



JP Update

Keeping you informed – December 2021

Another year is coming to an end – it was full of various challenges to our normal lives due to the effects of covid restrictions etc. All is/was looking good for 2022 to be a year of reconnection with family and friends across Australia. We just need to overcome the current omicron variant and any further strains that may arise. Hopefully with the high vaccination rates that ACT has accomplished – including expected booster shots high levels we will be able to enjoy the coming new year in a better way than the past two years. A big thank you to all members who have been able to continue to provide their very much valued JP services to the ACT community during the pandemic.

What's planned for 2022 ?

The Executive has identified dates for seminars and a few social functions for next year. These include a Trivia night including special guest singer/songwriter Fred Smith on 30 April. The seminar on 19 February will be followed by a luncheon. The end of year luncheon and AGM will round out the year's activities.

We will also have three seminars and three editions of *Justice Matters*. It is important that we all keep up to date with the practice of providing a comprehensive JP service. Members' seminars are a perfect opportunity to update and refresh your JP knowledge as well as getting to know your fellow Members.

A calendar of planned events is attached to this Update. **Mark the dates in your diary now!** Details of each event will be sent to all Members with reasonable notice. We look forward to seeing many Members at the seminars and social events in 2022.

Congratulations to all those who have recently been sworn in as a Justice of the Peace. It has been a long patient wait for you all.

At the next seminar in February, we are planning to cover various aspects of JP work that Members would like a refresh on. To assist with the content preparation please let me know what you would prefer to have covered. Perhaps ACT Land Titles Self Representing Party paperwork; Qld Land Titles; affidavits; or whatever you identify. We have positive hope that we will be able to have face to face seminars in 2022 however if restrictions at the time are such to prevent that we will use Zoom technology to deliver seminar support to Members.

Signing Centres need additional JPs

Do you have available time – perhaps once a month or so - to join a Signing Centre team? Several JP teams are looking for more team members. For further information please contact Beverly on 0438 948 497.

The JP signing desks at the five shopping centres and ACT Libraries recommenced services four weeks ago following the last ACT lockdown. These desks will now have a break during this festive period and will recommence in the 2nd week of January 2022. Most libraries are no longer open on Mondays now so that has affected the JP Desk service at Civic Library. JP Desks at the hospitals remain on hold since the ACT lockdown as we still await ACT Health to advise when this and other volunteer services will be able to restart. Similarly, the JP Desk service at the ACT Law Courts is awaiting an indication from the Courts management on a restart date.

Executive for 2022

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 13 November 2021. A key feature of the meeting was the election of the Executive for the following twelve months. The Executive works on behalf of all Members, and is responsible for the administration of the Association.

The 2021-2022 Executive is:

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| ✚ | President - | Beverly Alley |
| ✚ | Vice President - | Cissy Parker |
| ✚ | Secretary - | Geoff Wood |
| ✚ | Treasurer - | Jan Lawless |
| ✚ | Executive Member - | Ben Fuller |
| ✚ | Executive Member - | Paul Adams |
| ✚ | Executive Member - | Ruth Megirian |
| ✚ | Executive Member - | John Hogan |

All good wishes for a safe and happy festive period.

and may 2022 be a much much better, enjoyable and healthy year for all.

Beverly Alley, President 0438 948 497

Cissy, Geoff, Jan, Ben, Paul, Ruth, John

