

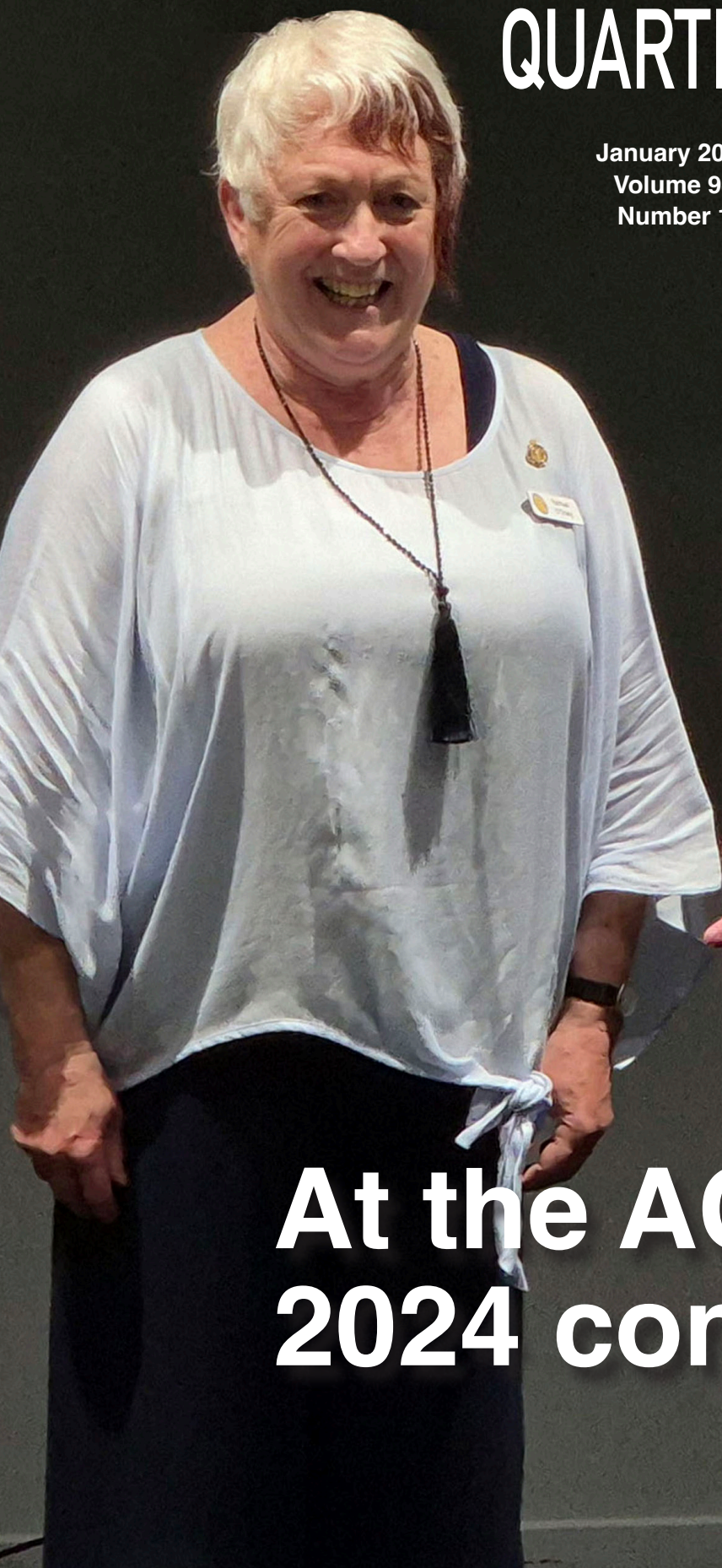
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At the ACJA
2024 conference

Mourned by community

It is with great sadness that the Federation acknowledges the passing of Diane Yalden QSM, one of the longest-serving association registrars.

It was an honour for me to be asked by Diane's family to speak at her funeral service in Whakatane, representing the Federation. Diane passed away suddenly on November 18, aged 78, after a very short illness, and over 300 people from the various areas of her community in which she was involved gathered to celebrate her life and to farewell her.



After 30 years as a Justice of the Peace and the past 20 years as the Eastern Bay of Plenty association registrar, Diane has left a void in her association council and her Taneatua community. As a regular contributor at both regional and national conferences, she will be sadly missed by all who have encountered her.

Diane was also a long-time supporter and life member of the Taneatua Volunteer Fire Brigade, which was represented by about 20 of her colleagues from the brigade, who formed a guard of honour for her to leave the service. As we headed out to the Taneatua cemetery, there was a highly emotional sign of respect from her community at the fire station, with engine out, lights flashing, alarms sounding and the on-duty members, along with friends and neighbours, standing to attention outside the fire station and shops along the main street as she passed. There was even representation from the local gangs she had served over her years as a JP.

Diane was involved in many other areas of the EBoP community over the past 30 years, from sports clubs and the Lyceum Club to local government bodies and the Taneatua Lions, and all had representatives there on the day to show their respect for her service.

This experience has made me even prouder to belong to such a selfless group prepared to give their time and efforts to their communities. It has also made me more aware that we need to look after our own health and well-being.

I'm proud to be a New Zealand Justice of the Peace. – **Nigel Tate**

Board covers every AGM



2024 association AGMs

I, or another of your Board members, attended all association AGMs across New Zealand last year. It has sometimes been challenging to ensure that all were covered, given we had four on one day in several parts of the country. I must thank the Board members who stepped up when asked and took on the role of representing the Board at your meetings.

We have been very happy with what is happening in all parts of New Zealand. Everyone seems to have gotten their heads around Accreditation, and the growing rates around the associations are evidence of this. Thank you to all of our trainers for their efforts in this area.

There have been a few changes in councils, which is a good sign of engaged members and succession working the way it should. A common question was around constitutions and the various ways these are being handled, but again, most seem to have this under control and in plenty of time for the April 2026 close-off.

Several long-serving council members have decided to step back and allow others to come forward. We thank these individuals for their service over the years and welcome the newer members as well.

2025 AGM/Conference

Planning for the next AGM/Conference is well under way, with the West Coast association host committee working hard towards an enjoyable and enlightening agenda.

As we have said for some time, Conference is open to all Justices from throughout New Zealand. They don't need to be current councillors, but this is a great way to develop the desire to lead.

Make sure that you plan well ahead, and to get accommodation and travel booked. I can recommend a flight into either Christchurch or Nelson followed by a beautiful, shared drive across or down the spine in the South Island to Greymouth. It is a lovely part of the country.

Festive season break

The Board has had a busy year, and I'm sure have all enjoyed spending time with friends and family over the festive season. We hope all Justices have also had a delightful break and we look forward to working with you in 2025.

