest known to us.

Legal advice

We will not give legal advice to any person

Financial dealings

- We will not accept any payment or gift in the course of our duties.
- We will not use our office to advance our personal or business interests.

Training

- Whenever possible, we will participate in training offered to increase our knowledge and professionalism in relation to our role.

Mandatory notification

We will advise the Department of Justice within 30 days if we:

- Change our name or address
- Are convicted of any offense
- Become an insolvent under administration.

*Issued by Hon John Quigley MLA
Attorney General of Western Australia*

Life members

We express our respect and gratitude to our Life Members for their exemplary conduct as Justices of the Peace and their commitment to being members of our Association.

Fred Belford OAM JP

Ross O'Neill JP

Ian Goyder OAM JP

Colin Phillipson OAM JP

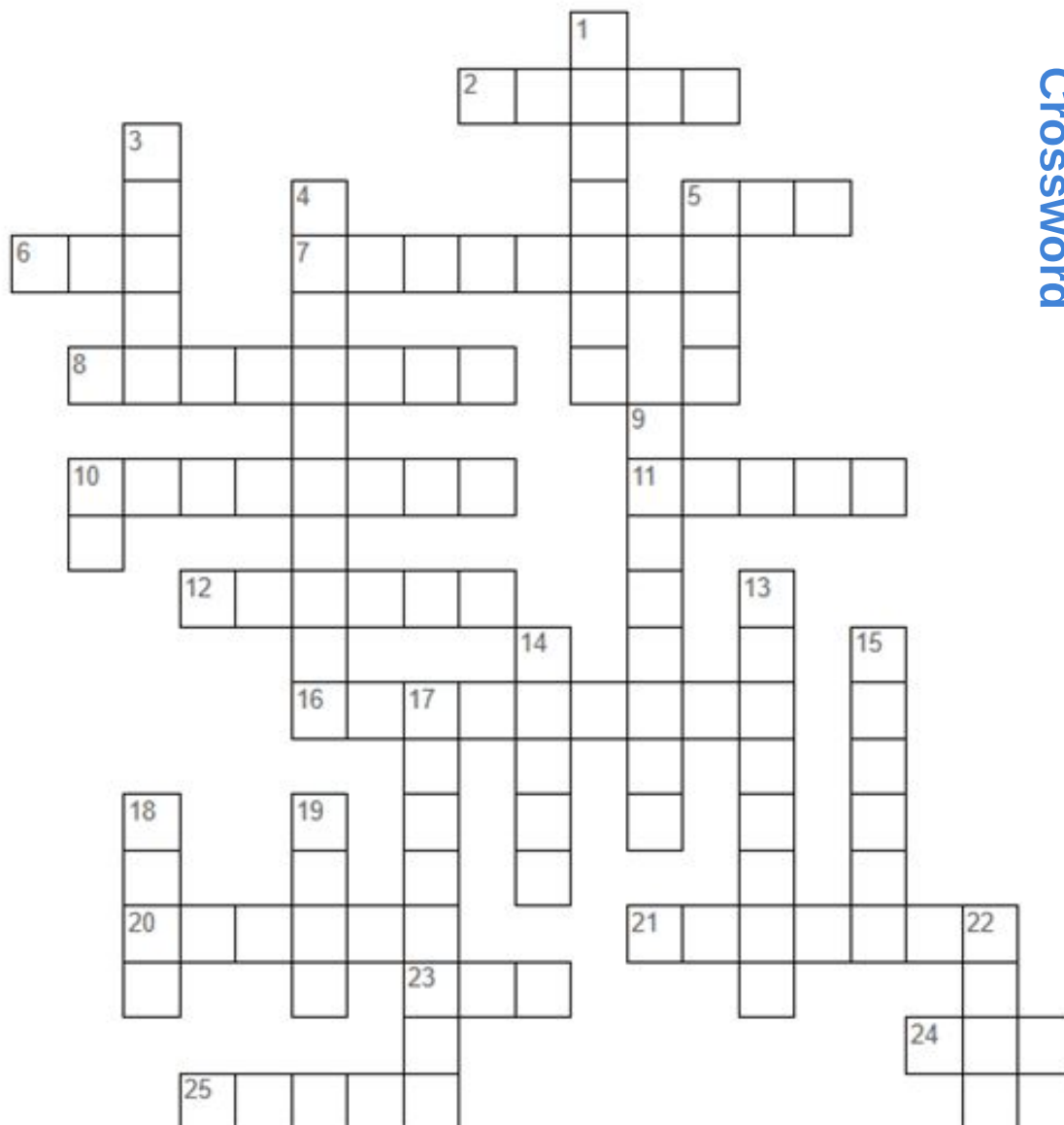
Kathleen Heath JP

Shalom Coleman CBE AM JP

Marybel (Bel) Matthews JP

Judith Cargill JP

Crossword

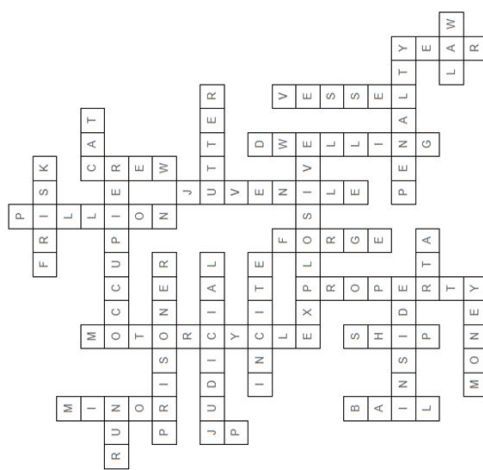


Across

- 2 Quickly, methodically run hands over outside clothing
 5 --- o' nine-tails (slang for whip once used in punishment)
 6 What some try to do from police
 7 (of a place) - any person who appears to have the control or management of the place
 8 An incarcerated person
 10 ----- officer; a JP or Magistrate
 11 Use or deal with a record knowing that the record is forged
 12 Solicit and endeavour to persuade a person to commit an offence
 16 Substance capable of explosion
 20 Slang for someone who is in prison
 21 Punishment imposed for breaking a law, rule, or contract
 23 (inits) Road Traffic Act
 24 Legislation
 25 Bank notes, coins, cheques

Down

- 1 An extra motor-cycle seat
 3 Underage person
 4 A motor vehicle that has 2 or 3 wheels and may also have a sidecar
 5 A person having duties or functions on board a vessel
 9 A person who was 16 but not 18 years of age when an offence was committed
 10 Justice of the Peace
 13 Any building, structure, tent, vehicle or vessel, or part of any building ordinarily used for human habitation
 14 Falsify or alter without authority
 15 Ship, boat and every other kind of craft used in navigation
 17 Something capable of being the subject of ownership
 18 Releases a charged person until trial
 19 Every kind of vessel used in navigation, not propelled by oars
 22 365.25 days





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