



Why should I join the ACT JPs Association? (What's in it for me?)

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A JP's role is influenced by changes to laws and community expectations.

The Association will keep you up to date and well informed.

The Association is your 'professional body'.

The Association has represented and supported the ACT's Justices of the Peace since 1990.

Working in partnership with the ACT Government, we aim to deliver *an accessible, professional JP service to the ACT community, well supported by Government and the ACT JPs Association.*

There are many great reasons why you should join the ACT Justices of the Peace Association.

Support

We provide ongoing support and professional development to our members to help them deliver quality services to the community. We offer:

- a **mentoring program** to support new JPs as they settle in to the role
- a regular **members' journal** (*Justice Matters*) featuring news, guidance and articles on developments in the law and better practice for JPs
- a **seminar program** to help our members stay on top of developments affecting their role
- **guidance notes** and other relevant information on most JP duties
- a **comprehensive website** that features information of interest to the community and JPs, with a 'members only' section providing further information and guidance
- **speedy response to questions of practice.**

Fellowship

We have built a 'community of support' through encouraging regular contact among like-minded JPs.

Our seminars and social outings are a great way to meet fellow JPs, to share experiences, develop networks and support each other. And to have some good fun!

Community involvement

We support and coordinate a number of public JP Signing Centres across Canberra. This important initiative has improved community access to JPs.

The Signing Centres are a perfect chance for an active JP to boost his or her community involvement.

Advocacy

We work with government on your behalf to:

- recognise the commitment and achievement of JPs in serving the community
- promote the availability and visibility of JPs in the community
- promote changes of law or practice affecting JPs and
- provide or clarify guidance on practice issues.

We are presently working with government to develop a comprehensive JP Practice Manual and review training and professional development

Want to know more?

We'd be happy to talk to you—contact us at info@actjpa.org.au.



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