Nigel Tate

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Law changes target efficiency

Court timeliness, access to justice, and improving the quality of existing regulation are the focus of a series of law changes introduced to Parliament in December last year by Associate Minister of Justice Nicole McKee (right).



The three Bills in the Regulatory Systems (Justice) Amendment Bill package each improve a different part of the justice system: the courts, occupational regulation, and tribunals, and making amendments across 24 different Acts.

“These amendments form a comprehensive package that will make a meaningful difference and deliver on the Government’s commitments,” Mrs McKee said.

“The Regulatory Systems (Courts) Amendment Bill will improve participants’ experiences with the justice system and help them to move on with their lives. For example, it will provide more flexibility during jury selection, such as allowing jury selection of large panels to occur off-site. This Bill is the first of a series of Bills that Justice Minister Paul Goldsmith intends to introduce to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the courts.

“The Regulatory Systems (Tribunals) Amendment Bill will give Disputes Tribunal referees the discretion to order a respondent to repay the cost of the filing fee back to a wholly or partly successful applicant.

“This change will improve access to justice by making the system fairer for successful applicants, particularly in relation to non-monetary claims,” she said.

The Bills will also relieve regulatory burdens on businesses.

“For example, the Regulatory Systems (Occupational Regulation) Amendment Bill will ease the strict timing requirements around licence renewal for real estate licensees. The Real Estate Authority will be able to renew a licence for up to 12 months after it expires, rather than requiring a full new licence application. This will allow flexibility for those who miss their renewal because of unforeseen circumstances, such as the severe weather events in the North Island in early 2023,” Mrs McKee said.

“New Zealanders will benefit from these law changes. From making better use of jurors’ time to making it easier for businesses to comply with rules, they will improve the lives of many people.”



ON THE COVER: Australasian Council of Justices’ Associations President Rachael O’Grady presents a council Distinguished Service plaque and certificate to long-serving councillor Christine Cordingley of New South Wales at the ACJA’s 2024 conference . . . full coverage PP3-4. Picture: GEOFF WOOD



AGM/Conference

The 2025 AGM/Conference will be hosted by the West Coast association in Greymouth over Friday March 14-Sunday March 16. Please contact your association for further details.

Election results

There has been one nomination for each position on the Federation Board, as follows.

President: Nigel Tate (to be confirmed at the AGM)

Vice-President: Carol Buckley (to be confirmed at the AGM)

Immediate Past President: Peter Osborne

Northern Regional Representative: Ric (Richard) Odom

Auckland Regional Representative: Tony Kortegast

Central Regional Representative: Laurie Gabites

Southern Regional Representative: Anthony Brien

As there was only one nomination for all positions, no election process was required.

No remits or notices of motions have been submitted.

New home for Federation

For over 20 years, the Wellington District Court was the “home” base for the Federation office. We were fortunate to have access to a spacious office (below and below right), meeting rooms, and courtrooms.



Many visitors referred to the Wellington District Court as a “rabbit warren” with peach and green walls and a distinctive carpet. Those who have visited the building will be aware it was in need of a full refurbishment to modernise and restore its functionality. As part of this refurbishment, the reconfiguration of spaces meant it was no longer practical for us to remain there. With the impending move we began the significant task of sorting and packing our office and archive storage.

Plans were made for us to relocate to a suitable space that would allow us to maintain access to essential resources. Unfortunately, this new space itself was undergoing refurbishment

when we had to leave the District Court building, so for five months, Shinae, Simone, and I worked in a temporary office in a space attached to the court building, with diverted phones and much of the office boxed up in anticipation for the move to our “new” permanent home.

In early December the office was packed up for the final time and we were moved into our freshly renovated office (below) in the AMP Building on Customhouse Quay. We are gradually settling into this new environment, where, like our previous office, we are tucked away with no public access. The building also houses the Wellington Tribunals and various other units of the Ministry of Justice, which means we must abide by the security protocols for the building.

The AMP Building was constructed between 1925-1928 and is one of a group of heritage buildings that make up the BNZ/ Head Offices Heritage Area. It stands out for its



design, craftsmanship, and materials, featuring both external and internal stone cladding made from marble, sandstone, granite, and terracotta. Notable interior spaces include the barrel-vaulted entrance and the double-height General Office area, which add to the building’s historic charm.

An invaluable platform

Federation Past President RACHAEL O'GRADY, the current President of the Australasian Council of Justices' Associations, reports on the ACJA's 2024 conference



At the ACJA conference: back row, from left: Leonie Timms (Fremantle), Geoff Wood (ACT), Sue Varden (SA), James Ayliffe (Tas), John Carpendale (QJA), Eddie Fraser (QJA)
Middle: Marlene Haese (SA), Gillian Colclough (WA), Christine Cordingley (NNSW), Kim McAliney (Vic), Rod Lavin (Vic).
Front: Beverly Alley (ACT), Wendy La Macchia (QJA), Rachael O'Grady (NZ). Picture: KYLIE DAVEY

The Australasian Council of Justices' Associations (ACJA) annual meeting for 2024, held in Brisbane on October 18-19 last year, marked the Council's completion of 54 years of service to the Australasian community in its modern form, having had its inaugural meeting in 1970 (its earlier origins as a Federal Council of Justices of the Peace date back to an inter-state conference in 1915). Since its inception at that time the ACJA has steadily evolved, but its mission has not changed: "To provide a forum on matters of interest to Justice of the Peace associations in Australasia".

This year's conference was a remarkable success and provided an invaluable platform for engagement and collaboration among the participating jurisdictions. As in previous years there was a balance between

dealing with Council business and discussing and examining issues, to developing strategies that will serve associations well into the future, and listening to inspiring guest speakers. Interspersed between meetings were social events allowing councillors and partners to catch up with old friends and forge new friendships. Councillors enjoyed exceptional hospitality from the conference hosts from the Queensland Justice of the Peace Association (QJA), who were pivotal in ensuring a successful conference for all.

The 2024 ACJA conference included the return of the Friday discussion forum, which provided an excellent opportunity for councillors to meet informally and discuss matters of interest such as brainstorming ideas for a White Paper of "Mandatory Profes-

sional Development for JPs", sustainable manning of service desks, and how each ACJA association is using their websites.

Business sessions on the Saturday provided an opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed, to celebrate our achievements and to acknowledge the work that has been completed, including but not limited to inter-jurisdictional comparisons on certification of copies and professional development; a series of podcasts for use by member associations; further Zoom forums, one on professional development for JPs and the second entitled "The nitty-gritty of getting new members and retaining members".

Saturday's meeting also included two guest speakers. The first was Damien Mealey, director of the Queensland

Government Justices of the Peace Branch, who spoke on their JPs in the community programme, standards of conduct for Justices of the Peace, and the Branch's desire to have legislation requiring competent and active JPs with a five-year right of renewal. The final guest speaker was Professor Stafford Shepherd from the Queensland Law Society, whose subject was "Ethics and the Justice of the Peace".

Professor Shepherd was an eloquent and inspirational speaker, who made councillors think about how Justices fit into the legal system and how important our role really is in universally applying natural justice. He also spoke of professionalism in the JP role, maintenance of personal integrity and competence. Also included in the programme was a workshop I presented on "Unconscious Bias", and Vice-President John Carpendale gave a presentation comparing power of attorney, enduring power of attorney and end of life documents in each jurisdiction.

To recognise and reward significant achievements by councillors, the ACJA established an award system in 2016. This year three awards were presented (see sidebar story).

In accordance with the constitution, no elections for office bearers were required. The executive remains unchanged with myself as President, John Carpendale (Queensland) as Vice-President, Beverly Alley (Canberra) as registrar and Christine Cordingley (New South Wales) as deputy registrar. My tenure as President concludes at the 2025 ACJA AGM and I will not seek re-election.

This year's conference will be held in Canberra in October, coinciding with the wonderful Floriade festival.

Council honours service



ACJA Vice-President John Carpendale presents the Distinguished Service award certificate to President Rachael O'Grady.

Three awards for significant achievement were made at the 2024 ACJA conference.

A very special Distinguished Service award was presented to Christine Cordingley from NSW for outstanding and exemplary service to the Council (see cover). Her 16 years of service to ACJA make her the longest-serving councillor.

Paul Marcek (Victoria) received an award for his service to the Council for five years, and President Rachael O'Grady also received a Distinguished Service award to for "outstanding and exemplary service to the Council as an office-bearer".

Making the presentation to Rachael, Vice-President John Carpendale said that she became eligible to for the award because of a quantitative measure that took account of the duration of her overall involvement with ACJA in both councillor and executive officer capacities.

"However, these measures alone do not reflect what has been truly distinguished about your service to ACJA and that's been the high quality of your contribution," he said.

"Throughout the entirety of your involvement, the value of your input has been exceptional, to the end benefit of both ACJA and all its member associations.

"Congratulations - you are a more than worthy recipient of this award."

From the Professional Development Advisor



Shinae Skelton

Affidavits of service

An affidavit of service is a sworn statement confirming that documents were served by one party to another. This is necessary when one party has begun court proceedings that also concern a second party. The second party must be “served on” to inform them that someone has commenced court proceedings related to them. This provides the second party with a fair opportunity to respond. Affidavits of service are generally used in court proceedings for family and civil cases. You may be familiar with the affidavit of service following a one-party application for dissolution of marriage.

One-party application for dissolution: informing the other party

Where one person is applying for a dissolution of marriage or civil union, the other party must be notified of the application.

Once the applicant has completed their one-party application pack and has submitted this to the Family Court, they must arrange for copies of the application and other documents to be given to (served upon) their spouse or civil union partner.

Affidavit of Service

The person applying for the dissolution of marriage.

The other party to the marriage/civil union who has been served with the applicant's dissolution application papers.

The person serving the dissolution papers to the respondent. They are also the deponent of this affidavit - the person swearing/affirming this affidavit.

The person who will submit these documents to the court. Often the applicant or their lawyer.

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Form G 8
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
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In the Family Court at Wellington FAM-2022-095-

APPLICANT

..... [full name]

..... [address]

..... [occupation]

RESPONDENT

..... [full name]

..... [address]

..... [occupation]

Affidavit of.....[name of server] for
service of application for order dissolving marriage or civil union
dated..... [date affidavit sworn]
(Rule 127, Family Courts Rules 2002)

This document is filed by:
[name and address, and, if filed by lawyers, the name and telephone number of the acting lawyer.]

No affidavit of service is required for a joint application for dissolution, as both parties are aware of the application and its details.

Serving documents: three parties

The applicant

The applicant is the party commencing proceedings in court. In an application for dissolution, they are the party that completes the one-party application

pack and files this application with the Family Court.

The respondent

The respondent is the “opposing party” or the party against whom the application to the court is made. There may be more than one respondent in court proceedings. In a one-party application for dissolution, there will be one respondent: the soon to be ex-spouse or civil union partner.

The respondent is so named because they have a right to “respond” to the applicant’s court proceedings.

The server

The server is a third party, unrelated to proceedings, who has been tasked by the applicant to serve a copy of the application on the respondent. This person may be a friend of the applicant or may be a professional document server.

Rules for serving dissolution application documents

The documents cannot be posted to the other partner, even if the other party is living overseas. The applicant bears responsibility for arranging service.

The applicant cannot personally serve the documents upon their ex-partner or spouse. They must arrange for a third party to serve the documents. This could be a person known to the applicant, who is aged 18 years or more, or a professional server. The service process is easier if the server knows the respondent.

Documents cannot be served on a Sunday, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Good Friday or Anzac Day. There are no similar restrictions on when the affidavit of service can be taken.

Service occurs once the applicant has filed their

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I, [full name],
of [address],
..... [occupation],
swear (or affirm):

1. On [date], I duly served on the respondent to these proceedings, a copy of the below named documents by delivering them to him/her personally at: [address]

- Notice to Respondent dated
- One Party Application for Order Dissolving Marriage/Civil Union dated
- Affidavit dated
- Information Sheet

Where the respondent is known

2. The party is personally known to me by reasons of the following facts:
.....
.....
(state the facts establishing personal knowledge)

Where the respondent is not known

OR

2. The respondent is not personally known to me, but I believed that the person served by me is that party by reason of the following facts:

The respondent is the person in the photograph which is annexed to this affidavit and marked with the letter “A” **Option 1**

OR
The respondent has signed the acknowledgement of service which is annexed to this affidavit and marked with the letter “A”

AND/OR **Option 2**

.....
.....
(state the facts on which the deponent relies) **Option 3**

Signature of deponent

Sworn (or Affirmed) at [place], [date]
before me:

.....
Registrar
(or Justice of the Peace
or Solicitor of the High Court)

Affidavit of Service
continued

The person serving the documents should enter their details here.

This section should only be completed by the server, if the server knew the respondent.

If the server does not know the respondent, they must provide proof that they had reason to believe they served the documents to the correct person.

Options 1 and 2 require exhibits to be attached and the applicant must complete an affidavit of identification (see next page)

Take the server's oath or affirmation in the usual way. They must sign the document as the deponent.

application with the court. The court will provide information about the documents that must be served and will provide a date by which service must be completed.

Process after documents have been served: dissolution of marriage

To show that the application has been served, the server must complete a form stating what documents were served and on what date. This is called an “affidavit of service” (Form G8).

If the server knows the other person, the affidavit must state how the server knows them.

If the server doesn’t know the other person, the server must prove that the documents were served on the correct person by attaching to the affidavit either:

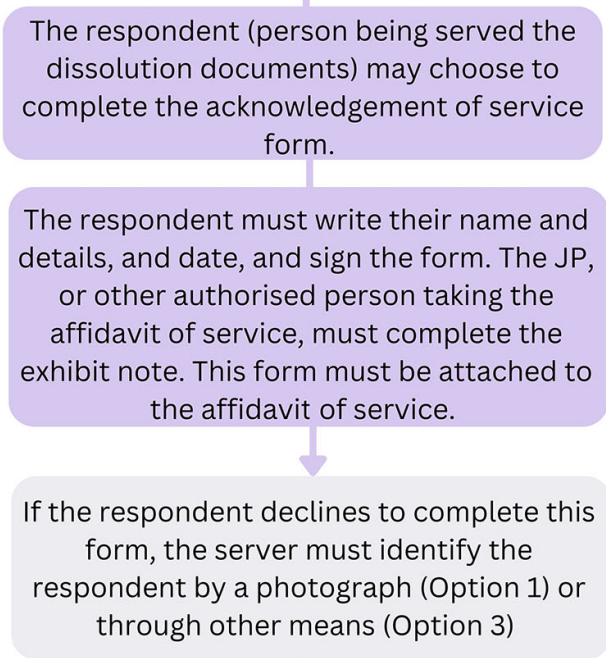
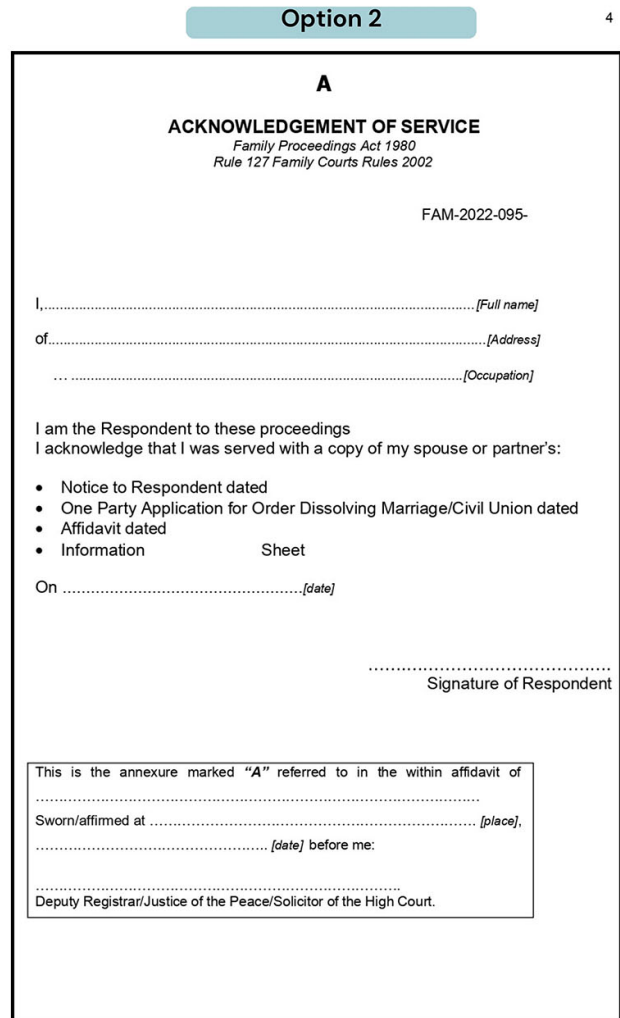
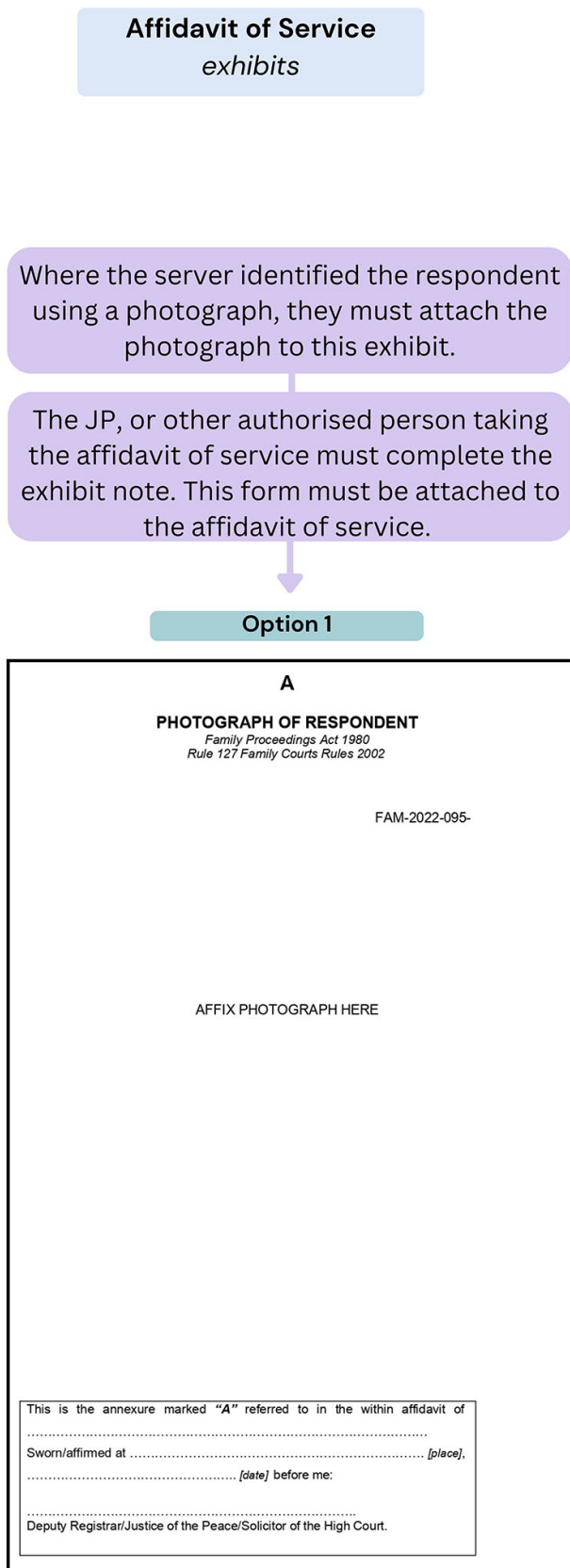
- an acknowledgement of service document, completed in the respondent’s handwriting, or

- a satisfactory photograph of the applicant’s spouse or civil union partner.

Once the copy of the application has been served, the sworn affidavit of service should be returned to the court.

Where the server does not know the respondent, the

applicant must also complete an affidavit called the affidavit of identification, to which the photograph of the respondent must be attached, or the applicant must confirm that they recognise the writing of the acknowledgement of service form as their ex-partner’s handwriting.



Where the respondent is not known

This affidavit must be completed in addition to the affidavit of service, if the server did not know the respondent.

Affidavit of Identification

This affidavit is only necessary when the server did not know the respondent and identified them using a photograph or by having the respondent sign the acknowledgement of service form.

The respondent and the applicant are the same as those named in the affidavit of service.

This affidavit must be made by the applicant.

This document is usually filed alongside the affidavit of service by the applicant or their lawyer.

AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTIFICATION

In the Family Court at Wellington FAM-2022-095-

APPLICANT

..... [full name]

..... [address]

..... [occupation]

RESPONDENT

..... [full name]

..... [address]

..... [occupation]

Affidavit of identification of [applicant] in respect of service of application for order dissolving marriage or civil union

dated [date affidavit sworn]

(Rule 127(3), Family Courts Rules 2002)

This document is filed by:

[name and address, and, if filed by lawyers, the name and telephone number of the acting lawyer.]

Affidavit of Identification
Continued

The applicant's details are also required to be written here.

The applicant must select the appropriate option, based upon the server's affidavit of service.

Take the applicant's oath or affirmation in the usual way. They must sign the document as the deponent.

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I,[full name],
Of[address],
.....[occupation]
being an applicant for a dissolution order swear (or affirm):

1 The person served with a copy of;

- Notice to Respondent dated
- One Party Application for Order Dissolving Marriage/Civil Union dated
- Affidavit dated
- Information Sheet

Was my spouse or partner, the respondent to this application

AND

I know this because:

2. The sample of handwriting gained on the Acknowledgement of Service from the person served is the handwriting of the respondent.

OR

2. The photograph of the person served is a photograph of the respondent.

(Please delete one of the section 2 options)

.....
Signature of deponent

Sworn (or Affirmed) at[place],[date]
before me:

.....
Registrar
(or Justice of the Peace
or Solicitor of the High Court)

JP providing own identification

In rare circumstances, you may need to provide a copy of your own identification document to the receiving agency, along with the client’s documentation. For example, the article “JPs and land transactions” in the July 2024 Quarterly describes “paper dealings,” where a Justice may be asked to make their own statutory declaration and attach a copy of their identification.

Sometimes, receiving agencies create their own process to request identification from both their client and the person assisting their client. In cases such

as paper dealings lodged with Land Information New Zealand, a legal requirement exists for the assisting party to provide their own identification.

As a JP, you are not obligated to provide your identification to the client or their receiving agency if you are uncomfortable doing so. If you choose to decline to assist the client, you should refer the client to an alternative party. In many cases, another authorised person, such as a lawyer, or acquaintance capable of confirming the client’s identity, may be better suited to assist.

Time for honing court skills

This year's Judicial Studies class attended the course practicum at the Wellington District Court in November. Judge Barbara Morris attended to observe and provide advice to students.

The practicum included discussion sessions, court security and deputy registrar guest speakers, and a series of mock courts involving local Judicial Justices, Public Defence Service lawyers and a retired Police prosecutor.

The practicum is the final component of the Judicial Studies Course, with students having worked towards this goal since April. The practicum provides students with an opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge into practical use on the bench and is a chance for students to meet their peers in person.



Back row, from left: Barry Chapman, Paul Lamb, Gavin Hodder, Frances Hughes, Russell Anderson, Wenny Lubbers, Ric Odom, Heather Withers, Ivan Vaisagote, Jim Dryburgh, Matthew Glover, Tony Brien.

Front row, from left: Kate Saxton, Peter Bennison, Carol Buckley, Anu Kutty, Karen Joyce-Paki.



Court security officers Ivan Vaisagote and Jerome Scanlan.



Deputy court registrars Emily Anderson and Fenella Rothwell.

After Exhibit Z

A JP asks: If I am taking an affidavit with many exhibits, what do I mark the next exhibit when the first 26 are marked A-Z?

If marking exhibits with letters, following Z, the next exhibits should be marked AA, AB etc.

Many exhibits in pre-written affidavit or statutory declaration templates (like the application for dissolution of marriage) will instruct deponents and declarants to mark attachments with letters. The District Court, High Court and Family Court rules all allow for numbers or letters to be used.

In criminal cases, exhibits produced by the prosecution are marked using numbers while defence exhibits are marked with letters.

Māori ancestry certification

The ancestry verification document from Otago University at right is an example of the kind of form students may use to establish their Maori ancestry. Students are required to provide proof of ancestry when they apply for Māori-specific scholarships and Māori-allocated spaces in competitive entry programmes.

Note that this specific example does not provide a space to enter the student’s name. It is recommended that the student’s name is written on the document to ensure that it will be attached to the correct student’s application.

A Justice of the Peace, with prior approval of the pouāwhina Māori or kaiārahi, may certify this document. A Māori church elder, Māori community leader or iwi kaumātua may certify the document without prior approval from another party.

What does certify mean here?

While this task is described as certifying in the document, it is different from certifying a copy. When making a certified copy, you are confirming that the copy of the document is a true copy of the original. The contents of the certified copy are irrelevant, so long as the document is a faithful replication of the original.

In this document, your certification means that you are

confirming the accuracy of the information contained in that document. You can only certify this document in good faith if you possess the requisite knowledge of the student’s Māori ancestry. If a person unknown to you asks you to certify this document, you are unable to do so as you cannot confirm that they have accurately recorded their ancestral data.

Māori Ancestry

Please show your whakapapa in the family tree below. Note the full names of both your parents and as many ancestors as possible. Please identify those who are of Māori Descent by placing an (M) next to his/her name.

Great-Grandfather

Grandfather

Great -Grandmother

Grandmother

Great-Grandfather

Grandfather

Great -Grandmother

Grandmother

Great-Grandfather

Grandfather

Great -Grandmother

Grandmother

Great-Grandfather

Grandfather

Great -Grandmother

Grandmother

Certification of Māori Ancestry:

Full Name of Certifier, and relationship to applicant <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<p>Certifier’s designation:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Māori Church Elder <input type="checkbox"/> Māori Community Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Iwi Kaumātua <input type="checkbox"/> Justice of the Peace (With prior approval of the Pouāwhina Māori or Kaiārahi) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>* If you tick this box you will need prior approval of the Pouāwhina Māori or Kaiārahi.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above <i>* If you tick this box you will not be eligible to apply under UTAS Māori.</i> </p>	
<p><u>Certifier’s contact details:</u></p>	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	
Signed by Certifier: Stamp (if applicable)	

Dissolutions of marriage laws amended

The Family Proceedings (Dissolution for Family Violence) Amendment Bill, also called Ashley's Law, was passed unanimously by Parliament and received Royal Assent on October 17 2024. The Act amends the Family Proceedings Act 1980 and comes into effect 12 months from the date of Royal Assent (October 17 2025).

Ashley's Law enables applicants to apply for an order for dissolution of marriage without having spent any time separated and without living apart at the time of the application, where the applicant establishes that they have a protection order in place against their partner.

To apply for a dissolution order under these circumstances, the applicant must be a protected person under a protection order against their partner. Partners may apply jointly for a dissolution under these rules, if they each are protected by protection orders issued against the other.

As with an ordinary application for dissolution, at least one party to the marriage or civil union must be domiciled in New Zealand at the time of the application.

Evidence of a protection order

The applicant or applicants to the order for dissolution must provide evidence that they are a protected person. This evidence can be either:

- a copy of the protection order, or
- if the protection order is a registered foreign protection order, evidence of its registration under section 219 of the Family Violence Act 2018.

An order for dissolution can only be made if the court is satisfied that any appeal rights in respect of the protection order have been exhausted.

Registration of a foreign protection order (section 219 Family Violence Act 2018)

A foreign protection order can be registered with the Family Court. This can be done by providing both of the following:

a certified copy of the order and a certificate that:

- is signed by an officer of the court in the foreign country in which the order was made
- contains a statement that the order is, at the date of the certificate, enforceable in the foreign country.

Welfare of children

If there are any children of the civil union or marriage under the age of 16, there must be satisfactory arrangements (or the best arrangements that can be devised) made for the day-to-day care, maintenance and other aspects of welfare for those children, before an order

can be made to dissolve the marriage or civil union.

Changes to the protection order after an order for dissolution is made

An order to dissolve the marriage or union on these grounds continues in force even if the protection order relied upon to establish the application is later discharged, cancelled or ceases to be enforceable in the country in which it was made.

How these changes are relevant to JPs

- If applying for a dissolution on the grounds of "protected person under protection order", the usual requirement that the couple must have been separated for two years does not apply.
- You may be asked to assist the applicant by making a certified copy of a foreign protection order.



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JPs receive New Year Honours

Congratulations to the eight Justices in this year's New Year Honours who are members of associations. They are listed below, with their citations and association membership in brackets.

Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM)

Cooper, Linda Ann (Auckland)

For services to the community

Mrs Cooper has been contributing to the Auckland community and regional governance for more than 30 years.

Mrs Cooper was elected to the Waitakere Community Board in 1992, serving until 1996, and was a West Auckland La Leche leader and national fundraiser from 1997 to 2007. She was elected to the Waitakere Licensing Trust in 2001 and has been president since 2010. She is also a director of the West Auckland Trust Services management company, which operates Waitakere liquor stores and hospitality venues, with significant profit donated back to the community. As a city councillor, she served two terms on the Waitakere City Council and three terms representing Waitakere on the Auckland council between 2004 and 2022. She has been the chair of Western Refuge and Family Action since 2005 and led a restructure and amalgamation with Waitakere Abuse and Trauma Counselling Service, to provide a broad range of victim services to West Auckland families. She is chair of Waitakere Healthlink and was chair and trustee of Hospice West Auckland from 2006 to 2013, and is a current director of Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board.

Dunlop, Ross James Craufurd (South Taranaki)

For services to local government

Mr Dunlop served as an elected official in the South Taranaki region for 33 years.

He was first elected to the Hawera District Council in 1986 and the South Taranaki District Council in 1989. A councillor for 21 years, he then served as mayor of South Taranaki from 2007 to 2019. As mayor, he pushed for legislative change to ensure that all South Taranaki could benefit from charitable funding provided by the Taranaki Savings Bank. He led the return of several key council properties to Ngā Ruahine and Taranaki iwi. He advocated strongly for retaining hospital services in Hawera and established the South Taranaki Health Forum. He was a key part of the fundraising committee that raised more than \$6 million for the TSB Hub sporting facility. Since 2021 he has served on the establishment board of Te Pae Pae o Aotea, the new combined intermediate and high school in Hawera. The Taranaki Catchment Community committee that encourages sustainable farming has benefited from his membership. He has a strong interest in South Taranaki history and is patron of the Eltham Historical Society. Mr Dunlop has been a Justice of the Peace since 1999.

Khadka, Dinesh Kumar (Auckland)

For services to the Nepalese community

Mr Khadka became Honorary Consul of Nepal for Auckland, Waikato and Northland in 2022 and was president of the New Zealand Nepal Society from 2017 to 2020, having been a member for 15 years, and president of the New Zealand Nepal Chamber of Commerce for five years cumulatively.

He has organised numerous community festivals to promote Nepalese culture and heritage, including local annual sporting events, cultural and education events, and a nation-wide talent show in 2016. He organised the Nepal Festival in 2018, attracting more than 9000 attendees. He organised the Dashain Festivals in 2018 and 2019, including acts from Nepal. He has worked to celebrate the success of Nepalese women in the community, establishing the annual Nari Shakti award in 2018. He was the founding national coordinator of the Non-Residential Nepalese Association of New Zealand from 2005 to 2007. Since 2022 he has been Auckland Region Navigator of the New Zealand Federation of Multi-Cultural Councils, an executive member of New Zealand Asian Leaders, and on the Asian Advisory Board of the Auckland Business Chapter. He was a member of the Hastings Lions Club for 20 years. Mr Khadka raised money for Nepal relief efforts after the 2015 earthquake, and visited in 2017, providing donated goods to the Underprivileged Children Education programme.

Royal, Norefjell Jacqueline Marama Tanga (Marama) (Auckland)

For services to Māori and governance

Mrs Royal (Ngāti Whātua ki Tāmaki) has chaired Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust since 2017, having been a director from 2010 and deputy chair from 2015.

In 2023 and 2024, Mrs Royal led Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to establish strategic agreements and relationship agreements with Foundation North, Sky City Auckland, the University of Auckland, Eden Park and the Ministry of Pacific Peoples. She has facilitated growth of the iwi through such relationships, providing employment, education, tourism, leisure and entertainment opportunities. She led the launch of the Toi Ora Health Insurance Scheme in 2017, providing hapu registered members access to comprehensive health insurance, with the Toi Tupu Savings and Investments scheme being introduced in 2018. She has overseen the construction of new homes on iwi-owned land under the Kāinga Kaumatua iwi initiative.

She chairs Pou Take Āhuarangi under the National Iwi Chairs Forum and leads the Tangata Whenua Response, Recovery and Resilience Iwi Leadership Group. She holds roles on the Board of Directors for Variety – The Children’s Charity, Pro-Care Co-Operative Board and is Pro-Chancellor of Auckland University of Technology. She chairs Sky City Community Trust, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Reserves Board, Ranginui 12 Trust and the Auckland Police Taumata. Mrs Royal’s earlier career includes 20 years with the Ministry of Justice and Courts and 18 years with Victim Support New Zealand.

The King’s Service Medal (KSM)

Curd, Sandra Lois May (Ashburton)

For services to the community

Mrs Curd is a community advocate in the mid-Canterbury region.

Her community engagement supports rural communities, women’s health and safety and the empowerment of young people. She has been a dedicated member of Rural Women New Zealand (then known as Women’s Division Federated Farmers) since 1981, serving its Winchmore branch as secretary, treasurer and president, and as chair of the National Conference Committee in 2023. She has received life membership of the Winchmore branch and the Mid-Canterbury Provincial branch. During severe flooding in mid-Canterbury in 2021, she coordinated the distribution of food parcels to affected families. As an active member of the Zonta Club of Ashburton, she has also been involved in delivering food through the Meals on Wheels programme, and is a volunteer cook for the 206 Club day programme for the elderly. She knits hats and gloves for the Rural Women New Zealand’s annual Project Warmth initiative to provide essential warm clothing to vulnerable members of the community, and initiated a fundraising calendar project to raise \$26,000 for Breast Cancer Research. Through the Cook and Eat Programme, she teaches children essential cooking skills. Mrs Curd is the president of the Winchmore Community Hall Society and a member of the Kate Sheppard Memorial Trust Advisory Committee.

Eyles, Patricia Mary Anne (Mary Anne) (Hawke’s Bay)

For services to the community

Mrs Eyles was a teacher at Wainuiomata and Plimmerton Primary Schools and became a member of the Plunket Society in 1976.

She held various positions with the Plunket Society across 17 years including as secretary, vice-president and president of the Palmerston North branch and as a member of the New Zealand Plunket Executive. She established the Plunket Tots and Toddlers course in a local boys’ high school and was a member of the management committee of the Plunket Karitane Family Centre. She has served on the Hawke’s Bay Ethics Committee for six years, three as chair, and has been a Justice of the Peace since 1985, serving six years on the Hawke’s Bay association council. As a member of Napier Red Cross since 2012, she served

as branch president from 2014 until 2020, coordinating more than 230 members. She was a member of the area council between 2013 and 2019, serving as chair from 2015 to 2017, coordinating branch activities within the East Coast region including a three-day course (Rise Up Tairāwhiti) for at-risk youth. Through her Red Cross involvement, Mrs Eyles supported the community following Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023.

Parashar, Jyoti (Auckland)

For services to the community

Mrs Parashar has been a community advocate since migrating to New Zealand in 2004.

She has actively contributed to numerous community projects through various organisations. For the past 20 years, she has been involved with Bal Vikas (Children Development) classes at Bharatiya Mandir, where she started as a Hindi teacher and now manages all Bal Vikas classes. She was elected chair of the education committee and has held this position since 2009. She has spearheaded multiple initiatives, including a mums and babies group, job search workshops, yoga, math, and database classes, as well as English classes for new migrants. In 2017, she founded Sakhi, a support group for women that provides a platform for empowerment and through which she has been supporting women experiencing domestic violence. She has supported older adults for the past 16 years, particularly in South Asian communities, and as a social worker, she has focused on senior abuse response in recent years. She serves on the boards of various charitable trusts and has been chair of Disha New Zealand Charitable Trust for more than two years. Mrs Parashar has been a Justice of the Peace since 2018 and was awarded the Albert-Eden Local Hero Award in 2019.

Steele, Richard Antony Dougal (Waikato)

For services to the rural community

Mr Steele has been supporting his rural community of Whanganui and Ruapehu for more than 40 years.

He helped establish and was inaugural president of the Ruapehu Federated Farmers Province in 1990, serving three terms as president and remaining as an executive member since being appointed a life member. The Ruapehu Federated Farmers Province was formed to ensure voices of the rural community from the Ruapehu region were heard, particularly on issues such as bovine TB outbreaks. He provided information to farmers on the need to understand controls on such outbreaks and advocated for them to receive compensation for the loss of cattle due to the outbreak. He served on the Regional Animal Health Committee between 1990 and 2006, working on education and eradication of TB through possum control. In 2008 he helped form the Rural Support Trust, to provide mental well-being support because of the drought-like conditions farmers were facing, and creating a space where support and advice were provided on issues such as managing finances. He served as chair for several years. Mr Steele has been a member of the Friends of the Whanganui River Group and has received life membership.

To complement Alan Hart's Quarterly series on the Federation's centenary last year, Past President RACHAEL O'GRADY reflects on continuity and change for JPs

Pace of change picks up

The classic dichotomy of continuity and change has been a constant characteristic for the Federation for its entire 100-year history, but probably never more so than in recent years.

These past few years have been a period of continuous change and disruption as everyone across the world has adjusted to not only COVID-19 but to supply chain shortages, extremes in climatic conditions, and labour and skills shortages, to name just a few. Trends such as the casualisation of the workforce, the emergence of online marketplaces, greater acceptance of diversity in all forms, and the implementation of flexible work arrangements have transformed how we live and work. We've navigated our way through the tragedy of the mosque shootings in Christchurch, and the ascendance of King Charles III as our monarch after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

For a number of people, the pandemic severely stretched their tolerance for requirements and rules. While the vast majority of the community accepts health and police directives,



So near, and yet so far in terms of change ... the Federation's first national office in Wellington was a long time coming but was finally achieved in December 1985 when then Registrar Lance Osborne moved into a small room in the old Wellington District Court building, on the corner of Lambton Quay and Whitmore St, now the site of the Supreme Court (above). The latest location, to which the office moved in December 2024, is only a few hundred metres away, in the former AMP Building on the corner of Customhouse Quay and Grey St (below). Construction began on what is now a notable heritage building in 1925, mere months after the birth of the Federation.



some find it harder to comply and they challenge the authorities. Consequently, it is not surprising that while providing Justice of the Peace services, we are hearing more about clients who refuse to comply with lawful directions and become uncooperative, angry or frustrated. Other external forces driving change and impacting the Federation in recent years are consumer expectations and intergenerational attitudes, but for Justices of the Peace the greater transformation has been in how we connect.

The ability to connect people has long been the value proposition for the Federation. While the COVID-19 crisis has brought immense tragedy to many, it came with several silver linings. It was a catalyst that enabled the Federation to embrace video-conferencing technology to allow Justices to attend to the needs of clients, and to allow associations and the Federation to remain engaged with the membership when holding physical gatherings was not allowed or uncertain. Even post-COVID the Federation business is making greater use of video-conferenc-

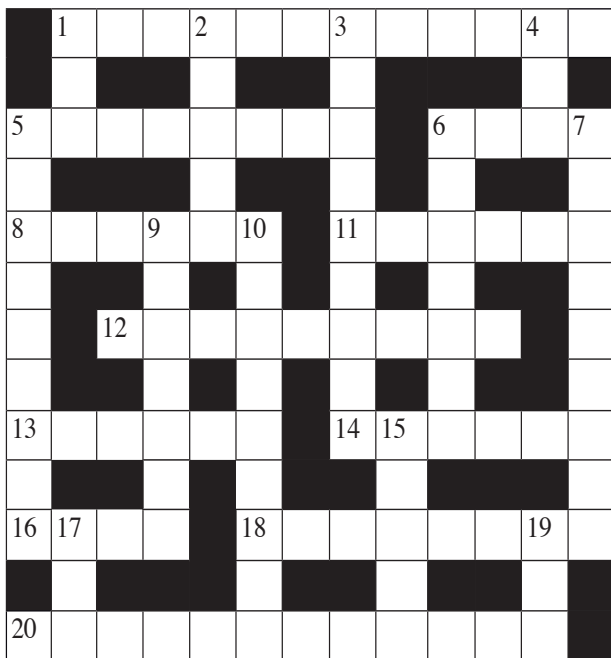
ing in many ways, such as the delivery of training programmes and the facilitation of meetings. Although the trade-off is time spent together and face-to-face interaction when meetings and conferences have had to be held online, the upside is that this meeting format reduces travel time and costs.

The fast-changing pace of electronic communication, the “face to face” enablement of the internet has also seen the fading value of hard paper documents. That presents a challenge for all that some have known and been comfortable with, but it also alerts us to what formats many of our clients are familiar with. Then just as we are getting into a “comfort zone” with current technology, along comes the use of ChatGPT to present a new set of opportunities and challenges!

In our living history, the change in technology is possibly the most exponential change we have experienced. Who can remember when cameras needed film, dial-up modems made a loud noise, membership fees were paid by cheque, and Google didn’t exist? Over the past 50 years the society

in which our eldest members were born into is a world that our youngest members do not relate to in any way. Our organisation is now serving a changing demographic who all like to consume information differently, e.g. younger people craving convenience, impact and personalisation. Added to that we are also contending with a proliferation of communication channels. All these variables make effective communication a significant challenge. Appealing to changing demographic effectively requires an innovative, proactive and member responsive culture throughout the Federation. That may mean investing in technological solutions that will provide platforms that enable strong communities to thrive.

There is no denying that change is upon us - it is part of our ever-developing world and how we interact with each other, but despite all this there is continuity shown through our willingness to serve and our commitment to assisting the wider community, represented by all walks of society, to navigate lawful requirements. These things will always be the same.



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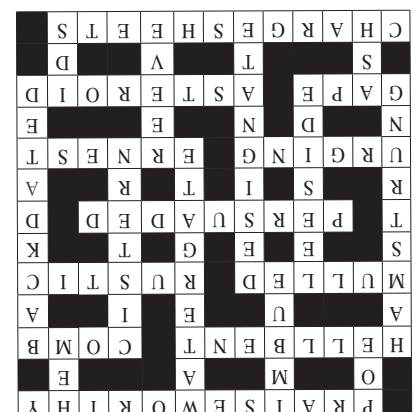
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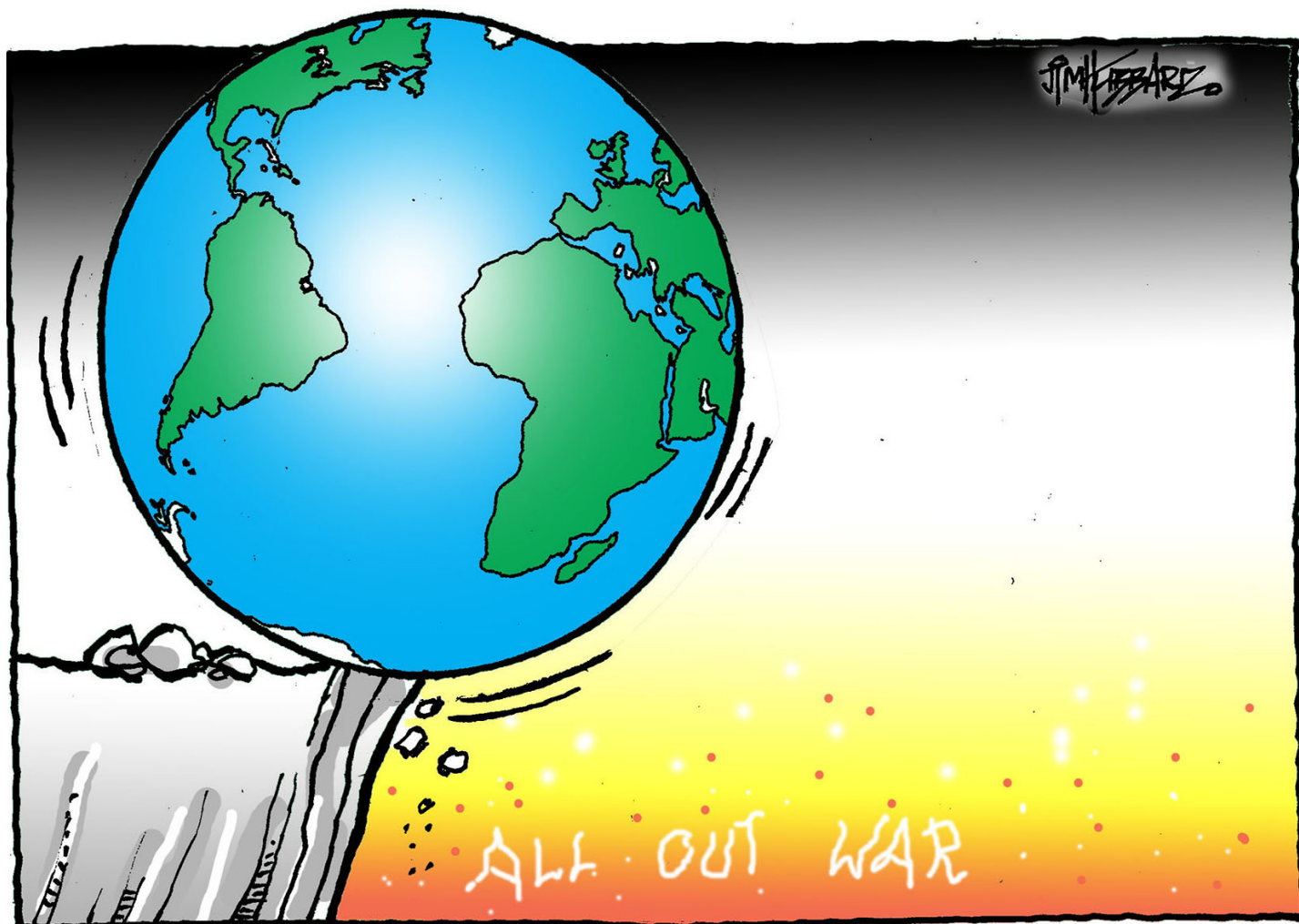
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